

FAITH   
COVENANT  

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C H U R C H

*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*October 8, 2017*

*“For by grace you have been saved through faith.  
And this is not your own doing;  
it is the gift of God.”  
Ephesians 2:8*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 118:1-4**

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

All: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Leader: Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

All: Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

### **\*COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING - Hymn #457**

Come, thou fount of every 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 God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love  
here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above

**\*ARISE OH GOD AND SHINE**

Arise, O God, and shine in all Thy saving might,  
And prosper each design to spread Thy glorious light;  
Let healing streams of mercy flow  
that all the earth Thy truth may know.

Bring distant nations near to sing Thy glorious praise;  
Let every people hear and learn Thy holy ways.  
Reign, mighty God, assert Thy cause,  
and govern by Thy righteous laws.

Put forth Thy glorious power, that everyone may see  
And earth present her store, in converts born to Thee.  
God, our own God, His Church will bless,  
And fill the world with righteousness.

To God, the only Wise, the one immortal King,  
Let hallelujahs rise, from every living thing;  
Let all that breathe, on every coast,  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*SCRIPTURE OF PRAISE:** *Psalm 18:46*

All: The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be  
the God of my salvation.

**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, etc. 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.

*\*Indicates when to stand.*

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**\*BEHOLD OUR GOD**

Who has held the oceans in his hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at his voice.  
All creation rises to rejoice.

*(Chorus)*

*Behold our God, seated on his throne. Come let us adore him.  
Behold our King, nothing can compare. Come let us adore him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of his words?  
Who can teach the one who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

*(Chorus)*

Who has felt the nails upon his hands,  
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave,  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

*(Chorus)*

*You will reign forever, you will reign forever! (2x)*

*(Chorus)*

**COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN**

**SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION:** *Galatians 3:10-11*

For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith."

*continued above*

**All:** O Lord, how can we stand before you with our numbered and aggravated offenses?

**Leader:** We have taken your grace for granted; it has failed to stun us today. We have arrogantly believed that we deserve your grace and thus have mocked your gospel.

**All:** We have run after vain idols and thus forsaken your sufficiency.

**Leader:** We have not loved your church that you bought with your own blood.

**All:** Forgive us, Lord. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not interceded for the world around us.

**Leader:** We have failed to be your priests and we have broken your covenant. Lord, it is only because of your compassions through Jesus Christ that we are not consumed.

**All:** Lead us to repentance and save us from despair.

**Leader:** Lord, we have no excuse, but we do have Jesus who has become sin for us so that, in him, we might become the righteousness of God.

**All:** Help us believe the gospel for your glory.  
*(Prayer of Confession from the 31st General Assembly of the PCA)*

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Galatians 2:19-20*

For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

### **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.

**\*BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE**

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,  
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on his hands, My name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see him there who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,  
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;  
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!

*One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;  
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,  
with Christ, my Savior and my God.*

**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.)

**OFFERTORY & RESPONSE**

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

*11 a.m. Service: Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church (downstairs in the Corner Classroom)*

## JESUS PAID IT ALL (OH PRAISE THE ONE)

I hear the Saviour say, thy strength indeed is small  
Child of weakness watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all

*(Chorus)*

*Jesus paid it all; all to Him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow*

Lord now indeed I find, thy power and thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone

*(Chorus)*

And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete  
Jesus died my soul to save, my lips shall still repeat

*(Chorus)*

*O praise the One who paid my debt  
And raised this life up from the dead (3x)*

*(Chorus)*

**The Five Solas of the Reformation**  
**Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.**  
*Grace Alone - Ephesians 2:1-10 (ESV)*

<sup>1</sup> And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience-- <sup>3</sup> among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved-- <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

