

FAITH   
COVENANT  

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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

*January 16, 2022*

*“O Lord, God of my salvation,  
I cry out day and night before you.”  
Psalm 88:1*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 146**

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

All: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Leader: The LORD he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

All: Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God.

Leader: The Lord who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

All: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

### **\*10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)**

*(Chorus)*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul, worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
it's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes.

*(Chorus)*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

*(Chorus)*

And on that day when my strength is failing,  
the end draws near and my time has come;  
still my soul will sing your praise unending,  
ten thousand years and then forevermore!

*(Chorus 2x)*

*I'll worship your holy name; I'll worship your holy name.*

## \*PRAYER OF PRAISE

### \*IMMORTABLE, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE- *Hymn #38*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:  
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above,  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

### **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:** *Revelation 21:8*

But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.

**LORD HAVE MERCY**

For what we have done and left undone  
We fall on Your countless mercies  
For sins that are known and those unknown  
We call on Your name so holy  
For envy and pride, for closing our eyes  
For scorning our very neighbor  
In thought, word, and deed, we've failed You, our King  
How deeply we need a Savior

*(Chorus)*

*Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us*

For hearts that are cold for seizing control  
For scorning our very Maker  
In thought, word, and deed, we've failed You, our King  
How deeply we need a Savior  
*(Chorus)*

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Ezekiel 11:19-21*

And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. But as for those whose heart goes after their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their deeds upon their own heads, declares the Lord GOD.

**\*WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS** - *Hymn #252*

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were an offering far too small;  
*Love so amazing, so divine*  
*Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

**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)*

## HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*(Chorus)*

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

*(Chorus)*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

*(Chorus 3x)*

### **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.)

*Life Sunday*  
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
*Awake Sad Heart — Psalm 88:1-7 (ESV)*

- <sup>1</sup> O Lord, God of my salvation,  
I cry out day and night before you.
- <sup>2</sup> Let my prayer come before you;  
incline your ear to my cry!
- <sup>3</sup> For my soul is full of troubles,  
and my life draws near to Sheol.
- <sup>4</sup> I am counted among those who go down to the pit;  
I am a man who has no strength,
- <sup>5</sup> like one set loose among the dead,  
like the slain that lie in the grave,  
like those whom you remember no more,  
for they are cut off from your hand.
- <sup>6</sup> You have put me in the depths of the pit,  
in the regions dark and deep.
- <sup>7</sup> Your wrath lies heavy upon me,  
and you overwhelm me with all your waves.

**Sermon Outline**

I. A Troubled Soul

II. A Timely Savior

## Sermon Questions

1. Psalm 88 is considered the darkest of the Psalms. Where do we find the upside?
2. The Bible never shies away from the full range of human emotions and experiences, yet many Christians do. Why do you think this happens? How do we make sure we bring the gospel to the full range of our experiences?
3. Christians have attributed Psalm 88 to the passion of Jesus. Why?
4. What are tangible ways you can be a source of hope to others?
5. Resources: TGC (The Gospel Coalition) resource article: “Suicide, Mental Illness, Depression, and the Church” by Justin Taylor; CCEF.org (Christian Counseling and Education Foundation)—search bar “suicide”; Nate Chute Foundation (a western Montana suicide prevention organization)

## Children’s Question

*At times, sadness can flood our hearts and fill us with despair.*

*How does Jesus brighten us with real hope?*

**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.

**\*TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE - Hymn #585**

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee  
Take my moments and my days; *let them flow in ceaseless praise*  
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love  
Take my feet and let them be *swift and beautiful for Thee*

Take my voice and let me sing, always only for my King  
Take my lips and let them be *filled with messages from Thee*  
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold  
Take my intellect and use *ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose*

Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine  
Take my heart it is Thine own; *it shall be Thy royal throne*  
Take my love my Lord I pour; at Thy feet its treasure store  
Take myself and I will be, *ever only all for Thee*

**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 Matt Riley — 11 Pastor*

**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.

**\*GOOD AND GRACIOUS KING**

I approach the throne of glory nothing in my hands I bring  
But the promise of acceptance from a good and gracious King

I will give to You my burden as You give to me Your strength  
Come and fill me with Your Spirit as I sing to You this praise

*(Chorus)*

*You deserve the greater glory, overcome I lift my voice  
To the King in need of nothing, empty handed I rejoice  
You deserve the greater glory, overcome with joy I sing  
By Your love I am accepted, You're a good and gracious King*

O what grace that You would see me as Your child and as Your friend  
Safe secure in You forever I pour out my praise again

*(Chorus)*

*(Bridge 2x)*

Holy holy Lord Almighty  
Good and gracious, good and gracious  
Holy holy Lord Almighty, good and gracious King  
*(Chorus)*

**\*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*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Trinity Church PCA, Bozeman, Pastors Bryan Clark & Jeff Hamling

**MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Jamie & Alyssa Shattenberg, Madagascar

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

**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. The annual report and 2022 budget information is available in the foyer: please take one per family. If you have concerns or questions about the budget, contact Tom Jentz, our treasurer, to expedite our meeting on the 26th.

**SOUP SIGNUPS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING** are available on the table in the foyer. Twelve pots of soup, any kind, as well as bread and desserts are needed.

Please bring food to the church ready to serve by 5:45 p.m. on January 26.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** Many hands make light work ... and a few more hands would help contribute here at Faith Covenant. Consider helping with the coffee hour, ushering, nursery, communion preparation, or children's church and sign up in the foyer. If you are already on a volunteer schedule, no need to sign up again.

**CHILDRENS' CHURCH TRAINING:** There will be a short training session for new volunteers Sunday, Jan. 30, at 9:30 during coffee hour in the church office.

**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.

**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.

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**SERVING:** January Deacon – Mike Stahlberg

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

Ushers: N. Hansons/Matterns

Children's Church: Carolyn Duncan/Sharon Salyer

Nursery: Hunters

Fellowship Hosts: Kate Anderson & Jeannie Haugestuen

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Theresa Paolini

**Next Sunday January 23rd**

Ushers: Stahlbergs/Matterns

Children's Church: Carolyn Duncan/Sharon Salyer

Nursery: Andersons

Fellowship Hosts: Traci Carroll & Kim von Olhausen

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Benni Tulloch

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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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