

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

January 9, 2022

*“Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.”
Isaiah 60:1*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 60**

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

All: **The glory of the LORD has risen upon us.**

Leader: Let us praise the Lord together.

All: **The sun shall no longer be our light by day, nor will the
brightness of the moon shine on us,**

Leader: for the Lord will be our light, and our God will be our glory

All: **The Lord will be our everlasting light, and our days of
sorrow will end.**

Leader: Come, let us sing to our light and salvation!

***THIS IS JESUS**

Night of wonder, still and silent
Heaven's brilliance from above, light of glory
Pierced the darkness, mercy pierced my heart with love

(Chorus)

*This is Jesus, King of glory, here to rescue from the fall
Son of God who comes to save us, Prince of peace and Lord of all*

Oh the mystery who could fathom,
God would leave His Holy throne
For a manger, for a sinner, for us all to be His own

(Chorus)

Rejoice He is with us, Rejoice hope is here (4x)

(Chorus)

For the hearts so prone to wander, for these feet so quick to flee
God is here and love is reaching, for the lost and least of these

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

*SCRIPTURE OF PRAISE: *Psalm 8:1*

All: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*O WORSHIP THE KING - *Hymn #2*

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

God Calls Us

The Lord summons his people to worship and we respond in obedience. The Lord's call is a call to action. We gather, praise, adore, give thanks, etc. The Call to Worship is a joyful summons and a clear reminder that worship is our coming into God's presence by his command, and not our command that He come into our presence.

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**God
Cleanses Us**

The biblical response to God's call to be in his presence is confessing our sins. We humble ourselves when we approach our God. This is a corporate prayer of all God's people. It is a great privilege of the gospel that we can stand forgiven before the Lord of glory.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 John 2:9-11*

Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

All: O Lord Almighty, you have called us out of darkness and have chosen us to be your people. We should be filled with gratitude for your mercy; we should be filled with courage to war against our flesh. Yet we consider ourselves worthy of your mercy, and barely lift a hand to fight against our lusts. Our conduct often gives no indication that we belong to you. Forgive us for abusing your grace by not resisting temptation. Forgive us for abasing your glory by not being a light to the world. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *John 1:9, 12*

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world ... to all who have receive him, to those who believe in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

***COMMON CONFSSION OF FAITH:** *Nicene Creed - Hymnal pg. 846*

We believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Nicene Creed

In the fourth century, Christian leaders gathered to express the truths of our Christian faith against heresy. This creed is the result. When we recite this creed together, we are affirming and remembering the faith that is universally held by all Christians throughout history (the word 'catholic' simply means 'universal'). In our worship, we are connected with others in the past, the present, and the future.

***THOUGH LOVELY SOURCE OF TRUE 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, when'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.

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.
Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church 8:15 & 11 a.m. services (downstairs Corner Classroom)*

I WILL PRAISE HIM STILL

When the morning falls on the farthest hill,
I will sing his name, I will praise him, still.
When dark trials come and my heart is filled
with the weight of doubt, I will praise him, still.

For the Lord, our God, he is strong to save
from the arms of death from the deepest grave.
And he gave us life in his perfect will;
and by his good grace I will praise him, still.
(Repeat all)

For the Lord, our God, he is strong to save
from the arms of death from the deepest grave.
*And he gave us life in his perfect will;
and by his good grace I will praise him, still.*

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.)

Epiphany
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Arise, Shine — Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-22 (ESV)

¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

² For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

³ And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

¹⁹ The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give you light; but the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

²⁰ Your sun shall no more go down, nor your moon withdraw itself; for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.

²¹ Your people shall all be righteous; they shall possess the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I might be glorified.

²² The least one shall become a clan, and the smallest one a mighty nation; I am the Lord; in its time I will hasten it.

Sermon Outline

I. A Look at the Light

II. A Life in the Light

Sermon Questions

1. The hope of Christ is pictured as light in darkness. Why do so many reject this image of Christ?
2. The themes of darkness and light are found in greatest number in Job, a book on human suffering. How does the light of Christ alleviate our suffering?
3. How does the Church bring the light of Christ into the world? What does it mean to live our lives now in light of the end?
4. How has Jesus brought light into your darkness? What makes the good news of Jesus good in your life?
5. Jesus overcomes by laying down his life. His death brings light to the world. In what ways is that true for us as well?

Children's Question

*When we are afraid at night, a small light shining brightly can chase away our fears.
Jesus shines brightly in us to remove our darkness and our fears.
How can we be a light for others with Jesus shining through us?*

**God
Consecrates Us**
Consecrate means to make holy, to set apart. The Word of God does that for the lives of believers. Through the sermon, confessions of faith, and the offering we are sanctified for service to our Lord to joyfully offer up our lives to him.

***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 2x)

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

**God Communes
with Us**

The Lord strengthens and nourishes our faith through a sacramental meal. Through Jesus, communion with God has been reestablished. The covenant has been renewed. The Lord's Supper is the gospel made visible for us and we share in it as the full community of God's people.

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

*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.

*BENEDICTION

If you are in need of personal prayer, an elder is available up front after the service.

God Commissions Us

Having been richly blessed by the Lord in our worship, we are sent forth as his ambassadors of reconciliation into the world. Our worship of God as his people now extends into our lives throughout the week. We are to offer ourselves as living sacrifices to him in all areas of our lives.

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: The Refuge, Refuge Kids & Turning Point

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Jamie & Alyssa Shattenberg, Madagascar

EVENING SERVICES will resume Sunday, Jan. 9, with Vespers at 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 2022: Sunday School classes for all ages will begin TODAY.

Classes for adults will include Ezekiel with Pastor Lloyd in the sanctuary and On Parenting with Trent Neumann in the Fellowship Hall.

VESPERS SERVICE: Join us TONIGHT at 6:30 p.m. for vespers, a brief evening service of silence and symbol, prayer and song.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, 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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES will begin Wednesday, Jan. 26, with studies at 9:30 a.m. (with childcare), 12:45 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. We will read *Transforming Grace*, by Jerry Bridges. Sign up and pick up books in the foyer and read the first chapter for all studies. Payment for the books (\$5 each) will be collected at each study.

PURITAN PAPERBACKS: The church library has a variety of resources including a new set of more than 40 Puritan paperback classics, an excellent source of Biblical wisdom on a wide variety of topics that point to Christ in all of life.

BIBLE READING PLANS: If your new year's resolutions included more Bible reading, there are three different plans printed out in the Fellowship hall (south side table) to help you get started.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN—FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on Thursday, Jan. 13, at Central Christian. Contact Dawn Tinkham for details (208-640-6060).

SERVING: January Deacon – Mike Stahlberg

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: N. Hansons/Matters

Children's Church: H. Hanson/Julie Thompson

Nursery: Lancasters

Fellowship Hosts: Carlynn Stahlberg & Yvonne Hernandez

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Carolyn Duncan & Yvonne Hernandez

Next Sunday January 16th

Ushers: N. Hansons/Matters

Children's Church: Carolyn Duncan/Sharon Salyer

Nursery: Hunters

Fellowship Hosts: Kate Anderson & Jeannie Haugestuen

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Theresa Paolini

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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