

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 Grady Bennett

***IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL** – Hymn #691

***BENEDICTION**

CONTACT INFORMATION

*“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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“Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.” Philippians 4:11

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Psalm 148 (Responsive reading) – Hymnal page 840

***PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY** – Hymn #53

***COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME** – Hymn #715

***PRAYER OF PRAISE & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

***GOD OF ALL SPLENDOR** – *music included*
God of all splendor, wonder and might;
awesome creator, author of life;
Master and Savior, wholly divine;
God of all splendor, wonder and might.

(Chorus)
Who is like you, oh Lord, worthy of all praise.
Who is like you, oh Lord, let all the earth proclaim.
Your kingdom forever, love shining bright;
God of all splendor, wonder and might.

God of all splendor, wonder and might;
essence of beauty and all that is right;
King of all glory, heaven's pure light;
God of all splendor, wonder and might.
(Chorus 2x)

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 Samuel 15:22-23*

Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry.

All: Have mercy on us Lord. We often choose sacrifice over obedience. We presume upon your grace, and delight in our show of faith; yet our hearts can be far from you. Forgive us of our disobedience, when we have chosen to love our sin more than to love you. Forgive us of our rebellion, when we have willingly walked away from your commands, in order to pursue the sins of our flesh. Keep us from self-worship, disguised as true religion. Purify and cleanse us by the blood of our Savior-Jesus. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Hebrews 9:13-14*
For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

***WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR** – *words included*
Wonderful, merciful Savior,
precious Redeemer and friend.
Who would have thought that a lamb could
rescue the souls of men;
Oh, you rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, comforter, keeper;
spirit we long to embrace.
You offer hope when our hearts have
hopelessly lost the way;
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

(Chorus)
You are the one that we praise.
You are the one we adore.
You give the healing and grace our
hearts always hunger for;
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father
faithfully loving your own.
Here in our weakness you find us
falling before your throne;
Oh, we're falling before your throne.
(Chorus 2x)

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)

***WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD** – *Hymn #97*

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Philippians

Sermon Title: *Schooled in Contentment*

Sermon Text: Philippians 4:10-23

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

***WHATE'ER MY GOD ORDAINS IS RIGHT**

– words included

Whate'er my God ordains is right,
holy his will abideth.
I will be still whate'er he does,
and follow where he guideth.
He is my God, though dark my road.
He holds me that I shall not fall,
wherefore to him I leave it all.

Whate'er my God ordains is right,
he never will deceive me.
He leads me by the proper path,
I know he will not leave me.
I take, content, what he hath sent.
His hand can turn my griefs away,
and patiently I wait his day.

Whate'er my God ordains is right,
though now this cup in drinking,
may bitter seem to my faint heart,
I take it all unshrinking.
My God is true, each morn anew
sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,
and pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right,
here shall my stand be taken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
yet I am not forsaken.
My Father's care is round me there;
he holds me that I shall not fall,
and so to him I leave it all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:
Chaplains Eddie Nye, KRMC; Drew Buckner, Kalispell Fire/Police.

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:
Rohan & Becky Crown, PCA church planters in Lethbridge, AB. Their Amazing Grace church plant outreach has been evangelistic to the First Nations (native reservations) people around Lethbridge through outdoor events and youth groups. Pray for continued protection and expansion of the gospel. Pray also for the raising up of leaders and elders within their church.

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY.
Classes will resume meeting next Sunday, December 2.

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

LADIES’ CHRISTMAS GATHERING: All ladies of Faith Covenant are invited to a Christmas Gathering on Saturday, December 8, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the church for holiday food, fun and fellowship. We’ll get a jump on Christmas crafting with a simple glass magnet project that you can keep or give as a gift. Supplies provided but no special skills required! Cost is \$3 *and* an item for the Flathead Food Bank. Please sign up in the foyer by Sunday, December 2 if you plan on attending!

TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS: WOW! It was another successful Thanks Dinner and evening. We offer a special *Thank You!* to all who helped with our set up, final prep in the kitchen, serving and cleanup. Your outpouring of support is so much appreciated. We love you !!! ~*The Fellowship Committee*

CREATIVE VOLUNTEER NEEDED! The church needs a creative person to design posters for our adult Sunday school classes. The volunteer will work with Pastor Shane to design two posters every fall and spring. Knowledge of Microsoft Publisher is helpful, but not required. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Shane at 752-2400.

CLARISSE and ANDY Sunday school offering status:
Monthly goal = \$100; November-to-date amount: \$38.68

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

THE SALVATION ARMY IS ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS:
1) Joyce Schmautz schedules “counters” of the money that comes in from the Salvation Army kettles through the holiday season. She is looking for a few more helpers on Saturday evenings from 7:00 -8:00 p.m. The counting goes fast, is fun and gives a glimpse of what those little kettles represent to the community. You can commit to count weekly or for one week. Call Joyce at 756-6325 if you can help.

2) Would you like to be a “Bell Ringer” or a “Kettle Driver”? Bell ringers are needed throughout the valley. Drivers are needed in Kalispell and Columbia Falls who would be willing to start “Bell Ringers”, by dropping kettles off and picking them up at the end of the shift at the various ring sites. Please contact Bob Blake at 257-4357 Ext. 236 if you can help.

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.

NOVEMBER 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 270-8933.

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS Paul Hobus & Alyssa Hadley
CHILDREN’S CHURCHSharon & Liz Riley
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Heyboers
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Kelly Brown
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Patti Albert & Terri Miller
COMMUNION PREP Donelle Holderbaum
COMMUNION CLEAN-UPGloria Hanson

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WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Neumanns
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrsAmy Bennett
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Jeri Brown & Marlo Lancaster
COMMUNION PREPAmy Bennett
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Hanni Hanson

CALENDAR

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
10:45 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship
11:15 a.m. – NO Sunday school today
6:00 p.m. – Prayer & Worship Service

THIS WEEK

Tuesday – Elizabeth Women, noon at Jo Anne Ross’
– Cancer Support group, 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday – Men’s Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
– Jr. High Youth Group, 7:00–8:30 p.m. at the church
– Sr. High Youth Group, 7:00–9:00 p.m. at the Bennett home, 513 Crestview Rd. in Kalispell

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, December 4 – Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m.
– Elder home visits, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 8 – Ladies’ Christmas Gathering, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 11 – Elizabeth Women, noon at Jo Anne Ross’
Thursday, December 13 –Women’s Ministries meeting, 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 18 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 23 – No Sunday school
Monday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Service, time to follow
Sunday, December 30 – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.

SERMON OUTLINE

November 25, 2012

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Philippians

Sermon Title: *Schooled in Contentment*

Sermon Text: Philippians 4:10-23

I. Our God knows what we need more than we do.

II. Our God supplies for our needs.

SERMON TEXT: Philippians 4:10- 23 (ESV)

4:10 I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me. ¹⁴ Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵ And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸ I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. ²¹ Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. ²² All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household. ²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. Consider: “*Christian contentment is that sweet, inward, gracious frame of spirit, which freely submits to and delights in God’s wise and fatherly disposal in every condition.*” –Jeremiah Burroughs, 17th cent.
2. God knows when we need to be hungry and when we need to abound. What do we learn from Paul here about being content?
3. Nowhere do we get the sense that Paul is stoically accepting his circumstances; that he is detached and unfeeling toward life. How is Paul able to accept his circumstances without being joyless?
4. There is no escapism with Paul. He does not ignore problems and difficulties by an over casual “leave it to God” attitude. How can passivity be a hindrance to our faith?
5. Why is it a good idea to read vs 13 in light of John 15:5? How do people often take this verse out of context?
6. How does generosity and the gospel go hand in hand?