

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet,
 as the Son of God is stricken;
 then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet,
 for the Conqueror has risen!
 And as the stone is rolled away
 and Christ emerges from the grave,
 this vict'ry march continues till the day
 ev'ry eye and heart shall see him.

So Spirit come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
 give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
 that we may run with faith to win the prize
 of a servant good and faithful.
 As saints of old still line the way,
 retelling triumphs of his grace,
*we hear their calls and hunger for the day
 when with Christ we stand in glory.*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.
 (See FCC Observance information on the back page.)*

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

– Elder Matt Riley

***I WILL SING OF MY REDEEMER** – Hymn #650

***BENEDICTION**

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*“Serving One Another in Love”
 Galatians 5:13*

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LORD'S SUPPER OBSERVANCE

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. The wine is located in the two outer rings and the juice is located in the center ring.



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*“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.”
 Ephesians 1:7*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 147, Revelation 4

Leader: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

All: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!

Leader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

All: Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

*(*Indicates when to stand)
 We ask that you please turn off cell phones during the worship service. Thank you.*

***CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS** – Hymn #295

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD** – Hymn #111

***BE UNTO YOUR NAME** – words included

We are a moment, you are forever,
Lord of the ages, God before time.
We are a vapor, you are eternal,
love everlasting, reigning on high.

(Chorus)

*Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Highest praises, honor and glory,
be unto your name. Be unto your name.*

We are the broken, you are the healer,
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save.
You are the love song we'll sing forever,
bowing before you, blessing your name.

(Chorus 2x)

Be unto your name.

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: James 1:19-22

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

All: O blessed Jesus, you know the impurity of our affection, the narrowness of our sympathy and the coldness of our love; take possession of our souls and fill our minds with the image of yourself; break the stubbornness of our selfish wills and mold us in the likeness of your unchanging love, O you who alone can do this, our Savior, our Lord, and our God. Amen.

(William Temple, 1910)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: Colossians 2:13-14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

***THE POWER OF THE CROSS** – words included

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then
nailed to a cross of wood.

(Chorus)

*This, the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us;
took the blame, bore the wrath.
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on your face,
bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed
crowning your bloodstained brow.

(Chorus)

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath
quakes as its maker bows his head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;
“Finished!” the vict'ry cry.

(Chorus)

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
for through your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,
won through your selfless love.

*This, the pow'r of the cross:
Son of God, slain for us.
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

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PRAYER, OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

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

*Children ages 4-6 are excused for Children's Church
(held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall)*

***O BLESS THE GIFTS** – words included

O bless the gifts we bring to you
and bless our lives in service too.
You are our Lord, High Priest and King.
We humbly give this offering.

We thank you God for your dear Son.
We thank you too for what you've done.
We love you Lord our true delight.
You are the way, the truth, the life.

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Ephesians 1 – What Makes You Spiritual

Sermon Title: The Blessings of Grace

Sermon Text: Ephesians 1:7-10

***O CHURCH, ARISE** – words included

O Church, arise and put your armor on;
hear the call of Christ our captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong
in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
we'll stand against the devil's lies;
an army bold, whose battle cry is love,
reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
but to rage against the captor;
and with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,
we know the outcome is secure,
and Christ will have the prize for which he died:
an inheritance of nations.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:

All Souls Missoula, PCA church plant, Pastors Christian Cryder & Ryan Sutherland.

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:

Sam and Dawn Wills have completed French Language School and are planning to leave for the Democratic Republic of Congo to begin their ministry with Mission Aviation Fellowship.

PRAYER & WORSHIP SERVICE: Plan to join us next Sunday, **April 29** from 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. for our monthly evening service. Childcare will be provided.

LADIES: A combined baby shower for Nicole Fisher and Wendy Putzler is this coming Saturday, **April 28**, 2:00 p.m. at Kate Anderson's house, 134 Stillwater Ln. in Kalispell. Come join us as we celebrate the coming of these two little ones into our church family. Instead of individual gifts, money is being collected for group gifts for each mom. Contact Julie Thompson (253-5038) or Hanni Hanson (253-4612) if you would like to donate to the group gifts.

MEN'S RETREAT – MAY 4- 5, 2012! *All men are invited to attend this retreat* at the Bend Guard Station, 40 miles west of Kalispell in the Thompson River area. The retreat begins Friday afternoon/evening with dinner and ends Saturday afternoon. Bring a sleeping bag, pillow and personal items. **Sign ups are available in the new addition foyer** to let us know if you will be attending. Food will be provided. Contact Matt Riley at 261-6554 for more information.

