

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

January 30, 2022

*“God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise.”
1 Corinthians 1:27*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Daniel 4:3 & 7:13-14*

Leader: I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed. How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion endures from generation to generation.

All: Praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just.

***ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING**

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou, burning sun with golden beam

Thou, silver moon with softer gleam

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness

O praise Him! Alleluia

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son

And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the Redeemed washed by His blood, Come and rejoice in His great love

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Christ has defeated every sin

Cast all your burdens now on Him

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign, Heaven and earth will join to say

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Then who shall fall on bended knee?

All creatures of our God and King

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

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.

***IS HE WORTHY?**

(Women Lead – Men Echo)

Do you feel the world is broken? *(We do)*

Do you feel the shadows deepen? *(We do)*

But do you know that all the dark won't stop

the light from getting through? *(We do)*

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? *(We do)*

(Men Lead – Women Echo)

Is all creation groaning? *(It is)* Is a new creation coming? *(It is)*

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? *(It is)*

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? *(It is)*

(All Together)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave

He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

Of all blessing and honor and glory, is He worthy of this? He is!

(Women Lead – Men Echo)

Does the Father truly love us? *(He does)*

Does the Spirit move among us? *(He does)*

And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? *(He does)*

Does our God intend to dwell again with us? *(He does)*

(All Together)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave

He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue

He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? He is!

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Hebrews 3:7-8; 12-14*

Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness...Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

All: Heavenly Father, we recognize the deceitfulness of our sin. Too often have we been blinded by its charms; too often have our rebellious hearts hardened against you. Take away our unbelieving hearts we pray, and give us gospel hope. Replace our feeble faith with a vibrant faith that will hold confidently to the end. Forgive our sins by the power of your Beloved Son. Grant us humility, and shower him with glory. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Hebrews 10:4, 12, 14*

For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins ... But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God ... For by a single offering he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

***THE LORD IS MY SALVATION**

The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground
The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

(Chorus)

*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won, the Lord is my salvation*

My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation

And when I reach the final day
He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise, He will call me home
The Lord is my salvation

(Chorus 2x)

Glory be to God the Father
Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit
The Lord is our salvation (Bridge 2x)
The Lord is our salvation (2x)

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)*

ECHO HOLY

Gathered at the highest throne, welcomed by a melody
An anthem I have always known, a song that's always been in me
All glory and honor dominion and power to You

(Chorus)

*A million angels fall face down on the floor
All to echo holy is the Lord
My heart can't help but sing with all of heaven roar
Forever echo holy is the Lord*

Memorized by every heart, written in eternity
Every lifted voice a part, joining in the symphony
All glory and honor dominion and power to You
All wisdom and wonder belong to no other but You

(Chorus)

Standing at the end of time, there before the throne of grace
Majesty before my eyes, I'll let it take my breath away
All glory and honor dominion and power to You
All wisdom and wonder belong to no other but You

(Chorus)

Forever echo holy is the Lord

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: 1 Corinthians — Living in the Mess
Pastor John Sackett
The Foolish Boast — 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (ESV)

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Sermon Outline

I. The Fool’s Wisdom

II. Making Fools Wise

III. Worthy of Boasting

Sermon Questions

1. Scripture seems to regularly present two (and only 2) types of people. Is this fair? Is this accurate? Is so, do we live and think consistent with that idea?
2. F.F. Bruce notes the canons of 1st century Graeco-Roman culture were that of power, wisdom, reputation and value, then states, “nothing could be more subversive to these canons ... than the proclamation of a crucified man exalted as Lord over the universe.” Why would that be subversive then? Is the crucified and exalted Christ subversive now?
3. Why was the cross a scandal to the Jews? Why was the cross so foolish to the Greek? How does our culture view the cross today?
4. What is it about mankind that so loves to boast in our own accomplishments? How does this text challenge that type of thinking, and what alternatives does it offer to us?

Children’s Question

*Have you ever done anything amazing, that made you feel proud?
Has God done anything you are proud to talk about?*

**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.

***WE ARE NOT OVERCOME**

Flesh will fail and bones will break
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake
Night will fall, the light will fade
The Lord will give and take away

**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.

(Chorus)

*Because of His great love we are not overcome
Because of His great love we are not overcome*

Put no trust in the earth
In the sod you stand upon
Flowers fade into dust
The Lord will make a place for us

(Chorus)

Offer up your shoes and shirt
Turn your cheek, turn your cheek
Bear the yoke of love and death
The Lord will give all life and breath

(Chorus)

Because of His great love we are not overcome

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)

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 Pastor

*HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION - Hymn #94, vs 1-3, 6

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord
is laid for your faith in his excellent word.
What more can he say than to you he has said
to you who for refuge to Jesus has fled.

Fear not I am with you O be not dismayed
for I am your God and will still give you aid.
I'll strengthen you help you and cause you to stand
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless
And sanctify to you, your deepest distress

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not I will not desert to His foes.
*That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake
I'll never no never no never forsake.*

*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

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To be added to church enews and prayer lists, please contact us at office@faithcov.com.
For more about Faith Covenant and the Presbyterian Church in America, go to faithcov.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Gideons

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Jamie & Alyssa Shattenberg, Madagascar

EVENING SERVICE: There will be no evening service on Sunday, Feb. 6.

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.

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT: Join us for Winter Camp fun with 7th-12th graders from Faith Covenant and Church of the Cross in Whitefish on Friday, Feb. 25-Sunday, Feb. 27, at Dickey Lake Bible Camp. Cost is \$50 (ask Pastor Ben re: financial assistance) and register online at faithcov.com.

SMALL GROUP SIGN UP: If you would like to participate in a small group or are interested in hosting or leading one, sign up in the foyer.

VESPERS SERVICE: Join us for Vespers Sunday, Feb. 13, at 6:30 p.m. Come unplug and recharge with this evening service of prayer and song.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on Thursday, Feb. 10, at Central Christian. Contact Dawn Tinkham for details (406-471-0656).

SERVING: January Deacon – Mike Stahlberg

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Stahlbergs/Matters

Children's Church: Carolyn Duncan/Micah Tinkham

Nursery: J. Thompson

Fellowship Hosts: Patti Albert & Kristin Bay

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Arline Tinkham

Next Sunday February 6th

Ushers: Sullivans/

Children's Church: H. Hanson/Micah Tinkham

Nursery: Woods & A. Tinkham

Fellowship Hosts: Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Traci Carroll/Gloria Johnson

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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