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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

January 1, 2023

And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm 150*

Leader: Praise the LORD.

All: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

Leader: Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

All: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,

Leader: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

**Indicates*

when to stand.

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AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD—*Hymn #226

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious God, may we evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly cradle bed,
there to bend the knee before him whom heav'n and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare;
so may we with holy joy, pure, and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King.

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heav'nly country bright need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;
there for ever may we sing alleluias to our King.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY**

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, he the perfect Son of Man
In his living, in his suffering, never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain him, praise the Lord, He is alive
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when he comes.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *James 2:10*

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

Leader: You shall have no other gods before me.

All: But I often place other things on the throne of my heart above you.

Leader: You shall not make for yourself a carved image...You shall not bow down to them or serve them.

All: But I make you into who I want you to be.

Leader: You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

All: But I treat your name lightly and do not bring honor to you.

Leader: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work.

All: But I make excuses for spending the day pursuing my own pleasures with little thought on how I can set apart the Sabbath to you.

Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

All: But I spurn authority and set my own rules.

Leader: You shall not murder.

All: But I often hate my brother in my heart.

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

All: But my thought life is often x-rated and my heart filled with lust.

Leader: You shall not steal.

All: But I devote my life to pursue convenience and consumption.

Leader: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

All: But I often speak against my neighbors and run them down to others.

Leader: You shall not covet.

All: But I desire and chase after far more than I need and I am not content with what I have.

**All: Forgive us, O God. Put to death our sinful desires and practices through the power of your Holy Spirit. Renew us in the image of your Son, our Savior-Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

(Adapted from the Ten Commandments - Exodus 20)

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.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Hebrews 2:17-18*

Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make atonement for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

*BE THOU MY VISION - *Hymn #642, v.1-2; 4-5*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night;
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.

Thou my great Father; I thy true son,
thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

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

GENTLE MARY LAID HER CHILD - Hymn #229

Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;
there he lay, the Undefined, but no more a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race who have found his favor,

Angels sang about his birth, wise men sought and found him;
heaven's star shone brightly forth, glory all around him.
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, heard the angels singing;
all the plains were lit that night, all the hills were ringing.

Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;
he is still the Undefined, but no more a stranger.
Son of God of humble birth, beautiful the story;
praise his name in all the earth, hail the King of glory!

*The first Sunday
of every month is
the Diaconal
Offering. Please
use the Special
Offering
envelopes located
in the pew racks.*

Sermon Series: New Years Day
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph. D
Living for Christ: Luke 9:23-26

²³And he said to all, If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. ²⁵For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? ²⁶For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

Sermon Outline

Jesus calls us to follow him, and our whole way of life must reflect this call.

I. First in your life

II. Runners-up

Questions for Further Reflection:

1. In Luke 9:23-26, Jesus speaks on what it means to be a disciple-ship. This has always been a challenge to every time and culture. What are some specific challenges we face today?
2. Consider: “The claim of Jesus is a total and exclusive one. It does not allow a convenient compartmentalization of natural life and religious life, of secular and sacred. The whole person stands under Christ’s claim.” —J. R. Edwards. What are challenges for you in integrating your natural and religious life?
3. J.O.Y—Jesus first, then Others, then Yourself. We all struggle with reversing the order. What are things you can do to help make this order a rhythm and pattern in your life?
4. Consider: “What we’re talking about is the Christian life. It’s following Jesus. Spirituality is no different from what we’ve been doing for two thousand years just by going to church and receiving the sacraments, being baptized, learning to pray, and reading Scriptures rightly. It’s just ordinary stuff.” —Eugene Peterson. Why is doing the “ordinary” stuff so hard for us that we want to find the “extra-special” stuff to fill our life of faith?
5. Knowing who Jesus is shapes how we follow him. How do we know who he is?

Children’s Question

Jesus calls us to follow him completely.

How is this a challenge to you when you just want to live for yourself?

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.

**God Communes
with Us**

The Lord
strengthens
and nourishes
our faith
through a sac-
ramental meal.
Through Je-
sus, commun-
ion 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.

***ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST**

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me now all I know is grace

(Chorus)

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ! Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

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Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me

O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose

And let my song forever be my only boast is You

(Chorus)

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— 10:15 Elder Jason Davis

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.

***ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST**

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ

(Chorus)

*All glory be to Christ our king, All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, All glory be to Christ*

His will be done His kingdom come, on earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy, the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ

(Chorus)

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us, and be our steadfast light
And we shall e're his people be, all glory be to Christ

(Chorus 2x)

***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

Assistant Pastor (Youth): Ben Melli Music Director/Assistant: Lisa Iddings/Laura Sackett

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Jamie and Alissa Shattenberg, serving in Madagascar

HOLIDAY SEASON SERVICE TIMES: We will resume our regular schedule next week on Jan. 8, with worship services at 8:15 and 11am & a new session of Sunday school at 10am.

NEW CHILDREN'S CHURCH CURRICULUM: Starting today, children ages 4-6 who take part in Children's Church will be learning from the Kids' Quest Catechism Club.

TAKING DOWN THE GREENS: Many hands make lighter work, so if you can pitch in to undecorate the church on Saturday, Jan. 7, at 10 a.m. your help would be appreciated!

WINTER WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES: Begin Wednesday, Jan. 18, with studies on *Even Better Than Eden* by Nancy Guthrie at 9:30 a.m. (childcare helpers still needed!) and 4:30 p.m. at the church and at 12:45 p.m. at Gloria Johnson's (see sign-ups for details). Sign up and pick up books in the foyer. Payment for the books (\$10 each) will be collected at each study. More study materials will be provided on the first day of class. Contact Kristin Bay (406-249-2411) with questions.

VESPERS SERVICE: Join us for Vespers next Sunday evening, Jan. 8, at 6:30 p.m. Come unplug and recharge with this evening service of prayer and song.

SAVE THE DATE: The annual congregational meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2023. 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.

SERVING: January Deacon - Mike Stahlberg

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: Carroll/Lancaster

Children's Church: Ann Ingram/Julie Thompson

Nursery: Davis

Fellowship Hosts: Gloria Hanson-Tronstad & Susan Cox

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Eileen Pierson/Benni Tulloch

Next Sunday January 8th

Ushers: Carroll/Lancaster

Children's Church: Ann Ingram/Julie Thompson

Nursery: T. Andersons

Fellowship Hosts: Kate Anderson & Yvonne Hernandez

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Susie Sullivan/Arline Tinkham

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 10:15 am

Vespers

2nd Sunday @ 6:30 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7 pm

Wednesdays

Men's Breakfast 6:30 am

Jr High Youth @ 5 pm

Sr. High Youth @ 6:30 pm

Career Group 7 pm

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