

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

December 5, 2021



SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

*“And he said, ‘I am the God of your father,
the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’
And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.”
Exodus 3:6*

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:** *Luke 1:46-47, 50 Lam. 5:19*

Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God
my Savior. His mercy is for those who fear him from genera-
tion to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he
has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. The
Lord reigns forever; His throne endures to all generations.

***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.

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COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY, *continued

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.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever.
Amen.

**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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***HOW LONG?**

How long? Will You turn Your face away?
How long? Do You hear us when we pray?
On and on, still we walk this pilgrim way - How long?

How long 'til Your children find their rest?
How long 'til You draw them to Your breast?
We go on holding to Your promises - How long?

(Chorus)

'Til You wipe away the tears from ev'ry eye

'Til we see our home descending from the sky

Do we wait in vain?

Jesus, give us hope again!

How long 'til Your word will still the storm?
How long 'til You bare Your mighty arm?
How we groan 'til You snatch us from the thorns - How long?

(Chorus)

How long? Sweet the dawn that ends the race.
How long? Weak our hearts but strong our legs.
Looking on - great that cloud of witnesses! How long?

(Chorus)

**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.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *2 Samuel 22:26-28*

With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless; with the purified you deal purely, and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous. You save a humble people, but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down.

All: Lord of all mercy and compassion, I am neither blameless nor pure. My heart is crooked, and I elevate myself at the expense of others. Forgive me for my sins and cleanse me from my defilement, that through my Redeemer, Christ Jesus, I might be pure and spotless. Grant me a humble heart, and by your Holy Spirit, enable me to strive for new and fresh obedience, all to the praise of your glorious grace.
Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *2 Samuel 22:29-31*

For you are my lamp, O LORD, and my God lightens my darkness. For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

***O COME ALL YE UNFAITHFUL**

O come, all you unfaithful, come, weak and unstable
Come, know you are not alone
O come, barren and waiting ones, weary of praying, come
See what your God has done

(Chorus)

Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you

O come, bitter and broken, come with fears unspoken
Come, taste of His perfect love
O come, guilty and hiding ones, there is no need to run
See what your God has done

(Chorus)

He's the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon
His promise is peace, for those who believe (2x)

So come, though you have nothing, come, He is the offering
Come, see what your God has done

(Chorus)

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

Diaconal Offering today: Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.

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)

WHAT CHILD IS THIS? - Hymn #213

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent word is pleading.

Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Raise, raise a song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

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
God's Unfolding Revelation — Exodus 3:1-6 (ESV)

¹ Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³ And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." ⁴ When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵ Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Sermon Outline

I. The Lord Calls us by name

II. The Lord Cares for his people

Sermon Questions

1. God most often appeared to his people in ordinary every day circumstances (Abraham, Moses, Samuel, Gideon). How does that instruct us as we pursue the Lord? How is the ordinary sanctified by God?
2. The Lord calls people by name throughout the OT (Abraham, Hagar, Jacob, Moses, Samuel, Elijah). Jesus called people by name as well in the NT. A personal God knows us personally. How is this unique among world religions?
3. Consider: “Our faith is not a matter of the detached observation of God and his ways. It is not a matter of our embrace of a particular philosophy of life. It is coming to know God as a person and that happens when he meets us and calls us by name. It is always his invitation by which we come up to him and meet him” — Pastor R. Rayburn. In what way does this highlight his grace and mercy? How does this free us from the hamster wheel of works?
4. Tracing the Lord’s drama of redemption, how does the Exodus foreshadow Christ? In what way does Exodus 3 build off the promise made to Abraham?

Children’s Question

The Lord knows you by name. You are not a stranger to Him and He hears you when you pray. How is this encouraging for you?

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.

**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.

***YOUR LOVE, OH LORD**

Your love, oh Lord, reaches to the heavens.
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains.
Your justice flows like the ocean's tide.

I will lift my voice to worship you, my King.
I will find my strength in the shadow of your wings.
(Repeat all)

Your love, oh Lord, reaches to the heavens.
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.

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

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.

***THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION** - Hymn #347, vs. 1, 2, 4-6

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord
she is his new creation by water and the Word
from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend
To guide, sustain and cherish, is with her to the end
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale
Against or foe or traitor, she ever shall prevail

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee

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.

***BENEDICTION**

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

Leaders & Staff

Senior Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D. — Associate Pastor John Sackett

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Adventure Church, Kalispell, Pastor Jim Davey

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

DIACONAL OFFERING: This morning we share in worshipping through our diaconal offering for those needing assistance in our church and community. Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.

LADIES' CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Ladies are invited to lunch TODAY after second service. Refuge gift cards can be dropped off in the office or with Susan Sackett.

VESPERS SERVICE: Join us Sunday, Dec. 12, at 6:30 p.m. for Vespers, a brief evening service of silence and symbol, prayer and song. Come prepare your hearts for the Advent season as we follow this beautiful liturgy of worship.

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 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.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN—FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next Thursday, Dec. 9, at Central Christian. Contact Dawn Tinkham for details (208-640-6060).

SERVING: December Deacon – Micah Hill

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: N. Hansons/Tinkhams

Children's Church: Tom Jentz

Nursery: S. Thompson

Fellowship Hosts: Judy Fosbery & Paula Saldamando

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Benni Tulloch

Next Sunday December 12th

Ushers: N. Hansons/Tinkhams

Children's Church: Tom Jentz

Nursery: Falks

Fellowship Hosts: Laura Moody & Kelly Brown

Communion Prep/Cleanup: Gloria Hanson/Arline Tinkham

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, 12:30, 4:30

Jr High Youth @ 5 pm

Sr. High Youth @ 6:30 pm

Career Group 7 pm

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