

FAITH   
COVENANT  

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C H U R C H

*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*February 2, 2020*

*“If you will walk before me as David your father walked ...  
then I will establish your royal throne,  
as I covenanted with David your father.”  
2 Chronicles 7:17-18*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Our worship is  
a response to  
God's initiative.  
The pattern of  
our worship  
reflects the  
gospel.*

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 Chronicles 16:23**

Leader: Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from  
day to day

### **\*O WORSHIP THE KING - Hymn #2**

O worship the King all-glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love:  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.  
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

**\*10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD )**

*(Chorus)*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul, worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
it's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes.

*(Chorus)*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

*(Chorus)*

And on that day when my strength is failing,  
the end draws near and my time has come;  
still my soul will sing your praise unending,  
ten thousand years and then forevermore!

*(Chorus 2x)*

*I'll worship your holy name; I'll worship your holy name.*

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**Call to  
Worship**

Worship begins with God who invites us and welcomes us into his presence. Because of Christ, we can approach God with boldness even though we are sinful and weak.

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when to stand.  
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**\*SING TO JESUS**

Come and see, look on this mystery  
The Lord of the universe, nailed to a tree  
Christ our God, spilling His holy blood  
Bowling in anguish, His sacred head

Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame  
Lord of our sinful hearts, He is our great redeemer  
Sing to Jesus, honor His name  
Sing of His faithfulness, pouring his life out unto death

Come, you weary, and He will give you rest  
Come you who mourn, lay on his breast  
Christ who died, risen in paradise  
Giver of mercy, giver of life

Sing to Jesus, His is the throne  
Now and forever, He is the King of Heaven  
Sing to Jesus, we are His own  
Now and forever, sing for the love, our God has shown

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**Call to  
Confession**

We all sin daily,  
in thought and  
word and deed.

As we come  
into God's  
presence, we  
acknowledge  
how we have  
rebelled against  
our King and  
seek his  
forgiveness.

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

### SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Titus 3:1-2*

Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.

All: Holy and righteous Father, I confess that you alone are good. Forgive me, O Lord, for speaking evil against those you have placed in authority over me; while I may have shown outward obedience, my heart has often been in rebellion against them. I have not been ready for every good work, nor have I avoided quarrels, but at times I have even delighted in them. Forgive me for not being gentle and kind. Lord, I was once foolish, disobedient, led astray, a slave to various passions and pleasures, passing my days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating in return; but because of Jesus, I no longer have to live like that. Father, please make me more like him in every way. (*Adapted from Titus 3:1-3*)

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Titus 3:4-7*

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

\*JESUS WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS - Hymn #498 vs. 1-3, 5

Jesus what a friend for sinners, Jesus lover of my soul  
Friends may fail me foes assail me, he my Savior makes me whole

*(Chorus)*

*Hallelujah what a Savior! Hallelujah what a friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end*

Jesus what a strength in weakness, let me hide myself in Him  
Tempted tried and sometimes failing, he my strength my victory wins

*(Chorus)*

Jesus what a help in sorrow, while the billows o'er me roll  
Even when my heart is breaking, he my comfort helps my soul

*(Chorus)*

Jesus I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find  
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His and He is mine

*(Chorus)*

## OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*Diaconal Offering today: Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.*

*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.*

*Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church both services (downstairs in the Corner Classroom)*

## GUIDE ME OH THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.

*Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore (2x)*

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;

Let the fiery cloudy pillar; lead me all my journey through.

*Strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield. (2x)*

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;

Death of deaths, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

*Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee (2x)*

*Land me safe on Canaan's side, bid my anxious fears goodbye (4x)*

*Goodbye*

## Offering

We give back to God a portion of what he has given us to use to declare that he is Lord of all. (This is part of our service as a church family, and visitors should not feel obligated to participate.)

*Sermon Series: The Throne of David—2 Chronicles*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*If You Will Walk — 2 Chronicles 1-9 (ESV)*

**2 Chronicles 6:14-39**

<sup>14</sup> Solomon said, “O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven or on earth, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart, <sup>15</sup> who have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day. <sup>16</sup> Now therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, ‘You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk in my law as you have walked before me.’

<sup>18</sup> “But will God indeed dwell with man on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, how much less this house that I have built! <sup>19</sup> Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O LORD my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you, <sup>20</sup> that your eyes may be open day and night toward this house, the place where you have promised to set your name, that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place ...

<sup>36</sup> “If they sin against you—for there is no one who does not sin—and you are angry with them and give them to an enemy, so that they are carried away captive to a land far or near, ...’ <sup>38</sup> if they repent with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity ... and pray toward ... the house that I have built for your name, <sup>39</sup> then hear from heaven your dwelling place their prayer and their pleas, and maintain their cause and forgive your people who have sinned against you ...

**Sermon Outline**

I. Redemptive History and the Bible



## Sermon Outline, *continued*

### II. The Temple and the State

### III. God's Presence and His People

#### **Sermon**

God addresses and speaks to us by the reading and preaching of his Word. Both Christians and non-Christians need to hear the good news of salvation and grow in it.

#### **Sermon Questions**

1. What does it mean to say that while the Book of Chronicles is history, that it was not written simply for the sake of history? Why is understanding broad view of the whole history of redemption so important when we look at particular books or events in the Bible?
2. The Lord's promise to David for an everlasting covenant in 1 Chronicles is lived out in 2 Chronicles. How is Israel going into exile so troubling to their understanding of this covenant?
3. Solomon completes what his father David began. The temple is the center of Israel's religious life founded upon repentance and restoration. How does this theme prepare us for the coming history of Israel? How does it prepare for the coming of the Christ?
4. Will Solomon be a bridge for the nations to enter into covenant with the Lord, or will the nations lead him away? How does the Queen of Sheba fit into this question? How does it ultimately end (1 Kings 11:6)?
5. How does the words of Jeremiah (Jer 9:23-24 ) temper our understanding of Solomon's wisdom? Solomon's misdeeds are not given in Chronicles. What might account for this?

