

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

January 6, 2019

*“Everyone serves the good wine first,
and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine.
But you have kept the good wine until now.”
John 2:10*

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: Isaiah 60; Psalm 72**

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

All: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest.

All: Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory.

Leader: And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

All: Amen and amen.

***PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY - Hymn #53, vs. 1-2, 4-5**

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 with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,
Spreading his wings to o'ershade 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

***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)

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

Epiphany

Epiphany is a Greek word that means 'to show,' 'to appear,' or 'to manifest.' The Season of Christmas begins with the First Sunday of Advent, marked by expectation and anticipation, and concludes with Epiphany, which looks ahead to the mission of the church to the world in light of the Incarnation.

**Indicates when to stand.*

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***WE ARE NOT OVERCOME**

Flesh will fail and bones will break, thieves will steal, the earth will shake
Night will fall, the light will fade, the Lord will give and take away

(Chorus)

*Because of His great love we are not overcome
Because of His great love we are not overcome*

Put no trust in the earth, in the sod you stand upon
Flowers fade into dust, the Lord will make a place for us

(Chorus)

Offer up your shoes and shirt, turn your cheek, turn your cheek
Bear the yoke of love and death, the Lord will give all life and breath

(Chorus)

Because of His great love we are not overcome

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: 1 John 2:9-11

Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

All: O Lord Almighty, you have called us out of darkness and have chosen us to be your people. We should be filled with gratitude for your mercy; we should be filled with courage to war against our flesh. Yet we consider ourselves worthy of your mercy, and barely lift a hand to fight against our lusts. Our conduct often gives no indication that we belong to you. Forgive us for abusing your grace by not resisting temptation. Forgive us for abasing your glory by not being a light to the world. Please fill us with boldness and righteousness in our words and in our deeds, so that the appearing of Christ Jesus our Lord would be evident in our lives, to his praise. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

**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.

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *John 1:9, 12*

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world ... to all who have receive him, to those who believe in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

***COMMON CONFSSION OF FAITH:** *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds:
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made:
Who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.
And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And we look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Nicene Creed

In the fourth century, Christian leaders gathered to express the truths of our Christian faith against heresy. This creed is the result. When we recite this creed together, we are affirming and remembering the faith that is universally held by all Christians throughout history (the word 'catholic' simply means 'universal'). In our worship, we are connected with others in the past, the present, and the future.

***JESUS WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS** - Hymn #498, vs. 1-3, 5

Jesus what a friend for sinners, Jesus lover of my soul
Friends may fail me foes assail me, he my Savior makes me whole

(Chorus)

*Hallelujah what a Savior! Hallelujah what a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end*

Jesus what a strength in weakness, let me hide myself in Him
Tempted tried and sometimes failing, he my strength my victory wins

(Chorus)

Jesus what a help in sorrow, while the billows o'er me roll
Even when my heart is breaking, he my comfort helps my soul

(Chorus)

Jesus I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His and He is mine

(Chorus)

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

Diaconal Offering today: Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.

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)

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.)

ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST



1. I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I knew the
 (2. But as I) ran my hell-bound race, in - dif-f'rent to the
 (3. Now, Lord, I) would be Yours a - lone and live so all might

4 C Dm F G C



way; The sin that prom - ised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no
 cost, You looked up - on my help-less state and led me to the cross. And I be -
 see the strength to fol - low Your com - mands could nev - er come from me. O Fa-ther,

9 Cmaj7



hope that You would own a reb - el to Your will, and if You
 -held God's love dis - played, You suf-fered in my place; You bore the
 use my ran-somed life in a - ny way You choose, and let my

13 Am⁷ F 1. G^{SUS} G C



had not loved me first I would re - fuse You still. 2. But as I
 wrath re-served for me; Now all I know is
 song for - ev - er be: My on - ly boast is

18 2, 3. G^{SUS} G C F C G Am CHORUS



grace! Hal - le - lu - jah! All I have is Christ! Hal - le -

24 F Am G 1. C 2. C D.S.



-lu - jah! Je - sus is my life! 3. Now, Lord, I life!

