

FAITH COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

July 26, 2026

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Psalm 32:1

**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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalms 95:6-7

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel
before the LORD, our Maker.

All: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

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***O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING - Hymn #660**

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you, and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our king;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

Colors in the Church

We use different colored banners in a symbolic way throughout the liturgical year.
White = purity & holiness
Purple = royalty & suffering.
Red = blood & fire
Blue = royalty
Black = mourning & death (only used on Good Friday)
Green = life & growth

*GRACE

Your grace that leads this sinner home
From death to life forever
And sings the song of righteousness
By blood and not by merit

Your grace that reaches far and wide
To every tribe and nation
Has called my heart to enter in
The joy of Your salvation

(Chorus)

*By grace I am redeemed
By grace I am restored
And now I freely walk
Into the arms of Christ my Lord*

Your grace that I cannot explain
Not by my earthly wisdom
The prince of life without a stain
Was traded for this sinner

(Chorus)

Let praise rise up and overflow
My song resound forever
For grace will see me welcomed home
To walk beside my Savior

(Chorus 2x)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 Samuel 15:22-23*

Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry.

All: Holy Father, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not sought to do your will with our whole hearts. We have not lived as grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us. Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore us to the joy of your salvation now and forever. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Exodus 34:6-7*

The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.

*SCRIPTURAL CONFESSION OF FAITH: *Colossians 1:15-20*

All: Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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.

***JESUS PAID IT ALL (O PRAISE THE ONE)**

I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small.
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."

(Chorus)

*Jesus paid it all; all to him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow*

Lord now indeed I find, thy power and thine alone
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone

(Chorus)

And when before the throne, I stand in him complete
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat

(Chorus)

*Oh, praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead (3x)
(Chorus)*

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM OF:

Adaya-Mae Kate Neumann

Juniper Joy Walker

Bruce Amos Wilbur

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.)

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)*

GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME

God, be merciful to me; on Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace, and provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess Thy judgment just; speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

Broken, humbled to the dust, by Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice, and in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me, and return, O God, to Thee
Savior all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

Sermon Series—Summer Psalms & Proverbs
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Forgiven—Psalm 32

¹Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. ²Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. ³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. ⁵I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. ⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. ⁷You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. ⁸I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. ⁹Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you. ¹⁰Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. ¹¹Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

I. Blessed to Confess

II. Free to Forgive

Questions for Further Reflection

1. The Psalm uses three different words for sin with three different remedies. How do they connect?
2. What is significant about Paul's usage of Psalm 32 in Romans 4:7-8?
3. How is acknowledging that you are a sinner counter-cultural? What about my confession helps lead me past "therapeutic deism"?
4. How is the presence of joy a diagnostic for your heart of confession? Where have you seen this in the gospels?
5. How might you explain the joy of forgiveness in Christ to an unbeliever using your personal testimony?

Children's Question

We should not hide what we have done wrong but admit it and confess it to the Lord. How does Jesus help you to confess your sins?

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.

*FORGIVEN

Lord, forgive us for our pride when our faith becomes a show
Dressed in righteous deeds to hide all the stains below
We have judged Your sons and daughters for the sin that is our own
May we now forgive each other and lay down our stones

(Chorus)

*Forgiven, forgiven
Through the blood of Christ, we are forgiven*

Lord, forgive us for our love of the things we wish to own
We forsake the feast above for all the crumbs below
Though You've made us sons and daughters we do not the world disown
May we find our greatest treasure is in You alone

(Chorus)

Lord, forgive us for our shame when we can't release the past
When we're quick to take the blame but forget we're free at last
We avoid Your sons and daughters for the fear we don't belong
Give us eyes to see each other through Your only Son

(Chorus 2x)

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.

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

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.

***MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS - Hymn #521**

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name

(Chorus)

*On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

(Chorus)

His oath, his covenant, his blood, support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

(Chorus)

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne

(Chorus 2x)

***BENEDICTION**

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

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.

Leaders & Staff

Senior Pastor: Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D. | Associate Pastor: John Sackett

*Elders: Tim Anderson, Jason Davis, Sean Iddings, Tom Jentz, Trent Neumann,
Lloyd Pierson, Matt Riley, John Sackett, Micah Tinkham*

*Deacons: Wade Carroll, Scott Cunningham, Terry Falk, Kyle Hanson, Patrick Jentz,
Jeff McGarvey, Tom Moody, Ryan Petersen, Mike Thompson, Bruce Tulloch*

Coordinator of Women's Ministries: Deanna Kotila | Director of the Refuge: Sissy Hashley

Assistant to the Deacons/Mercy Ministries: Dawn Tinkham

Music Director: Lisa Iddings | Youth Intern: David Moody

Staff: Kelly Brown, Hanni Hanson, Jenny Mattern, Niam Moody

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Alethia Christian Fellowship, Pastor Scott Keller

JULY MISSION FOCUS: J&E, serving in the Middle East

MISSIONS LUNCH: is TODAY after the 2nd service. Join us downstairs to hear an update from the Heart Butte mission team.

FIELD DAY FOR MOMS & KIDS: with fun activities and fellowship time @ Deanna Kotila's home will be Tues., July 28, from 9-11 am.

LADIES' OPEN HOUSE BRIDAL SHOWER: is this Sat., Aug. 1st, 9-11am at Zach and Maggie Falk's home to honor the recent marriage of Claire Cole and the upcoming marriages of Lacey Tinkham and Kristen Haymond. For more details and to RSVP, see the signup in the foyer or reach out to Hannah Cunningham.

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATIONS: with the pastors will be Aug. 2 @ 6 pm.

LOST AND FOUND: The table in the fellowship hall overfloweth. Please take a moment to check if anything of yours is there before it gets donated!

REFUGE KIDS: is in need of volunteers on Thursday evenings from 5:30-7 pm. Sign up in the foyer if you're willing to help out.

SUMMER SONGS & SUPPER: Mark your calendars! Our annual outdoor picnic (we're serving fried chicken this year!) & singalong is Sun., Aug. 9, at 6 pm. Sign up in the foyer to help us get a head count. If you have a song request, feel free to jot it down and add it to the box.

PRAYER CHAIN/ENEWS: If you would like to be added to the email lists for either of these things, please let the church office know (office@faithcov.com).

SERVING: July On-Call Deacon - Tom Moody

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: M&J Peters / M&J Thompson

Children's Church: A&C Hanson / Z. Falk & D. Moody

Nursery: Morin Family / G. Wright & Y. Hernandez

Fellowship Hosts: E. Pierson & J. Orndorff

Communion Prep/Cleanup: C. Duncan / J. Benson

Next Sunday August 2

Ushers: Hobus Family / Bonner Family

Children's Church: C. Duncan & E. Morin / A. Brown & family

Nursery: K. Haymond & C. Cole / R&N Hamling

Fellowship Hosts: M. Wilkerson & G. Tronstad

Communion Prep/Cleanup: A. Haymond & H. Embry

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 10:15 am

Sunday School

Sept.-May 10 am

Vespers

2nd Sunday @ 6 pm

Wednesday Youth Group

6-7:30 pm (MS) / 6:30-8:15 pm (HS)

College Age/Young Adult Group

Thursdays @ 6:30 pm

Elder/Deacon Meeting

3rd Monday @ 7 pm

Men's Breakfast

Wednesdays @ 6:30 am