#### **Children's Question**

*The Holy Spirit's presence is in God's people. How does that comfort you when you are having a hard time? How does that encourage you to treat others well even when you don't feel like it?*

**\*BE THOU MY VISION - Hymn #642**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
thou my best thought, by day or by night;  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.

Thou my great Father; I thy true son,  
thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only first in my heart,  
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!

*Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.  
(See FCC observance below)*

**The Lord's  
Supper**

The gospel is not only heard, but visibly seen as God invites us to commune with him at his table. In the Lord's Supper we remember and experience Jesus' saving work.

At Faith Covenant, the Lord's Supper is observed each Lord's Day as the climax of our worship service. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking the cup with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to our church that you are in covenant with God. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any doubts about your participation, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders after the service. Wine and bread are the elements of the supper as instituted by Jesus Christ. We recommend the use of wine; however we offer both juice and wine in the tray to allow true liberty of conscience.

## PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

### \*ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will  
And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross  
And I beheld God's love displayed You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me now all I know is grace

*(Chorus)*

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ! Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!*

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ! Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!*

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me  
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose  
And let my song forever be my only boast is You

*(Chorus)*

### \*BENEDICTION

*If you are in need of personal prayer, an elder is available up front after the service.*

### **Benediction**

Just as worship begins with God's call, it ends with God sending us into the world with his word of grace. We go forth to live and serve by the power of his grace, not our own strength.

#### Leaders & Staff

Senior Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D. — Associate Pastor John Sackett

Youth/Refuge Director: Rev. Ben Melli Music Director: Bekah Marsh

Staff: Kristin Bay, Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown, Sara Motley (Nursery)

Elders: Tim Anderson, Grady Bennett (*sabbatical*), Tom Jentz, Trent Neumann, Don Olmsted,

Matt Riley, Micah Tinkham Deacons: Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Micah Hill, Ryan Petersen,  
Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch, Phil Van Duyne

To be added to church enews and prayer lists, please contact us at [office@faithcov.com](mailto:office@faithcov.com).  
For more about Faith Covenant and the Presbyterian Church in America, go to [faithcov.com](http://faithcov.com).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Central Bible Church, Pastor Peter Barber

**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Kevin & Sara Johnson in Sololá Guatemala teaching theology and creating Old Testament videos for Latin American children.

**DIACONAL OFFERING** is collected the first Sunday of the month for those needing assistance in our church and community. Please use the Special Offering envelopes in the pew racks.

**WOMENS' BIBLE STUDY:** Susie Sullivan will begin an 8-week study on Philippians Wednesdays at 9:30-11 a.m. at the church starting Feb. 12. Books are \$10. Sign up in the foyer by Feb. 2 if you would like to join in! Contact Susie with questions (752-3024).

**FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP:** We invite YOU to sign up to have a monthly dinner with 7-9 other individuals from our church family. You will meet once a month, February - April and share a meal with a different group of people each month (couples stay together). Sign up by Feb. 2 in the foyer!

**COLLEGE/CAREER BIBLE STUDY** will meet next on Wednesday, Feb. 5 (at Andersons') and Feb. 19 (at Sacketts') at 6:30 p.m. Come and enjoy dinner and study, and bring a friend! Contact Tim (270-4951) with questions.

**VESPERS SERVICE:** Join us Sunday, Feb. 9, at 6:30 p.m. for Vespers, a brief evening service of silence and symbol, prayer and song. Come unplug from the constant distraction of modern life and recharge in reflective quiet. Childcare available.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** Many hands make light work ... and a few more hands would help contribute here at Faith Covenant. Please consider helping with the coffee hour, ushering, nursery, fellowship activities, or communion preparation, and sign up in the foyer. If you are already on a volunteer schedule, you don't need to sign up again.

**LADIES SAVE THE DATE:** Mark your calendars for our women's one-day retreat Saturday, March 14! Watch for registration and details coming soon!

**NEW DIRECTORY:** All regular attenders of Faith Covenant are invited to be in the church directory. Please fill out the form in the foyer to be included for the first time or to update any of your information, and email a family picture to office@faithcov.com.

**SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE:** Join us on non-Vespers Sundays for a simple evening service beginning February 16 at 6:30 p.m. Pastor John will be leading a series through Galatians.

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**SERVING:** February Deacon - Terry Falk

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

**Today (1st service/2nd service)**

Ushers: John & Susie Sullivan/Bay Family  
Children's Church: David & Annie Lillard/Tim Anderson  
Early Nursery: Streichs  
Late Nursery: Falks  
Fellowship Hosts: Paula Saldamando & Judy Fosbery  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan/Arline Tinkham

**Next Sunday February 9th**

Ushers: Volunteers Needed/Anderson Family  
Children's Church: David & Annie Lillard/Micah Tinkham  
Early Nursery: J. Thompson  
Late Nursery: Turners  
Fellowship Hosts: Vicky Creamer & Debbie Corder  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Staci Bennett

**Worship Services**

Sundays 8:15 & 11 am

**Sunday School**

Sept.-May 10 am

**Music Practice**

Tuesdays 6 pm

**Elder/Deacon Meeting**

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

**Youth Groups**

Sept.-May Wed. 6 & 7:30 pm

**Vespers**

2nd Sundays 6:30 pm

**Elizabeth Women Group**

2nd & 4th Tuesdays