

The Lord's Day

January 31, 2021

8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services



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Important Reminders for Our Service Today

- ✦ Please observe social distancing throughout the service.
- ✦ Masks should be worn (including during congregational singing) by all except those with medical conditions that prevent wearing them, and small children. Please ensure that your mask covers your mouth and nose.
- ✦ You should not attend services if you have a temperature over 100.4°, or if you have symptoms related to, or a diagnosis of, COVID-19, or if you know you have been exposed in the last 14 days to someone with symptoms related to, or a diagnosis of, COVID-19.
- ✦ Please dispose of all items (cups, bulletins, wipes) and exit once the service has ended to allow our deacons to accomplish necessary set up for the next service or cleanup.
- ✦ Restrooms are available on the main floor.
- ✦ We are grateful to the congregation for their cooperation and understanding.

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Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure electronic devices are off or using silent mode.

Prelude

Melody from "Lyric Pieces, Opus 47" Edvard Grieg (1843 – 1907)

Welcome and Announcements

+Silent Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Call to Worship

***Hymn of Praise to God**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

No. 38

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory
for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Tim. 1:17*

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains, the high soar - ing of a - bove
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

+Confession of Sin

Silent Prayer

Corporate Prayer

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge and confess our many sins; which we have committed; by thought, word, and deed; against your divine majesty. We do earnestly repent; and are heartily sorry for these our wrongs; remembering them is grief to us. Have mercy upon us; have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ; forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you in newness of life; to the honor and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Declaration of Pardon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities. Psalm 130:3, 7-8 (ESV)

***Response of Faith and Commitment**

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose Kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

***Congregational Petitions and the Lord's Prayer**

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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. Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)

Scripture Lesson

John 18:1-12 (ESV)

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. ²Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³So Judas,

having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴ Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" ⁵ They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶ When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷ So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." ⁸ Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." ⁹ This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." ¹⁰ Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) ¹¹ So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?" ¹² So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him.

Sermon

"When God Looks Weak"

The Lord's Supper

Procedure

- The deacons will release you by household and row to go up and receive the Lord's Supper.
- Please maintain at least 6 feet of distance between households as you wait in line.
- There will be one line, with congregants released to the inside aisle and returning to their seats via the outside aisles.
- If you are seated in the non-singing area or any of the overflow seating areas, communion will be brought to you.
- Those seated on the side of the sanctuary with the piano should exit the sanctuary and cross through the narthex to return to their seats.
- Households will come up to a table and the officers will set all items for the household on that table.
- There is a choice of wine or grape juice. Please let the officer know if you need gluten-free bread.
- Take the elements back to your seats and consume them there.
- There will be a trash can to throw out your serving cups as you exit the service.
- The mobility impaired will be served in their seats after the line ends.

You are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper if you are a baptized Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a faithful member or adherent of this or some other congregation, recognized as belonging to the fellowship of Christian believers. If this does not describe you, we are glad you are here and commend to you this prayer for your use during the time of the Lord's Supper.

Lord Jesus, you suffered on the cross for sinners to bear their sins away. Please, Lord Jesus, friend of sinners, take my sins. Help me to turn from my sins and follow you. Show me the way Lord Jesus, for you are the only one who has come down from Heaven to give all who trust in you eternal life. Amen.

*Hymn

"God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

William Cowper, 1774

HERMON C.M.
Lowell Mason, 1832

1. God moves in a mys - te - rious way
2. Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines
3. Ye fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take;
4. Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense,
5. His pur - pos - es will rip - en fast,
6. Blind un - be - lief is sure to err,

his won - ders to per - ing - form;
of nev - er fail - - - ing skill
the clouds ye so much dread
but trust him for his grace;
un - fold - ing ev - - - 'ry hour;
and scan his work in vain;

he plants his foot - steps in the sea,
he treas - ures up his bright de - signs,
are big with mer - cy, and shall break
be - hind a frown - ing prov - i - dence
the bud may have a bit - ter taste,
God is his own in - - ter - pre - ter,

and rides up - on the storm.
and works his sov - - - 'reign will.
in bless - ings on your head.
he hides a smil - - - ing face.
but sweet will be the flow'r.
and he will make it plain.

***Benediction**

+Silent Prayer

Most Loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing but the loss of you, and to cast all our care on you who care for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal and which you have manifested to us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. *Amen.*

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off thy guilty fears;
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears;
Before the Throne my Surety stands.
My name is written on His Hands.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary,
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me;
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“nor let that ransomed sinner die.”

