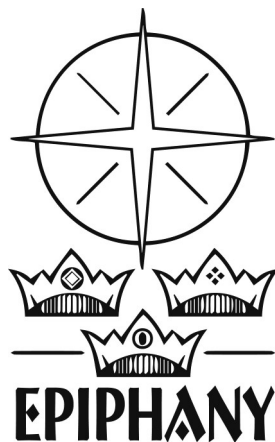


FAITH COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

January 7, 2024



And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 3:16-17

Epiphany

Epiphany is a Greek word which means 'to show,' 'to appear,' or 'to manifest.' The Season of Christmas begins with the First Sunday of Advent, marked by expectation and anticipation, and concludes with Epiphany, which looks ahead to the mission of the church to the world in light of the Incarnation.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Isaiah 60; Psalm 72*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

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***WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME**

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is

The name of Jesus Christ my King

What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this

What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus

So great a love poured out upon us
When Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is

The name of Jesus Christ my King

What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this

What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus

What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is

The name of Jesus Christ my King

What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against

What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus (3x)

God Calls Us

The Lord
summons his
people to
worship and we
respond in
obedience.

The Lord's call
is a call to
action. We
gather, praise,
adore, give
thanks.

The Call to
Worship is a
joyful summons
and a clear
reminder that
worship is our
coming into
God's presence
by his
command, and
not our
command that
He come into
our presence.

God

Cleanses Us

The biblical response to God's call to be in his presence is confessing our sins. We humble ourselves when we approach our God. This is a corporate prayer of all God's people. It is a great privilege of the gospel that we can stand forgiven before the Lord of glory.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever.
Amen.

***HOW GREAT THOU ART - Hymn #44**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout, the universe displayed

(Chorus)

*Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my savior God to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

(Chorus)

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

(Chorus)

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God how great thou art

(Chorus 2x)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 John 2:9-11*

Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

All: O Lord Almighty, you have called us out of darkness and have chosen us to be your people. We should be filled with gratitude for your mercy; we should be filled with courage to war against our flesh. Yet we consider ourselves worthy of your mercy, and barely lift a hand to fight against our lusts. Our conduct often gives no indication that we belong to you. Forgive us for abusing your grace by not resisting temptation. Forgive us for abasing your glory by not being a light to the world. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *John 1:9, 12*

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world... to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

***CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH**

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand

(Chorus)

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal, O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess, Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

(Chorus)

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore

(Chorus 2x)

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.
Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church (downstairs Corner Classroom)*

**Diaconal
Offering:**

This morning
we share in
worshiping
through our
diaconal
offering for
those needing
assistance in
our church and
community.
Please use the
Special
Offering
envelopes
located in the
pew racks.

MY WORTH IS NOT IN WHAT I OWN

My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross
My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

(Chorus)

*I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other, my soul is satisfied in Him alone*

As summer flowers we fade and die, fame, youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross
I will not boast in wealth or might or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross
(Chorus)

Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross
(Chorus 2x)

Sermon Series: Epiphany
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Baptism & Jesus: Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.
¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

I. The Marks of the Messiah

II. The Ministry of the Messiah

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. Jesus consecrates baptism by his own participation in it. How does Jesus' baptism provide you hope?
2. How does our being baptized in Christ bring us to share in his identity?
3. What is significant about the Holy Spirit coming upon Jesus in a visible manner? What is the significance of appearing as a dove?
4. In what way does Jesus being baptized fulfill all righteousness?
5. The baptism of Jesus and the Transfiguration are the two places we have direct divine testimony about Jesus. What do we learn from that?
6. How is the Trinity on display in Jesus' baptism? What is significant about this for believers?

Children's Question

Jesus was baptized to identify with his people.

How is that a comfort to you knowing that you share in his baptism?

How should that challenge you?

God

Consecrates Us

Consecrate means to make holy, to set apart. The Word of God does that for the lives of believers.

Through the sermon, confessions of faith, and the offering we are sanctified for service to our Lord to joyfully offer up our lives to him.

**God Communes
with Us**
The Lord
strengthens and
nourishes our
faith through a
sacramental
meal. Through
Jesus, commun-
ion with God
has been
reestablished.
The covenant
has been
renewed. The
Lord's Supper is
the gospel
made visible for
us and we share
in it as the full
community
of God's
people.