Epiphany
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
The Glory of Jesus Revealed - John 2:1-11 (ESV)

¹ On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴ And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

⁶ Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. ⁹ When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹ This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

Sermon Outline

I. An Unlikely Miracle

Sermon Outline, *continued*

II., The Messiah Revealed

**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. Jesus' response to his mother was not rude, but it certainly wasn't customary. What might have been the purpose of this "polite distancing"?
2. Consider — "Duties are ours, events are God's. It is ours to fill the water-pots. It is Christ's to make the water wine." — J.C. Ryle. How might this apply to you right now?
3. Consider — "Though benefitting from Jesus' physical provision, the wedding guests were untouched by Jesus' messianic self-revelation." — A. J. Köstenberger. Why do you think Jesus did this first sign so low key?
4. What is significant about "the hour" in the Gospel of John? What did Jesus mean when he said his hour had not yet come?
5. John tells us that this revealed Jesus glory. How and in what way?
6. We would never have picked this anywhere near our top 20 miracles we would want Jesus to do. What was so significant about it? What does the extravagance of this sign indicate about Jesus' ministry?

**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.

***GLORY BE/AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world;
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us.

(Repeat)

(Chorus)

Glory be to the Father, Amen.

Glory be to the Son, Amen.

Glory be to the Spirit, Amen, Amen.

Son of God, set me free from all that I own;
Son of God, capture me and make me your own;
have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us.

(Chorus 2x)

Amen, Amen.

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.

***GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS** - Hymn #32

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee:
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

(Chorus)

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see:

All I have needed thy hand hath provided—

"Great is thy faithfulness," Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

(Chorus)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

(Chorus)

***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 (*sabbatical*), Tom Jentz, Trent Neumann, Don Olmsted,

Matt Riley, Micah Tinkham *Deacons:* Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Micah Hill, Ryan Petersen,

Mike Stahlberg, Bruce Tulloch, Phil Van Duyne *Music Director:* Bekah Marsh

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Aletheia Christian Fellowship, Kalispell, Pastor Scott Keller
- MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Pray for Dan & Naomi Emerson with Worldwide Evangelization for Christ in Central Asia.
- DIACONAL OFFERING:** This morning we share in worshipping through our diaconal offering for those needing assistance in our church and community. Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.
- SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday School for all ages resumes today. Pastor Lloyd will begin a new class for adults in the sanctuary on “Exodus: The Forming of a Nation.”
- WOMEN’S SMALL GROUPS:** Check out the sign ups in the foyer for two women’s book groups and the Moms Helping Moms meeting this winter. Sign up in the foyer or contact Kristin Bay with questions (249-2411).
- VESPERS SERVICE:** Join us Sunday, Jan. 13, at 6:30 p.m. for vespers, a brief evening service of silence and symbol, prayer and song. Come unplug from the constant distraction of modern life and recharge in reflective quiet as we follow this beautiful liturgy of worship.
- MARK YOUR CALENDARS** on Wednesday, Jan. 23, for our **ANNUAL MEETING**. A 6 p.m. soup supper will precede the 7 p.m. meeting. All members are encouraged to attend but you do not need to be a member to attend.
- 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 23.
- 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 20 in the foyer!
- COMMUNITY KITCHEN—FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on Thursday, Jan. 10, at Central Christian. Contact Dawn Tinkham for details (208-640-6060).

SERVING: January Deacon - Bruce Tulloch

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Gary & Barb Fenner/Tim & Kate Anderson
Children’s Church: Sharon Salyer
Early Nursery: Goodells
Late Nursery: Longeneckers
Fellowship Hosts: Eileen Pierson & Kate Anderson
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Hanni Hanson

Next Sunday January 13th

Ushers: Gary & Barb Fenner/Tim & Kate Anderson
Children’s Church: Judy Peters & Lori George
Early Nursery: Hobus
Late Nursery: McManus/Brown
Fellowship Hosts: Laura Pierson & Becky Lund
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Yvonne Hernandez

Worship Services

Sundays 8:15 & 11 am

Sunday School

Sept.-May 10 am

Music Practice

Tuesdays 5:30 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Youth Groups

Sept.–May Wednesdays 7 pm

Vespers

2nd Sundays 6:30 pm

Elizabeth Women Group

2nd & 4th Tuesdays