

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

January 14, 2018

*“Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah ...
But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish
from the presence of the LORD.”
Jonah 1:1-3*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 150**

Leader: Praise the LORD.

All: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

Leader: Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

All: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,

Leader: Praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe,

All: Praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

Leader: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

All: Praise the LORD.

***PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY - Hymn #53 vs. 1-3, 5**

Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation

O my soul praise Him

For He is thy health and salvation

All ye who hear now to His temple draw near

Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth

Praise to the Lord Who doth prosper

Thy work and defend thee

Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee

Ponder anew what the Almighty will do

If with His love He befriend thee

continued above

***PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY - continued**

Praise to the Lord O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again; gladly fore'er we adore Him

***PRAISE THE FATHER, PRAISE THE SON**

O Sov'reign God, O matchless King, the saints adore, the angels sing,
and fall before the throne of grace; to you belong the highest praise.

These sufferings, this passing tide, under your wings I will abide,
and ev'ry enemy shall flee; you are my hope and victory.

(Chorus)

*Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one;
clothed in power and in grace, the name above all other names.*

To the valley, for my soul; thy great descent has made me whole!
Your word my heart has welcomed home; now peace like water ever flows.

(Chorus 2x)

(Bridge 2x)

Yours is the kingdom, yours is the power, yours is the glory forever!

(Chorus)

the name above all other names.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**Indicates when to stand.*

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***O WORSHIP THE KING - Hymn #2**

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *James 2:10*

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

Leader: You shall have no other gods before me.

All: But I often place other things on the throne of my heart above you.

Leader: You shall not make for yourself a carved image...You shall not bow down to them or serve them.

All: But I make you into who I want you to be.

Leader: You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

All: But I treat your name lightly and do not bring honor to you.

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Leader: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work.

All: But I make excuses for spending the day pursuing my own pleasures with little thought on how I can set apart the Sabbath to you.

Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

All: But I spurn authority and set my own rules.

Leader: You shall not murder.

All: But I often hate my brother in my heart.

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

All: But my thought life is often x-rated and my heart filled with lust.

Leader: You shall not steal.

All: But I devote my life to pursue convenience and consumption.

Leader: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

All: But I often speak against my neighbors and run them down to others.

Leader: You shall not covet.

All: But I desire and chase after far more than I need and I am not content with what I have.

All: Forgive us, O God. Put to death our sinful inclinations and practices through the power of your Holy Spirit. Renew us in the image of your Son, our Savior-Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Adapted from the Ten Commandments - Exodus 20)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Hebrews 2:17-18*

Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

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.

***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)

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM OF:

Wesson Paul Streich

Jackson Steve Streich

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)

OUR GREAT GOD

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

(Chorus)

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God.

(Chorus)

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his word

(Chorus x2)

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.)

Jonah
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Going Down to Go Up – Jonah 1:1-16 (ESV)

Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, ² "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me." ³ But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

⁴ But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. ⁵ Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. ⁶ So the captain came and said to him, "What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish."

⁷ And they said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸ Then they said to him, "Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" ⁹ And he said to them, "I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." ¹⁰ Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

¹¹ Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea grew more and more tempestuous. ¹² He said to them, "Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you." ¹³ Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. ¹⁴ Therefore they called out to the LORD, "O LORD, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you." ¹⁵ So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. ¹⁶ Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

Sermon Outline

I. Man on the run

II. The God who won't let go

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. Jonah was a prophet of God (2 Kings 14:25). He had the great privilege of serving the Lord. Great privilege does not equal great obedience. Where has privilege in our life been a road block to obedience?
2. Consider: "To honor a call means giving in to someone else's priority. You lose yourself in someone else's purpose." —Bryan Chapell. In what ways have you resisted yielding to the Lord in your life? Have you thought about why you've done this?
3. In what way are the pagan sailors more honorable than Jonah? How does Jonah witness to them even in his disobedience? Does this highlight God's grace to you in an unexpected way?
4. The word of the Lord in v-2 is the same as the captain in v-6. Jonah is told to "arise" or "get up". How do we see a sovereign God's hand at work throughout this entire ordeal?
5. How have you experienced "the God who would not let go" in your life? Has this been a comfort or an aggravation or both?

**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.

***BE THOU MY VISION - Hymn #642 vs. 1-2, 4-5**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night;
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.

Thou my great Father; I thy true son,
thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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.

***CORNERSTONE**

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

(Repeat)

(Chorus)

*Christ alone, Cornerstone;
weak made strong in the Savior's love;
through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.*

When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil;

(Chorus)

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.

(Chorus 2x)

***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.

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

To be added to church enews, and prayer lists, please contact us at office@faithcov.com.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Alethia Church, Kalispell, Pastor Scott Keller

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for Dan & Naomi Emerson with Worldwide Evangelization for Christ on the Tajikistan/Uzbekistan border.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP LOCATION CHANGE: Next week, they will meet at Micah Tinkham's home on Jan. 17 (89 Valley View Place, Kalispell).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS on Wednesday, January 24, for our **ANNUAL MEETING**.

A 6:00 p.m. soup supper will precede the 7:00 p.m. meeting. All members are encouraged to attend but you do not need to be a member to attend. The annual report and 2018 budget information is available in the foyer: please take one per family. If you have concerns or questions about the budget, please contact Tom Jentz, our treasurer, to expedite our meeting on the 24th.

SOUP SIGNUPS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING are available on the table in the foyer.

Twelve pots of soup, any kind, are needed, enough to serve 12 (or more) each. Please bring your pot of soup to the church ready to serve by 5:45 p.m. on January 24.

FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP: We invite YOU to sign up to have a monthly dinner with 7-9 other individuals from our church family. You will meet once a month, February - April and share a meal with a different group of people each month (couples stay together). A host will be assigned for each month to host in their home (or another location of their choice). Sign up by January 28 in the foyer!

CHURCH OF THE CROSS SERVICE: You're invited to visit our PCA church plant in Whitefish for their monthly worship service, **Sunday, Jan. 21**, at 5 p.m. at the Whitefish Foursquare church (233 Kalispell Ave). Childcare available.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Many hands make light work ... and a few more hands would help contribute here at Faith Covenant. Please consider helping with ushering, children's church, coffee hour, nursery, fellowship activities, or communion preparation! Contact the office (office@faithcov.com or 752-2400) to find out more!

SERVING: January Deacon - Micah Hill

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Tim & Kate Anderson

Children's Church: Gina & Sophie Wright

Nursery 8:15 am: C. Hanson

Nursery 11 am: Andersons

Fellowship Hosts: Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Yvonne Hernandez

Next Sunday - January 21

Ushers: Nick & Hanni Hanson/Tim & Kate Anderson

Children's Church: Gina & Sophie Wright

Nursery 8:15 am: Petersen/Goodell

Nursery 11 am: Buckners

Fellowship Hosts: Audrey Goodell & Eileen Pierson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carol Martin/Theresa Paolini

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