

FAITH
COVENANT

C H U R C H

Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

August 23, 2026

The beginning of strife is like letting out water,
so abandon the quarrel before it breaks out.

Proverbs 17:14

**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: *Psalm 149:1-2,4-5

Leader: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise
in the assembly of the godly!

**All: Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion
rejoice in their King!**

Leader: For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the
humble with salvation.

**All: Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on
their beds. Praise the LORD!**

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***GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN - Hymn #345**

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode:
on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove:
who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage?—
grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near:
thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Thy name:
fading is the worldling's pleasures, all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

***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

***ONLY A HOLY GOD**

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

(Chorus)

*Come and behold Him, the One and the Only
Cry out sing holy, forever a Holy God, come and worship the Holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God
(Chorus)

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God, only my Holy God
(Chorus 2x)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 Peter 1:14-16*

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you are rich in mercy to all who call upon you. Hear us as we come humbly to you, confessing our sins and seeking your mercy. We have broken your holy laws, by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our sins committed against our families and our friends. Have mercy upon us, O most merciful Father. By your goodness, grant us to walk in the newness of life provided to us through our Lord Jesus. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 Peter 2:24-25*

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

*CONFESSION OF THE GOSPEL: *1 Corinthians 15:3-4*

What is the gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ?

All: That Christ died for our sins, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

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.

***KING OF KINGS**

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt

(Chorus)

*Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died

(Chorus)

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me

(Chorus)

Praise forever to the King of Kings

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)*

MY WORTH IS NOT IN WHAT I OWN

My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross
My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

(Chorus)

*I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other, my soul is satisfied in Him alone*

As summer flowers we fade and die, fame, youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross
I will not boast in wealth or might or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross
(Chorus)

Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross
(Chorus 2x)

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—Summer Psalms & Proverbs
Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Conflict, Complaints, and Christ

Proverbs 12:16 The vexation of a fool is known at once, but the prudent ignores an insult.

Proverbs 15:18 A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, but the slow to anger pacifies contention.

Proverbs 17:14 The beginning of strife is like letting out water, so abandon the quarrel before it breaks out.

Proverbs 18:17 The one who states his case first seems right until the other comes and examines him.

Proverbs 19:11 Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense.

Proverbs 20:3 It is an honor for a man to keep aloof from strife, but every fool will be quarreling.

I. The Spirit of Peace

II. The Rules of Engagement

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.

Questions for Further Reflection

1. When should we overlook an offense and when should we confront? What are some good biblical principles for answering this question?
2. Consider George Whitefield's wise advice: "But I think it is best not to dispute when there is no probability of convincing." This could probably take care of most online arguments. Would you say the application of this has been a strength for you or an area that needs growth?
3. We often can make relational decision having heard only one side of a complaint. What wisdom does Proverbs give us in this matter (see Proverbs 18:17)?
4. Proverbs gives us two reminders when responding to someone who is foolish (Proverbs 26:4-5). How does wisdom direct us to know which route is the best path at the time?
5. Consider: "When we are overlooking the wrongs others commit against us, we are imitating God's extraordinary forgiveness toward us." —Ken Sande. How does your love for Jesus and what he has done for you fuel your own ability to extend mercy to others?

Children's Question

The best place to stop a fight is before it begins. Praying for a heart of peace when you are mad is not easy. How does the Lord strengthen you in these times with the good news of Jesus?

***BE THOU MY VISION - Hymn #642**

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.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r

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.

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)*

**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.

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

*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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Flathead Valley public and private schools and homeschoolers as they resume studies

AUGUST MISSION FOCUS: Kevin & Sarah Johnson

MISSION MEAL: for David & Ulrike Byle is TODAY after the 2nd service.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: next Sun., Aug. 30, between services (9:45 am), to vote to release Associate Pastor John Sackett from Faith Covenant so he can pursue an opportunity with the PCA's Ministry to State in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

CANNING BASICS: Check the foyer for more information and a signup sheet for these upcoming classes.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY POTLUCK: On Wed., Sept. 2, at 6 pm, there will be a Mexican-themed dinner for the ladies of Faith Covenant. More information and a signup is in the foyer.

FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Faith Covenant takes part in this community ministry on a monthly basis and is greatly in need of some more volunteers who can donate food and/or help serve and clean up the second Thursday of every month. For more information, please contact Dawn Tinkham.

LOOKING AHEAD: Sunday school classes + our fall schedule will resume on Sept. 13.

SERVING: August On-Call Deacon - Kyle Hanson

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Ushers: G&J Morrison / D&B Phanco

Children's Church: T&T Jentz / J. Thompson

Nursery: C&C Cole / Z. Hanson & J. Taylor & A. Eroh

Fellowship Hosts: E. Pierson and J&C Funk

Communion Prep/Cleanup: S. Sullivan / Y. Hernandez

Next Sunday August 30

Ushers: A&C Hanson / Bay Family

Children's Church: H&Z Hanson / S. Salyer & E. Anderson

Nursery: T. Jentz & E. Morin / I&K Neumann

Fellowship Hosts: A. Haymond + R&C Bitney

Communion Prep/Cleanup: G. Johnson / K. Brown

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