

FAITH   
COVENANT  

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*December 19, 2021*



*“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
and we have seen his glory,  
glory as of the only Son from the Father,  
full of grace and truth.”  
John 1:14*

## 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: Isaiah 52:7-10**

**Leader:** How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

**All:** **The voice of your watchmen - they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion.**

**Leader:** Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.

**\*HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING - Hymn #203**

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King."

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King."

Hail! the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the son of Righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.

Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King."

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**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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**\*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)*

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 Peter 1:14-16*

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.'

### WE HAVE NOT LOVED THEE WITH A PURE HEART

We have not loved Thee with a pure heart  
Nor have we loved each other  
We've not done justly and we've not loved mercy  
Nor walked humbly with God

Have mercy, have mercy  
Jesus, have mercy, have mercy on us  
(Repeat all)

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 9:9-10*

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

### 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.

**CHRISTIAN BAPTISM OF:**

*Luke Jordan Bonner  
Patrick John Bonner  
Alexander James Bonner  
Liberty Ann Bonner  
Samuel Joseph Bonner  
Frances Jo Bonner  
Faye Joy Mattern*

**PUBLIC RECEPTION OF COMMUNICANT MEMBERS:**

*Ruth Heyboer  
Normandie Melli  
James Russell  
Johanna Russell  
Joseph Tinkham*

**PUBLIC RECEPTION OF MEMBERS:**

*Bobbi Bonner  
Jac Benson  
Jeremy & Alicia Brown  
Mailli Brown  
Jeff & Dawn McGarvey  
Loretta Petersen  
Nikki Streeter  
Carol Vish*

## 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)*

### HOW LOW WAS OUR REDEEMER BROUGHT?

How low was our Redeemer brought, the King who held the stars  
Lay helpless in a maiden's arms and pressed against her heart  
While sheep and cattle raised their voice the babe could speak no words

The ever flowing Spring of Joy had come to share our thirst  
How low was our Redeemer brought, the Lord the worlds obeyed  
Would stumble as He learned to walk upon the ground He'd made  
The One the angels bowed before would kneel to wash our feet  
And be at home among the poor though He owned everything

*(Chorus)*

*Gloria, gloria in the highest*

*Gloria, gloria in the highest*

How low was our Redeemer brought to raise us from our shame  
And now the highest praise of all belongs to Jesus' name  
The Healer wounded on a tree to bear our grief and sin  
The King gave up His crown so we could ever reign with Him

*(Chorus 4x)*

How low was our Redeemer brought to raise us from our shame  
And now the highest praise of all belongs to Jesus' name

### **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, Ph.D.  
*The Unexpected Expected — John 1:1-5, 14-18 (ESV)*

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) <sup>16</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

### Sermon Outline

I. Expected

II. Unexpected



### Sermon Questions

1. How does Jesus fulfill the promises given to Abraham?
2. Speaking of verse 1, NT scholar C.K. Barrett states: “John intends that the whole of his gospel be read in the light of this verse. The deeds and words of Jesus are the deeds and words of God; if this be not true the book is blasphemous.” How does this cut against the argument that Jesus was simply an inspired man?
3. Jesus took on human frailties. Why is this significant for us? (Read Hebrews 2:18)
4. What causes people to be offended with their expectations of Jesus? What does this diagnostic of the heart show to be the problem?

### Children’s Question

*Jesus is God with us—fully man and fully God. How is this such good news for us?*

### 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.

**\*CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Praise God who came in infant low  
to bear our flesh and grace bestow  
Born in a lowly manger stall  
a child who shall redeem us all

And as creation held its breath  
the firstborn came in our defense  
To stand before His father's throne  
And through his blood our lives atone

For this our mighty Savior came  
To wed our hearts and bear our shame  
For condemnation has no place  
For those who trust in Jesus' name

To us a child is born today  
Immanuel in flesh displayed  
To once for all his people save  
Rejoice! Give thanks, and praise His Name

**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)*

**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.

## PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

8:15 Elder Trent Neumann — 11 Elder Tim Anderson

### \*ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH - Hymn #214

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains

(Chorus)

*Gloria in excelsis Deo*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo*

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be?  
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

(Chorus)

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King

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

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Elders: Tim Anderson, Tom Jentz, Trent Neumann, Don Olmsted, Matt Riley Micah Tinkham

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Rocky Mountain Community Church, PCA, Billings, Pastors Rolf Meintjes & Mark Shelby

**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** The S family serving in outdoor adventure ministry in the Middle East.

**SMALL GROUPS:** Are you willing to lead or host a Small Group? The Small Group planning team is looking for potential leaders and hosts. While hosts can be anyone, leaders must be members. If you are interested in being considered as a leader, or desire to host a group in your home, please sign up in the foyer.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** The junior and senior youth groups are Christmas caroling together and you are all invited (not just youth group kids but all ages, friends and family)! Meet at the church Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 6 p.m. and there will be treats back at the church afterwards.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES:** There will be three Christmas Eve services this year at 4:00, 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. Nursery will be available at 4 and 5:30 p.m.

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**SERVING:** December Deacon – Micah Hill

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

Ushers: Sullivans/Bays

Children's Church: H. Hanson

Nursery: K. Neumann

Fellowship Hosts: Debbie Corder & Vicky Creamer

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Traci Carroll/Jessica Brown

**Next Sunday December 26th**

Ushers: Peters/Von Olhausen

Children's Church: H. Hanson

Nursery: D. Tinkham

Fellowship Hosts: Eileen Pierson

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Gloria Johnson

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**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, 12:45, 4:30

Jr High Youth @ 5 pm

Sr. High Youth @ 6:30 pm

Career Group 7 pm

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