

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

November 28, 2021



*“The Lord visited Sarah as he had said,
and the Lord did to Sarah as he had promised.”
Genesis 21:1*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*The word "Advent" comes from the Latin meaning "coming" or "arrival."
Advent is a time of preparation for the final coming of Jesus, while we give thanks for
the gift of Christ in the past. We meditate on the faithfulness of God to his promises –
past, present, and future.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 136:26, 23-25**

Leader: Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.

All: It is he who remembered us in our low estate, for his steadfast love endures forever;

Leader: And rescued us from our foes, for his steadfast love endures forever;

All: He who gives food to all flesh, for his steadfast love endures forever.

***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! (2x)

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

*COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS - Hymn #196

Come Thou long-expected Jesus born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the saints Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, dayspring from on high, appear;
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of Thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end;
By his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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: *1 John 1:5-8*

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: Do not remember against us our former iniquities; let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name's sake! (*Psalm 79:8-9*)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalm 28:8-9*

The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

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.

***CONFESSION OF CHRIST’S GRACE:**

– *The Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Question 1*

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

Leader: He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

All: Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

***TO THEE I COME**

To Thee I come a sinner poor, and wait for mercy at Thy door
Indeed I've nowhere else to flee, O God be merciful to me
To Thee I come a sinner weak, and scarce know how to pray or speak
From fear and weakness set me free, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner vile, upon me Lord vouchsafe to smile
Mercy through blood I make my plea, O God be merciful to me
To Thee I come a sinner great, and well Thou knowest all my state
Yet full forgiveness is with Thee, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner lost, nor have I aught wherein to trust
But where Thou art Lord I would be, O God be merciful to me
To glory bring me Lord at last, and there when all my sins are past
With all the saints I'll then agree, *God was merciful to me*

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)*

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Light of the World, treasure of heaven
Brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky
Joy of the Father reach through the darkness
Shine across the earth send the shadows to flight

Light of the World from the beginning
The tragedies of time were no match for Your love
From great heights of glory You saw my story
God You entered in and became one of us

(Chorus)

*Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done
Come and adore Him, bow down before Him
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World*

Light of the world, crown in a manger
Born for the cross to suffer to save
High King of Heaven death is the poorer
We are the richer by the price that He paid

(Chorus)

Light of the World soon will be coming
With fire in His eyes He will ransom His own
Through clouds He will lead us straight into glory
And there He shall reign forevermore

(Chorus)

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: When God Appears to His People
Pastor Lloyd Pierson
The Son of Promise — Genesis Gen 21:1-7(ESV)

¹ The Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did to Sarah as he had promised. ² And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him. ³ Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac. ⁴ And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ⁵ Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶ And Sarah said, “God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh over me.” ⁷ And she said, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

Sermon Outline

I. Why the wait? 25 years

II. Why the wait!? 2000 years

Sermon Questions

1. God calls Abraham in Genesis 12 and made a promise to him. Gen. 15 and 17 speak of the covenant that God makes with him. How would you summarize the Lord's promise to him?
2. How does the birth of Isaac parallel the birth of Jesus? How are they different?
3. What is the role of "laughter" in this account? Consider: "Laughter is a biblical way of receiving a newness which cannot be explained. The newness is sheer gift—underived, unwarranted. Barrenness has become ludicrous. It can now be laughed at because there is "full joy."—W. Brueggemann
4. How does waiting on the Lord reveal your heart? How does following Jesus instruct your heart?

Children's Question

*Waiting for the Lord to help us in times of need is really hard to do.
How does Jesus move our hearts to Him in the waiting?*

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.

***HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANNOINTED - Hymn #311**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, Great David's greater Son
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun
He comes to break oppression to set the captive free
To take away transgression and rule in equity

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light
Whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth
And love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth
Before Him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go
And righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow

O'er ev'ry foe victorious, He on his throne shall rest
From age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blessed
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove
His Name shall stand for ever—that Name to us is Love

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

8:15 Elder Trent Neumann — 11 Elder Tim Anderson

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.

***WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION**

(Chorus)

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up
(Chorus)

In the dark of night before the dawn, my soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength
(Chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom
(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

Youth/Refuge Director: Asst. Pastor Ben Melli Music Director/Assistant: Lisa Iddings/Laura Sackett

Staff: Kristin Bay, Hanni Hanson, Carlynn Stahlberg, Kelly Brown

Elders: Tim Anderson, 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

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: Easthaven Baptist Church, Kalispell, Pastor Daniel Lambert

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pastors Aaron Scott and Jake Neufeld serving at Church of the Cross, PCA, Whitefish

LADIES' CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Ladies are invited to lunch Sunday, Dec. 5, at 12:30 p.m. RSVP by signing up in the foyer.

REFUGE CHRISTMAS GIFTS: We are again 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 or brought to the Ladies' Christmas Lunch on Dec. 5.

VESPERS SERVICE: Join us Sunday, Dec. 12, at 6:30 p.m. for Vespers, a brief evening service of silence and symbol, prayer and song. Come prepare your hearts for the Advent season as we follow this beautiful liturgy of worship.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN—FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next Thursday, Dec. 9, at Central Christian. Contact Dawn Tinkham for details (208-640-6060).

ENEWSLETTER: If you would like to be added to the email list for our Friday newsletter, contact the church at office@faithcov.com.

SERVING: November Deacon – Terry Falk

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Petersens/Elizabeth & Elsa Michelsen

Children's Church: Pastor John

Nursery: Matterns

Fellowship Hosts: Yvonne Hernandez & Sharon Salyer

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Theresa Paolini

Next Sunday December 5th

Ushers: N. Hansons/

Children's Church: Tom Jentz

Nursery: S. Thompson

Fellowship Hosts: Judy Fosbery & Paula Saldamando

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Benni Tulloch

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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