TEA AROUND THE WORLD: Faith Covenant ladies of all ages are invited to the Annual Spring Tea **Sunday, May 6**, at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This year sign up for your "Ticket for Tea" and join us for an international adventure about teatime traditions from foreign lands and inspiration for your hospitality here at home. Sign ups are now available in the new addition foyer.

DIRECTORY UPDATES:

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A BIBLICAL TOUR OF ISRAEL & JORDAN: October 15-25, 2012. An experience of a lifetime! A complete tour of Israel & Jordan plus many extras such as a cruise on the Sea of Galilee, going up to Mount Nebo where Moses died, Petra and much more! Arrangements can be made for departure from any airport. Darold Reiner, Pastor of The Church at Creston, is hosting this tour. Contact him at 406-890-1149 or reiner@centurytel.net for a full brochure.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next month on **Thursday, May 10** at **Central Christian Church** (across the alley from the county library). If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmautz.

FLATHEAD FOOD BANK'S Second Helpings Thrift Store is now open next to the Food Bank. **ITEMS OF THE MONTH:** Furniture & appliances. They accept donations Tuesday-Saturdays from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. **FOODS OF THE MONTH:** Ramen noodles, jelly & rice may be dropped at the food bank, 1203 Hwy 2 W., Ste. 2 in Kalispell or left in the containers in the church kitchen.

For Prayer Chain requests or to be added to the prayer chain, please contact the church office at 752-2400 or email to office@faithcov.com.

APRIL MINISTRIES

DEACON OF THE MONTHMicah Hill
NURSERY M.O.M. (Mom of the Month)..... Karen Hunnicutt
NURSERY COORDINATOR.....Darcy Hearn
Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 471-9770.

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS..... Donnie Burns & Micah Tinkham
CHILDREN'S CHURCH..... Tamie & Kathryn Jentz
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Ellen Rowe & Annalise Pierson
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs).....Amy Bennett
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS.....Patty Albert & Sara Motley
COMMUNION PREPAmy Bennett
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Hanni Hanson

NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 29

USHERS/GREETERS..... Donnie Burns & Micah Tinkham
CHILDREN'S CHURCH..... Rose Ann & Aaron Clark
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants)Hearns
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Lancasters
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS.....Jenny Heyboer & Sharon Riley
COMMUNION PREPAmy Bennett
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Yvonne Hernandez

CALENDAR

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
11:15 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages

THIS WEEK

Tuesday – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross'
Wednesday – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
– Junior High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
– Sr. High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. at the Bennett's, 513 Crestview Rd, Kalispell
Saturday – Fisher/Putzler Baby Shower, 2:00 p.m. at Kate Anderson's home

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesdays – Music practice, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesdays – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m.
– Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups (Sept.-May)
Sundays – Adult Small Groups (Sept.-May)
1st Sundays – Diaconal Offering
1st Tuesdays – Elder home visits
3rd Tuesdays – Elders/Deacons' meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Tuesdays – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross' home, (Sept.-May)
Last Sunday of month – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 29 – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 1 – Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m.
– Elder home visits, 7:00 p.m.
Fri-Sat., May 4-5 – Men's Retreat at Bend Guard Station
Sunday, May 6 – Ladies' Spring Tea, 3:00-4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, May 8 – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross'
– Women's Ministries meeting, 4:00 p.m.
– Fellowship Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 10 – Community Kitchen: Feeding the Flathead
Sunday, May 13 – Mother's Day
– Last day of Sunday School until September
Tuesday, May 15 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.

SERMON OUTLINE

April 22, 2012

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Ephesians 1 – What Makes You Spiritual

Sermon Title: *The Blessings of Grace*

Sermon Text: Ephesians 1:7-10

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⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us, with all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ having made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

I. Blessed in redemption

II. Blessed in revelation

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. Many object to an understanding of Christ's redemptive work that speaks of 'paying off' God. What seems to be the bottom line struggle that many have in understanding how Jesus' death atones for sin? (Consider also Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Rev 1:5)
2. How does the illustration of the rainbow help explain God's purposes and plans for our lives?
3. What 'mystery' is Paul referring to in v-9? (Consider also Eph 3:4-6; 1 Cor 2:7; Rom 16:25-26; Col 1:26-27).
4. Paul speaks of the provision of grace for understanding his will (v-8); the manner of grace (v-9), and the goal of grace (v-10). How does Jesus tie all of these together?
5. What comfort do we have knowing that God's plan and purposes are being fully accomplished?
6. Paul speaks of the wealth of God's grace being lavished on us. He speaks of God's good pleasure in doing so. How do these positive statements help us understand God's grace towards us?
7. What does the 'fullness of time' refer to?