

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

October 24, 2021

*“I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”
John 10:11*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Jeremiah 31:7*

Leader: For thus says the LORD: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'O LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.'

***ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS NAME** - *Hymn #296 vs. 1, 3, 5-6*

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***SING TO JESUS**

Come and see, look on this mystery
The Lord of the universe, nailed to a tree
Christ our God, spilling His holy blood
Bowing in anguish, His sacred head

Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame
Lord of our sinful hearts, He is our great redeemer
Sing to Jesus, honor His name
Sing of His faithfulness, pouring his life out unto death

Come, you weary, and He will give you rest
Come you who mourn, lay on his breast
Christ who died, risen in paradise
Giver of mercy, giver of life

Sing to Jesus, His is the throne
Now and forever, He is the King of Heaven
Sing to Jesus, we are His own
Now and forever, sing for the love, our God has shown

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**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: *Matthew 5:17-19*

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: "Blessed are the poor in spirit" —

All: **but we have been rich in pride.**

Leader: "Blessed are those who mourn" —

All: **but we have not known much sorrow for our sin.**

Leader: "Blessed are the meek" —

All: **but we are a stiff-necked people.**

Leader: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness" —

All: **but we are filled to the full with other things.**

Leader: "Blessed are the merciful" —

All: **but we are harsh and impatient.**

Leader: "Blessed are the pure in heart" —

All: **but we have impure hearts.**

Leader: "Blessed are the peacemakers" —

All: **but we have not sought reconciliation.**

continued above

Leader: “Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness”—

All: but our lives do not challenge the world.

Leader: “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me” —

All: but we have hardly made it known that we are yours.

Leader: Your Law is holy and your benedictions are perfect, but they are both too great for us.

All: We plead with you to forgive our sins and give us the blessing of your righteousness.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Romans 5:17*

If, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

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.

*SPEAK, O LORD

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.
Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church 11 a.m. service (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.)

CHRIST THE SURE AND STEADY ANCHOR

Christ, the sure and steady anchor In the fury of the storm
When the winds of doubt blow through me
and my sails have all been torn
In the suffering, in the sorrow, When my sinking hopes are few
I will hold fast to the anchor; It shall never be removed

Christ, the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on
When temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won
Deeper still then goes the anchor though I justly stand accused
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed

Christ, the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief
Hopeless somehow, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Calvary
This, my ballast of assurance; see His love forever proved
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed

Christ, the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death
When these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final breath
We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secure
And the calm will be the better for the storms that we endure

Christ, the shore of our salvation, ever faithful, ever true
We will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed

Sermon Series: The Seven I Am Sayings of Jesus
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
I am the Good Shepherd—John 10:11-21 (ESV)

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

¹⁹ There was again a division among the Jews because of these words. ²⁰ Many of them said, “He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?” ²¹ Others said, “These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

Sermon Outline

I. The Care of the Shepherd

II. The Assurance of the Sheep

Sermon Questions

1. The “I am” statements of Jesus are not the conventional way anyone would speak of themselves. Jesus so identified with the Father that the Jews wanted to stone him for blasphemy. How does claiming to be the good shepherd identify Jesus with Father?
2. Why is it important that Jesus’ death was voluntary?
3. Who are the “other sheep” that Jesus makes reference to in verse 16?
4. How is the doctrine of election demonstrated here in John 10?
5. How is the image of Jesus as your shepherd a comfort to you?

Children’s Question

Jesus is our Good Shepherd. He cares for his people and saves us. How does knowing Jesus is watching over you comfort your heart when you are sad or anxious?

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.

**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.

***AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN?**

And can it be that I should gain, an interest in the Savior's blood!
Died He for me, who caused His pain! For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, should die for me?

(Chorus)

Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace!
Humbled Himself so great His love and bled for all His chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!

(Chorus)

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

(Chorus)

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

(Chorus)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.

We observe the Lord's Supper 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. Visiting children who have not been examined by their church's leadership, we ask to refrain. By sharing in the Supper, you are acknowledging to our church that you are in covenant with our Triune God through the person and work of Jesus Christ. If you are in doubt about your participation, please refrain. 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.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

8:15 Elder Matt Riley— 11 Pastor

*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.

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

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

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Central Bible Church, Kalispell, Pastor Peter Barber

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: David & Ulrike Byle, Bible Correspondence Course

CORN MAZE & CHILI LUNCH: Everyone is invited TODAY at 12:30 p.m. for a chili lunch at the church and corn maze fun (entry paid by the church). Sign up in the foyer, or contact the church office (752-2400).

YOUTH LEAF RAKING DAY: Middle and senior high youth groups will be raking leaves at the church and around the neighborhood on Saturday, Oct. 30, at 12:30-3:30 p.m. Remember to bring a rake!

VESPERS SERVICE: Join us for Vespers Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m. Come unplug and recharge with this evening service of prayer and song.

LOST AND FOUND: There is a collection of jackets and sweatshirts and really nice coffee cups on the table in the fellowship hall in our Lost & Found. Please check to see if anything belongs to you; items will eventually be donated to charity.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on Thursday, Nov. 11, at Central Christian. Contact Dawn Tinkham for details (208-640-6060).

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES: We will again collect shoeboxes for children in desperate situations around the world. Pick up box labels in the foyer and learn more at samaritanspurse.org. Please do not include toothpaste, candy, or any other food; and the shipping cost is \$9/box. Bring your boxes to the church by Sunday, November 14.

SERVING: October Deacon – Kyle Hanson

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: N. Hansons/Lancasters

Children's Church: Sharon Salyer

Nursery: Hernandez & A. Tinkham

Fellowship Hosts: Eileen Pierson & Niam Moody

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Staci Bennett

Next Sunday October 31st

Ushers: N. Hansons/Lancasters

Children's Church: Micah Tinkham

Nursery: Julie Thompson

Fellowship Hosts: Patti Albert & Kristin Bay

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Traci Carroll/Gloria Johnson

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 11 am, 6:30 pm

Sunday School

Sept.-May 10 am

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Wednesdays

Men's Breakfast 6:30 am

Women's Bible Study 9:30, 12:30, 4:30

Jr High Youth @ 5 pm

Sr. High Youth @ 6:30 pm

Career Group 7 pm

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