**Sermon Outline**

I. Dead in Sins —our inability to stop sinning



## Sermon Outline

### II. Alive in Christ —our inability to save ourselves

**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.

### Sermon Questions

1. What does it mean to be “dead in sin”: Helpless? Guilty? Lifeless? What has caused this death? Why do you think it is difficult for our culture to conceive of being in a hopeless condition like the one described in Ephesians 2:1-3?
2. Consider this from Martin Luther: “Free-will’ without God’s grace is not free at all, but is the permanent prisoner and bondslave of evil since it cannot turn itself to good.” and “A man without the Spirit of God does not do evil against his will, as though he were taken by the scruff of the neck and dragged into it, like a thief being dragged off against his will to punishment; but he does it spontaneously and voluntarily.” [Bondage of the Will]
3. When we think of making a choice, why is it more helpful to think in terms of getting what we want rather than choosing between opposites? In what ways are even simple choices that we make packed full of complex underpinnings?
4. How does this gospel truth of salvation by grace and not by works change how you deal with others who don’t meet your expectations?
5. What does it mean to repent of our “damnable good works”?

## \*HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

### God Communes with Us

The Lord strengthens and nourishes our faith through a sacramental meal. Through Jesus, communion 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.

*(Chorus)*

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

*(Chorus)*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

*(Chorus 3x)*

## 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)*

## PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

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.

**\*IN CHRIST ALONE**

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save;  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied  
For ev'ry sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am his and he is mine bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
*No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand.  
Till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.*

**\*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 Taylor Clark**

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

*Elders:* Tim Anderson Grady Bennett, Tom Jentz, Trent Neumann, Don Olmsted, Matt Riley,

*Micah Tinkham, Steve Thompson Deacons:* Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Micah Hill, Ryan Petersen,

Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch, Phil Van Duyne

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Family Life Christian Church, Kalispell, Pastor Frank Mack

**MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Dan & Naomi Emerson with Worldwide Evangelization for Christ in Tajikistan

**MEN'S FRATERNITY:** The new 33 Series will begin Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 6 a.m. Contact Grady Bennett (314-4207) or Rik Goodell (890 1973) for details.

**CORN MAZE FALL FUN DAY:** Join us Sunday, Oct. 15, for a chili lunch at the church after the second service and a trip to the corn maze! Sign up in the foyer so we can plan for food. Admission is paid by the fellowship committee. For more information, contact the church office at (752-2400).

**NEW SMALL GROUP:** Pastor Taylor's small group will begin Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m. Don Olmsted will lead a study on Bryan Chapell's book "Unlimited Grace." Childcare will be shared by the group. Sign up in the foyer.

**ELIZABETH WOMEN'S GROUP:** Ladies are invited to the Elizabeth Women's Group Oct. 10 at noon for fellowship, prayer, and study. The group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at Jo Anne Ross' home, (40 Claremont St. Apt. 136D, 250-3831).

**SNOW REMOVAL:** We're looking for an early rising snow removal technician for church sidewalks whenever it snows! Snow blower provided! Contact office for details.

**SERMON RECORDINGS** can be found at our website [faithcov.com](http://faithcov.com). Listen online, subscribe to the podcast or download by clicking on the icon for listening later.

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next Thursday, Oct. 12, at Central Christian. Contact Dawn Tinkham for details (208-640-6060).

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**SERVING:** October Deacons are Mike Stahlberg & Ryan Petersen

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

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

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Josh & Marlo Lancaster  
Children's Church: Becky Neumann  
Nursery 8:15 a.m.: C. Hansons  
Nursery 11 a.m.: Grays  
Fellowship Hosts: Audrey Goodell & Julie Thompson  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carol Martin/Theresa Paolini

**Next Sunday - October 15th**

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Josh & Marlo Lancaster  
Children's Church: Becky Neumann  
Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Rileys  
Nursery 11 a.m.: Andersons  
Fellowship Hosts: Glenda Quick & Kelly Brown  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Barbara Makowski/Jeanie Brenneman

**Worship Services**

Sundays 8:15 & 11 am

**Sunday School**

Sept.-May 10 am

**Music Practice**

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

**Trustees**

1st Tuesdays 5:30 pm

**Elder/Deacon Meeting**

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

**Elizabeth Women**

2nd & 4th Tuesdays noon

**Sr. & Jr. Youth Groups**

Sept.-May Wednesdays 7 pm