

FAITH 
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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

November 26, 2017

*“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation
for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness
and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled,
upright, and godly lives.”*

Titus 2:11-12

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 47:6-9**

Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King,
sing praises!

All: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a
psalm! God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy
throne.

Leader: The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of
Abraham.

All: For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly
exalted!

***THE LOVE OF CHRIST IS RICH AND FREE**

The love of Christ is rich and free; fixed on His own eternally;
Nor earth, nor hell, can it remove; long as He lives, His own He'll love.

His loving heart engaged to be their everlasting Surety;
'Twas love that took their cause in hand,
And love maintains it to the end.

(Chorus)

*Love cannot from its post withdraw; Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law,
Can turn the Surety's heart away; He'll love His own to endless day.*

Love has redeemed His sheep with blood;
and love will bring them safe to God;
Love calls them all from death to life; and love will finish all their strife.

He loves through every changing scene,
nor aught from Him can Zion wean;
Not all the wanderings of her heart can make His love for her depart.

(Chorus)

continued above

THE LOVE OF CHRIST IS RICH AND FREE, *continued

At death, beyond the grave, He'll love;
In endless bliss, His own shall prove
The blazing glory of that love which never could from them remove.
(Chorus)

***REVELATION SONG**

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; holy, holy is he.
Sing a new song to him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.
(Repeat)

(Chorus)

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
you are my ev'rything and I will adore you.*

Clothed in rainbows of living color,
flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to you,
the only wise King.

(Chorus)

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
at the mention of your name.
Jesus, your name is power, breath and living water,
such a marv'lous mystery!

(Chorus 2x)

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

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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*MY FAITH HAS FOUND A RESTING PLACE

My faith has found a resting place
From guilt my soul is free
I trust the Ever-living One
His wounds shall plead for me.

(Chorus)

*I need no other argument, I need no other plea
It is enough that Jesus died and that He died for me*

My great physician heals the sick
The lost He came to save
For me His precious blood He shed
For me His life He gave

(Chorus)

My heart is leaning on the Word
The written Word of God
Salvation by my Savior's name
Salvation through His blood

(Chorus)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Proverbs 1:8-10*

Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck. My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.

All: Most merciful father, we acknowledge and confess that we are prone to evil and are lazy in doing good. All our shortcomings and offences are against you. We have sinned by wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts and forgetting your love. O Lord, have pity on us. Teach us to hate our sins. Cleanse us from our secret faults. Do not cast us out, but forgive all our sins on account of your dear Son, our Savior.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *John 6:37-39*

Jesus said: 'All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.'

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.

***GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME**

God, be merciful to me; on Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace, and provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess Thy judgment just; speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

Broken, humbled to the dust, by Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice, and in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

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)

BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place:
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by to know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame, my glory, all the cross.

Back to Basics: The Heart of Reformed Theology

Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

A Holy Life – Titus 2:11-14 (ESV)

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

²³ Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁴ He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

1 Peter 1:14-19

¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." ¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

Sermon Outline

I. Dead to Sin

Sermon Outline, continued

II. Alive to Christ

Sermon Questions

1. What is sanctification? Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness. (Shorter Catechism)
2. How does our understanding of justification by faith alone inform our understanding of sanctification? Is this a case of God does his part and now we do our part?
3. If we are new creatures in Christ, why do we still struggle with sin? Consider: "All that is true *for me* in Christ has not yet been accomplished *in me* by the Spirit. I live in the Spirit, but I also continue to live in the flesh (though no longer dominated by it, nor a debtor to it)." —Sinclair Ferguson
4. Reformed theology has emphasized four areas as means of grace in our sanctification: The Word, The Providences, The Fellowship of the Church, and The Sacraments. Which of these are weaknesses for you? Strengths?
5. Consider: "According to Luther, the soul *becomes* what it *hearkens to*. If the soul attends to the world's solicitations it becomes itself worldly. If it attends to Satan's councils of despair it is rapt into itself. If it attends to the story of God's righteousness it becomes righteous." —Robert Jenson
6. Christ Jesus is our sanctification (John 17:17-19). How does Jesus taking a human nature make a difference in our sanctification?

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, 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.

***JESUS I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN**

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me, show Thy face and all is bright.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure, come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service, pain is pleasure, with Thy favor, loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father, I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather; all must work for good to me.

Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Leader: It is indeed good, right, and our delight that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

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

*COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

Come Thou long-expected Jesus born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the saints Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, dayspring from on high, appear;
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of Thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end;
By his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

*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: Faith Free Lutheran, Kalispell, Pastor Steve Snipstead

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Jim & Jill Hadlock with Cru Jesus Film Project in Orlando, Florida.

HANGING OF THE GREENS: Kick off Christmas by decorating the church for the holidays Saturday, Dec. 2, at 10 a.m. The more the merrier so plan on pitching in to transform our sanctuary for the holidays!

MISSION MEAL: Join us for lunch with Kevin and Sarah Johnson on Sunday, Dec. 3, to learn about their mission work in Guatemala. We will share a lasagna lunch immediately following the second service. Please sign up in the foyer to plan for food.

LADIES' CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Ladies 5 to 95 are invited to Christmas lunch Sunday Dec. 10, at 12:30 in the fellowship hall. We will enjoy lunch, learn more about Turning Point for men from Pastor Lloyd, and assemble Christmas gift baskets for the women of the Refuge so, if you're able, bring a small gift item (or several) to contribute. Please RSVP by signing up in the foyer.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY:

Targeted Budget = \$339,639.70; Offerings received = \$306,112.61

COMMUNITY KITCHEN—FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on Thursday, Dec. 14, at Central Christian. Contact Dawn Tinkham for details (208-640-6060).

CHURCH OF THE CROSS SERVICE: You're invited to visit our PCA church plant in Whitefish for their monthly worship service, **Sunday, Dec. 17**, at 5 p.m. at the Whitefish Foursquare church (233 Kalispell Ave). Childcare available.

ENEWSLETTER: If you would like to be added to the email list for our Friday newsletter, contact the office at office@faithcov.com.

SERVING: November Deacons are Bruce Tulloch & Kyle Hanson

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Ken & Terri Miller

Children's Church: Gina Wright

Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Neumann

Nursery 11 a.m.: Olmstead

Fellowship Hosts: Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Terry & Judy Fosbery/Jeanie Brenneman

Next Sunday - December 3rd

Ushers: Mike & Carlynn Stahlberg/Jim Tinkham

Children's Church: Hanni Hanson

Nursery 8:15 a.m.: Matterns

Nursery 11 a.m.: Tinkhams

Fellowship Hosts: Glenda Quick & Yvonne Hernandez

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carol Martin/Hanni Hanson

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

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