

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Summer Psalms and Proverbs

Sermon Title: *A Compass for the Soul*

Sermon Text: Proverbs 16:25

(See pages 8-10 for sermon outline, text and questions)

***THOU LOVELY SOURCE OF TRUE DELIGHT**

– words included

Thou lovely source of true delight whom I unseen adore;
unveil thy beauties to my sight that I might love thee more,
Oh that I might love thee more.

Thy glory o'er creation shines but in thy sacred word
I read, in fairer, brighter lines, my bleeding dying Lord,
see my bleeding, dying Lord.

'Tis here, whene'er my comforts droop and sin and sorrow rise,
thy love with cheering beams of hope my fainting heart supplies,
Oh, my fainting heart's supplied.

But ah! too soon the pleasing scene is clouded o'er with pain.
My gloomy fears rise dark between and I again complain,
Oh, and I again complain.

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light, Oh come with blissful ray;
break radiant through the shades of night and chase my fears away,
won't you chase my fears away.

Then shall my soul with rapture trace the wonders of thy love;
but the full glories of thy face are only known above,
they are only known above.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

– Pastor Shane Waldron

***LIKE A RIVER GLORIOUS** – Hymn #699

***BENEDICTION**

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Presbyterian Church in America or “The PCA” is a distinctly evangelical denomination in the Reformed tradition. The Bible as the Word of God is the primary standard for our faith. The Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms, although subordinate to the Bible in their authority, set forth our understanding of biblical truth in a consistent, concise, and reliable form.

In the Reformed tradition, there are five key tenets, among others, that we hold to: By Scripture Alone; By Christ Alone; By Grace Alone; By Faith Alone; and To God Alone be the Glory.

- We believe the Bible is the written word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit and without error in the original manuscripts. The Bible is the revelation of God's truth and is infallible and authoritative in all matters of faith and practice.
- We believe in the Holy Trinity. There is one God, who exists eternally in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- We believe that all are sinners and totally unable to save themselves from God's displeasure, except by His mercy.
- We believe that salvation is by God alone as He sovereignly chooses those He will save. We believe His choice is based on His grace, not on any human individual merit, or foreseen faith.
- We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, who through His perfect life and sacrificial death atoned for the sins of all who will trust in Him, alone, for salvation.
- We believe that God is gracious and faithful to His people not simply as individuals but as families in successive generations according to His Covenant promises.
- We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells God's people and gives them the strength and wisdom to trust Christ and follow Him.
- We believe that Jesus will return, bodily and visibly, to judge all mankind and to receive His people to Himself.
- We believe that all aspects of our lives are to be lived to the glory of God under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.



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Displaying God's Glory in a Community of Grace

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*“There is a way that seems right to a man,
but its end is the way to death.” Proverbs 16:25*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 149:1-2,4-5*

Leader: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!

**All: Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children
of Zion rejoice in their King!**

Leader: For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he
adorns the humble with salvation.

**All: Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy
on their beds. Praise the LORD!**

***COME, LET US SING UNTO THE LORD**

– Hymn #16; vs. 1-5

***HALLELUJAH! THINE THE GLORY** – Hymn #179

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

(*Indicates when to stand)

We ask that you please turn off cell phones during the worship service. Thank you.

***LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS UNTO THE LORD**

– words included (men lead; women echo)

Lift up your hearts unto the Lord,
(Echo): *Lift up your hearts unto the Lord.*
lift up your hearts unto the Lord.
(Echo): *Sing alleluia.*
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
(Women descant): *Al-le-lu-ia.*
lift up your hearts unto the Lord!
(Echo): *Lift up your hearts unto the Lord!*

In Christ the world has been redeemed,
(Echo): *In Christ the world has been redeemed.*
in Christ the world has been redeemed,
(Echo): *Sing alleluia.*
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
(Women descant): *Al-le-lu-ia.*
in Christ the world has been redeemed.
(Echo): *In Christ the world has been redeemed.*

His resurrection sets us free,
(Echo): *His resurrection sets us free.*
his resurrection sets us free.
(Echo): *Sing alleluia.*
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
(Women descant): *Al-le-lu-ia.*
his resurrection sets us free.
(Echo): *his resurrection sets us free.*

Therefore we celebrate the feast,
(Echo): *Therefore we celebrate feast.*
therefore we celebrate the feast.
(Echo): *Sing alleluia.*
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
(Women descant): *Al-le-lu-ia.*
therefore we celebrate the feast.
(Echo): *therefore we celebrate the feast.*

Sing alleluia to the Lord,
(Echo): *Sing alleluia to the Lord.*
sing alleluia to the Lord.
(Echo): *Sing alleluia.*
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
(Women descant): *Al-le-lu-ia.*
sing alleluia to the Lord.
(Echo): *Sing alleluia to the Lord.*

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 Peter 1:14-16*

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you are rich in mercy to all who call upon you; hear us as we come humbly to you, confessing our sins and seeking your mercy. We have broken your holy laws, by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our sins committed against our families and our friends. Have mercy upon us, O most merciful Father, and of your great goodness, grant that we may hereafter walk in the newness of life provided to us through our Lord Jesus. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 Peter 2:24-25*

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

***CONFESSION OF CHRIST’S GRACE:**

– *The Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Question 1*

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

Leader: He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

All: Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

***COME THOU FOUNT, COME THOU KING**

– words included

Come, thou fount of ev’ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I’m fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

I was lost in utter darkness ‘til you came and rescued me.
I was bound by all my sin when your love came and set me free.
Now my soul can sing a new song; now my heart has found a home.
Now your grace is always with me and I’ll never be alone.

