

FAITH   
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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*January 12, 2020*

*“Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent  
to confirm your calling and election,  
for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.”  
2 Peter 1:10*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### **\*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 re-sounding cymbals.**

Leader: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

**All: Praise the LORD.**

### **\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! - Hymn #100**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*THE LORD IS MY SALVATION**

The grace of God has reached for me  
And pulled me from the raging sea  
And I am safe on this solid ground  
The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls  
His strength will help me scale these walls  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun  
The Lord is my salvation

*(Chorus)*

*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love  
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won, the Lord is my salvation*

My hope is hidden in the Lord  
He flow'rs each promise of His Word  
When winter fades I know spring will come  
The Lord is my salvation

And when I reach my final day  
He will not leave me in the grave  
But I will rise, He will call me home  
The Lord is my salvation

*(Chorus)*

Glory be to God the Father  
Glory be to God the Son  
Glory be to God the Spirit  
The Lord is our salvation (Bridge 2x)  
The Lord is our salvation (2x)

**Call to  
Worship**

Worship begins with God who invites us and welcomes us into his presence. Because of Christ, we can approach God with boldness even though we are sinful and weak.

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## 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.**

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.**

*continued above*

### **Call to Confession**

We all sin daily,  
in thought and  
word and deed.

As we come  
into God's  
presence, we  
acknowledge  
how we have  
rebelled against  
our King and  
seek his  
forgiveness.

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.

**\*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.*

*Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church both services (downstairs in the Corner Classroom)*

## THOU LOVELY SOURCE OF DELIGHT

Thou lovely source of true delight whom I unseen adore;  
unveil thy beauties to my sight that I might love thee more,  
Oh that I might love thee more.

Thy glory o'er creation shines but in thy sacred word  
I read, in fairer, brighter lines, my bleeding dying Lord,  
see my bleeding, dying Lord.

'Tis here, whene'er my comforts droop and sin and sorrow rise,  
thy love with cheering beams of hope my fainting heart supplies,  
Oh, my fainting heart's supplied.

But ah! too soon the pleasing scene is clouded o'er with pain.  
My gloomy fears rise dark between and I again complain,  
Oh, and I again complain.

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light, Oh come with blissful ray;  
break radiant through the shades of night and chase my fears away,  
won't you chase my fears away.

Then shall my soul with rapture trace the wonders of thy love;  
*but the full glories of thy face are only known above,  
they are only known above.*

Rev. Ben Melli  
*Never Give In, Never Surrender — 2 Peter 1:3-11 (ESV)*

<sup>3</sup> His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, <sup>4</sup> by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. <sup>5</sup> For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, <sup>6</sup> and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, <sup>7</sup> and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. <sup>8</sup> For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. <sup>11</sup> For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Sermon Outline**

I. Saved for a Purpose

II. Just Keep Going

## Sermon Outline, *continued*

### III. Signs of Salvation

#### **Sermon**

God addresses and speaks to us by the reading and preaching of his Word. Both Christians and non-Christians need to hear the good news of salvation and grow in it.

#### **Sermon Questions**

1. What do you know about the life of Peter? What are the stories you like most about Peter?
2. What failure did Peter experience? How was he restored?
3. Peter was writing to people facing massive persecution, (people harming them because they were Christians), but he still encourages them to grow in godliness. What is one way you want to grow in godliness? How do you think you can, and also what is keeping you from doing this?

#### **Children's Question**

*God did all the work in our salvation. He even gives us desires to obey Him.*

*How do you desire to obey God in your life?*

**The Lord's Supper**  
The gospel is not only heard, but visibly seen as God invites us to commune with him at his table. In the Lord's Supper we remember and experience Jesus' saving work.

**\*TO HIM WHO IS ABLE**

*(Women) To Him Who is able, (Men) To Him Who is Able  
(Women) To keep you from falling, (Men) To keep you from falling*

*(Together) To Him, to Him, to Him  
To Him, to Him, to Him. (Repeat first time)*

*We are standing in His presence  
With our garments clean and white  
All glory, honor, power, majesty  
To Jesus Christ. (Repeat all)*

*(Women) To Him Who is able, (Men) To Him Who is Able  
(Women) To keep you from falling, (Men) To keep you from falling*

*(Together) To Him, to Him, to Him  
To Him, to Him, to Him.*

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.  
(See FCC observance 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.*

**Benediction**

Just as worship begins with God's call, it ends with God sending us into the world with his word of grace. We go forth to live and serve by the power of his grace, not our own strength.

**Leaders & Staff**

Senior Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D. — Associate Pastor John Sackett

Youth/Refuge Director: Rev. Ben Melli Music Director: Bekah Marsh

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Bible Study Fellowship  
**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Jamie & Alissa Shattenberg with Eden Reforestation Projects and Sarobidy Maternity Center in Madagascar.

**YOUTH GROUP TIME CHANGE:** Starting Jan. 8, junior high youth (6th-8th grades) will meet 6-7:30 p.m. and senior high (9-12th grades) will meet 7:30-9 p.m.

**VESPERS SERVICE:** Join us Sunday, Jan. 12, 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. Childcare available.

**COLLEGE/CAREER BIBLE STUDY** will meet next on Wednesday, Jan. 8 (at Andersons') and Jan. 22 (at Sacketts') at 6:30 p.m. Come and enjoy dinner and study, and bring a friend! Contact Tim (270-4951) with questions.

**MOMS HELPING MOMS:** Come meet FCC moms of all ages Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 10 a.m. at Cathy Hanson's home (231 Northland Dr., Kalispell). This session will talk about goal setting & planning. Childcare available. Contact Sharon Salyer (212-1758).

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** on Wednesday, January 29, 2020, 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.

**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 29.

**WARMING CENTER SUPPLIES:** A new warming center is starting at Christ Church Episcopal. They are collecting bottled water, healthy snacks, cocoa, coffee, cidar, board games and DVDs. If you would like to donate items, contact Sharon Salyer (212-1758).

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**SERVING:** January Deacon - Bruce Tulloch

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

Ushers: John & Susie Sullivan/Eck Family  
Children's Church: Hanni Hanson/Judy Peters  
Early Nursery: J. Thompson  
Late Nursery: Masons  
Fellowship Hosts: Niam Moody & Jennifer Hargett  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Yvonne Hernandez

**Next Sunday January 19th**

Ushers: Petersen Family/Volunteers Needed  
Children's Church: Tom Jentz  
Early Nursery: Hunter  
Late Nursery: McManus/Olmsted  
Fellowship Hosts: Becky Lund & Yvonne Hernandez  
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Theresa Paolini

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**WEEKLY/MONTHLY**

**Worship Services**

Sundays 8:15 & 11 am

**Sunday School**

Sept.-May 10 am

**Music Practice**

Tuesdays 6 pm

**Elder/Deacon Meeting**

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

**Youth Groups**

Sept.-May Wed. 6 & 7:30 pm

**Vespers**

2nd Sundays 6:30 pm

**Elizabeth Women Group**

2nd & 4th Tuesdays

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