

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

November 7th, 2021

*“I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.”
John 14:6*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 100:1-2, 5**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

***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

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

***PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever.
Amen.

**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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***ONLY A HOLY GOD**

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

(Chorus)

*Come and behold Him, the One and the Only
Cry out sing holy, forever a Holy God, come and worship the Holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

(Chorus)

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God, only my Holy God
(Chorus 2x)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalms 25:8-10, 12-14*

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies ...Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.

All: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD! For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. (*Psalms 25*)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Matthew 11:28-30*

Jesus said: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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.

*IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL - Hymn #691

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

(Chorus)

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

(Chorus)

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

(Chorus)

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul.

(Chorus)

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)

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

HIS MERCY IS MORE

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

(Chorus)

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

(Chorus 2x)

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.)

Sermon Series: The Seven I Am Sayings of Jesus
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
I Am The Way, The Truth, and The Life — John 14:1-7 (ESV)

¹“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Sermon Outline

I. The Claim

II. The Objection

III. The Comfort

Sermon Questions

1. In what way is this “I am” statement the most controversial? Why?
2. How would you respond to someone who said: “All religions basically teach the same thing and all of them are equally valid”?
3. Consider: “How could you possibly know that no religion can see the whole truth unless you yourself have the superior, comprehensive knowledge of spiritual reality you just claimed that none of the religions have?” — Tim Keller, *Reasons for God*
4. To argue that religion should be taken out of all public arenas is itself a religious idea. Why is it that secularists have such a hard time seeing this great inconsistency? Another way to simplify the argument: “I state absolutely that there are no absolutes.”
5. How does Jesus give us great comfort in the uncertainties of our lives?

Children’s Question

Jesus is the way to the Father. How does following Jesus encourage you when you struggle with sin and doubt?

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.

*KING OF KINGS

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt

(Chorus)

*Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died

(Chorus)

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me

(Chorus)

Praise forever to the King of Kings

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.

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.

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

8:15 Elder Trent Neumann — 11 Elder Tim Anderson

*BECAUSE HE LIVES

I believe in the Son, I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome, by the power of His blood

(Chorus)

*Amen, amen, I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen, amen, let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives*

I was dead in the grave, I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name, He rolled the stone away

(Chorus)

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone
I know He holds my life
My future in His hand
(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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Church at Creston, Pastor Kyle Winter

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Church of the Cross, PCA, Whitefish

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.

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

THANKSGIVING SERVICE & PIE SOCIAL: Join us Sunday evening, Nov. 21, for a special service of Thanksgiving followed by a pie social. Bring a pie per family (if able, please drop off Sunday morning in the church kitchen). Sign up in the foyer.

HELPING HANDS WOMEN'S MINISTRY is in need of more volunteers for this practical ministry of helping our church family with cleaning, errands, etc. Contact Dawn Tinkham for more information (406-471-0656).

SAVE THE DATE—LADIES' CHRISTMAS LUNCH will be Sunday, Dec. 5, after church in the fellowship hall. We will again be collecting gift cards for Refuge clients Christmas gifts. Cards from grocery stores, box stores, coffee shops, and gas stations in any amount are appreciated and can be dropped off at the church office anytime.

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 Church.

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: November Deacon – Terry Falk

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Petersen Family/Heyboer Family

Children's Church: Micah Tinkham

Nursery: Clarks & Janis Orndorff

Fellowship Hosts: Susan Cox & Sue Richardson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Jessica Brown

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Fellowship Hosts: Jeanie Haugestuen & Traci Carroll

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Susie Sullivan/Jeanie Brenneman

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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