***ALL TO JESUS I SURRENDER - Hymn #562**

All to Jesus, I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live

(Chorus)

*I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Thee, my blessed Savior
I surrender all*

All to Jesus, I surrender
Humbly at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken
Take me, Jesus, take me now
(Chorus)

All to Jesus I surrender
Make me, Savior, wholly thine
May the Holy Spirit fill me
May I know thy pow'r divine
(Chorus)

All to Jesus I surrender
Lord I give myself to thee
Fill me with thy love and power
Let thy blessing fall on me
(Chorus)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

We observe the Lord's Supper 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. Visiting children who have not been examined by their church's leadership, we ask to refrain. By sharing in the Supper, you are acknowledging to our church that you are in covenant with our Triune God through the person and work of Jesus Christ. If you are in doubt about your participation, please refrain. 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

*ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS I STAND

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day.
There God, the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.

(Chorus)

*I am bound, I am bound,
I am bound for the Promised Land.*

(Repeat)

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
sickness, sorrow, pain, and death are felt and feared no more.

(Chorus)

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face, and in his bosom rest?

(Chorus 2x)

*BENEDICTION

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

God Commissions Us

Having been richly blessed by the Lord in our worship, we are sent forth as his ambassadors of reconciliation into the world. Our worship of God as his people now extends into our lives throughout the week. We are to offer ourselves as living sacrifices to him in all areas of our lives.

Leaders & Staff

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

Music Director/Assistant: Lisa Iddings/Laura Sackett

Director of Women's Ministries: Sarah Morrison Refuge Director: Sissy Hashley

Staff: Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown, Jenny Mattern

Elders: Tim Anderson, Jason Davis, Sean Iddings, Tom Jentz,

Trent Neumann, Don Olmsted, Matt Riley, Micah Tinkham

Deacons: Wade Carroll, Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Jeff McGarvey,

Ryan Petersen, Mike Stahlberg, Mike Thompson, Bruce Tulloch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Alethia Christian Fellowship, Pastor Scott Keller

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Jim & Jill Hadlock, serving with CRU on the Jesus Film Project

JANUARY YOUTH GROUPS: Jr./Sr. High Youth groups this month will be Jan. 10 and 24.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve this Thursday, Jan. 11, at First Presbyterian. Contact Dawn Tinkham for details.

VESPERS SERVICE: Join us for Vespers next Sunday evening, Jan. 14, at 6:30 p.m. Come unplug and recharge with this evening service of prayer and song.

WINTER WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES: Begin Wednesday, Jan. 24, with a study of *The Drama of Scripture*. Sign up sheets are in the foyer for a 9:30am option (at the church) one at 12:45pm (at Nikki Streeter's home), & a new evening option that will meet at the church at 6pm.

ANNUAL MEETING: The annual congregational meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2024. A 6:00 p.m. soup supper will precede the 7:00 p.m. meeting. All members are encouraged to attend but you do not need to be a member to attend.

SAVE THE DATE: Jr./Sr. High Winter Camp will be February 16-18 at Dickey Lake. More information and signups coming soon.

DIRECTORIES: We will be printing new directories soon. Please let the church office know if you would like to be included in the directory or would like to update your photo.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Every Wednesday morning at 6:30, the men of FCC are invited to share in a time of food, fellowship, and a Bible study in the church fellowship hall.

SERVING: January Deacon - Mike Stahlberg

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Maylon & Judy Peters / Steve Haymond & Bud Salyer
Children's Church: Ann Ingram & Eliana Morin / Julie Thompson
Nursery: Hunters
Fellowship Hosts: Kristin Bay & Sue Richardson
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Traci Carroll / Rachel McManus

Next Sunday January 14

Ushers: Maylon & Judy Peters / Steve Haymond & Bud Salyer
Children's Church: Ann Ingram & Eliana Morin / Julie Thompson
Nursery: Lorrie Gomez & Arline Tinkham
Fellowship Hosts: Eileen Pierson & Sharon Salyer
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Dawn McGarvey / Jeanie Brenneman

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 11am

Vespers

2nd Sunday @ 6:30 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Wednesdays

Men's Breakfast 6:30 am

Career Group 7 pm