(Chorus)

*Come, thou fount, come thou King,
come thou precious Prince of Peace.
Hear your bride, to you we sing.
Come, thou fount of our blessing.
Come, thou fount, come thou King,
come thou precious Prince of Peace.
Hear your bride, to you we sing.
Come, thou fount of our blessing.*

O to grace, how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be.
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand’ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here’s my heart, Lord, take and seal it’ seal it for thy courts above.

(Chorus)

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)*

***THOU ART WORTHY** – words included

Thou art worthy, thou art worthy, thou art worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory, glory and honor, glory and honor and pow’r.
For thou hast created, hast all things created; thou hast created all things
And for thy pleasure they are created; thou art worthy, O Lord.

(Repeat all)

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:

United Reformed Church of Belgrade, Pastor Mark Stromberg.

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:

Rohan & Rebecca Crown serving at Amazing Grace Church, Amazing Kids ministries and First Nations in Lethbridge, AB, Canada.

PRAYER & WORSHIP SERVICE: Plan to join us tonight from 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. for our monthly evening service. Childcare will be provided.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKS OFF IN TWO WEEKS! Starting September 9, classes will be held for all ages from 11:15 a.m.–12:00 p.m. We have two exciting options for adults: **“Film and Faith: Watching Movies as a Christian”** (taught by Pastor Shane) or **“The Crescent Through the Eyes of the Cross”** (taught by Joe Swenson and Byron Longenecker). For more information, see the insert in your bulletin. Please sign up for one of these classes today in the foyer or the Fellowship Hall.

SMALL GROUPS begin meeting the week of September 9! SIGN UP TODAY! If you are *not* in a small group, we strongly encourage you to sign up at one of our tables in the foyer or the Fellowship Hall. If you are already in a small group, there is no need to sign up. Don't miss out on this opportunity to experience the fellowship and community of the body of Christ!

ELIZABETH WOMEN'S GROUP will begin meeting Tuesday, September 11, at noon at Jo Anne Ross', 15 Primrose Ct. in Kalispell. Ladies, bring a sack lunch and join us, we will be studying Nancy Guthrie's book: **“Discovering Jesus in the Old Testament”**. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, eat lunch together, fellowship, pray for the needs of others and study our book. We'd love to have you join us! For further details call Jo Anne at 755 3516.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next month on **Thursday, September 13** at **Central Christian Church**. If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmautz.

A CANCER AND CHRONIC ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP for caregivers, survivors and those in treatment meets at Faith Covenant on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 5:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m. to pray together and share our faith in the midst of turmoil. Facilitators are Joyce Schmautz and Cyndi Heath.

FLATHEAD FOOD BANK FOODS OF THE MONTH: Macaroni & cheese, school snacks and soup may be dropped at the food bank, 1203 Hwy 2 W., Ste. 2 in Kalispell or left in the containers in the church kitchen. Their Thrift Store accepts donations Tuesday-Saturdays from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

THE SALVATION ARMY is collecting school supplies for children of families who lack the needed supplies to get a good start for the new school year. See the list of items needed on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. They will pick them up at the church or you can drop them off at 110 Bountiful Dr. in Kalispell.



AUGUST MINISTRIES

DEACON OF THE MONTH Bruce Tulloch
 NURSERY M.O.M. (Mom of the Month)..... Carol Martin
 NURSERY COORDINATOR.....Darcy Hearn
Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 471-9770.

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS..... Bud & Zane Salyer
 CHILDREN'S CHURCH..... Sharon & Zane Salyer
 WORSHIP NURSERY (infants)Jentz'
 WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Andersons
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS.....Laura Pierson & Sharon Riley
 COMMUNION PREP Donelle Holderbaum
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UPDiane Nugent

NEXT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 2

USHERS/GREETERS..... Matt & Elenie King
 CHILDREN'S CHURCH..... Sharon & Liz Riley
 WORSHIP NURSERY (infants)Heyboers
 WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Kelly Brown
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Marlo Lancaster & Sharon Salyer
 COMMUNION PREP Carol Martin
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Theresa Paolini

CALENDAR

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
 10:45 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship
 6:00 p.m. – Prayer & Worship Service

THIS WEEK

Tuesday – Cancer Support group, 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

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.

Tuesday, September 4 – Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 Sunday, September 9 – Sunday School begins, 11:15 a.m.
 – Adult Small Groups begin
 Tuesday, September 11 – Elizabeth Women, noon at Jo Anne Ross'
 – Women's Ministries meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 – Fellowship Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 Thursday, September 13 – Community Kitchen: Feeding the Flathead
 Tuesday, September 18 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, September 25 – Elizabeth Women, noon at Jo Anne Ross'
 – Cancer Support group, 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday, September 30 – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.

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.

SERMON OUTLINE

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I. An interfering heart

II. An aligning truth

SERMON TEXT: Various Proverbs texts (ESV)

PROVERBS 16:25

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.

PROVERBS 12:15

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.

PROVERBS 28:26

Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom will be delivered.

PROVERBS 3:5

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

- 1. We live in a society that is driven by our emotions and feelings. How does biblical wisdom challenge this notion?**
- 2. Why is having a biblical anthropology so important? (Cf Jer 17:9, Ps 51:5)**
- 3. How would you respond to someone making a foolish decision who said: “I’m sure God is leading me this way.”?**
- 4. What does it mean to have a “healthy skepticism” about our own motives?**
- 5. How does the Word of God recalibrate or align our moral compass? What are types of things bring interference to our inner compass?**
- 6. In John 14:6, we learn that Jesus is the “way, the truth, and the life.” How does Jesus keep us pointing ‘true north’?**