My God is reconciled; His pard’ning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
and “Father,” Abba, Father,” cry.
Arise, my soul, arise!
Text Charles Wesley, music Dan Forrest

Postlude

“How Firm A Foundation” Sacred Harp, 1844, arr. Don Hustad (1918 - 2013)

***Congregation standing**

+The congregation is invited to kneel

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The Lord's Day – January 31, 2021

Morning Worship	8:15 & 11:00 am
Children's Sunday School	9:45 – 10:45 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Morning & Evening Worship Online	11:00 am & 6:00 pm

Sunday School Information for January 31, 2021

TIME: 9:45am - 10:45am

LOCATIONS:

- **3- & 4-yr-olds** - DeSoto Hall
- **Kindergarten** - Downstairs Room 117
- **1st-2nd Grades** - Upstairs Room 301
- **13rd-4th Grades** - Upstairs Room 302
- **5th-8th Grades** - Upstairs Room 304
- **Note:** Our precious 2-year-olds do not have a class at this time

PRECAUTIONS: All of our ordinary precautions remain in place, including masking and social distancing. Children 5 years and older must wear a face covering to participate. Children ages 3-4 are encouraged to wear a face covering if possible. Exceptions will be made for children with certain disabilities or health conditions.

PARENTS: Parents are welcome to remain indoors during the hour, with a reminder to maintain social distancing.

Drop off:

- **3's – Kindergarten:** Parents should escort their children to the designated classroom. If needed, a parent of a 3- or 4-year-old may sit with their child during class.
- **1st-8th Grades:** Parents may escort their children to the designated classroom, but this is not required.

Pick Up:

- **3-yr-olds-Kindergarten:** Parents should pick up their children from the classroom.
- **1st-8th Grades:** Students will be released from the classroom at 10:45am.

Calendar for February 1 – February 7

For details please check the web site. You may contact the church office with questions:
fpc@faithtacoma.org.

Tuesday – February 2

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| - Ladies' Bible Study, <i>via Zoom, contact Dawn Darby to join the call</i> | 9:30 am - noon |
| - Samson Society, the 629 House | 7:00 – 8:00 pm |
| - Stefanie Stinner Bridal Shower, <i>via Zoom</i> | 7:30 pm |

Wednesday – February 3

- Girls' Discipleship, Room 301, *ALL High Schoolers welcome* 2:30 – 3:30 pm
- Guys' Discipleship, DeSoto Hall, *ALL High Schoolers welcome* 2:30 – 3:30 pm
- Prayer Meeting Conference Call 7:00 pm

Instructions for joining the call will go out via email on Wednesday afternoons. This email will contain a password required to join the call.

"How hard it is sometimes to get leave of hearts to seek God! Jesus Christ went more willingly to the cross than we do to the throne of grace." --Thomas Watson

- Senior High Youth Group, DeSoto Hall, *masks and social distancing required* 7:00 – 8:30 pm
- Junior High Youth Group, Room 301, *masks and social distancing required* 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Thursday – February 4

- Men of Faith Prayer & Bible Reading, DeSoto Hall 6:30 - 7:30 am

Saturday – February 6

- Karli Erdman & Reagan Voges Wedding, via Facebook 1:00 pm

The Lord's Day – February 7

- Morning Worship 8:15 & 11:00 am
- Children's Sunday School 9:45 – 10:45 am
- Evening Worship 6:00 pm
- Morning & Evening Worship Online 8:15 am & 11:00am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Evening

The Rev. Brant Bosserman will be our preacher this evening. Pastor Bosserman is the church planting minister at Trinitas Presbyterian Church in Woodinville and an adjunct professor of philosophy at Northwest University. "The Biblical plight of leprosy was a distinct expression and reminder of the Adamic curse that mankind must return to dust. The leper's ritual cleansing presupposes the divine power to heal holistically. It also supplies us with vivid imagery for understanding our own deliverance from sin and its consequences, and of Jesus' heroic assumption of our worst afflictions." He will preach on Leviticus 14:1-32: "Life for the Leper."

Bridal Shower this Tuesday for Stefanie Stinner

Ladies, please join us this Tuesday, February 2nd, 7:30 p.m. for a Zoom bridal shower celebrating the upcoming wedding of Stefanie Stinner to Christian Jorgensen! The couple will be getting married on February 20th. For group gift contributions, please call or text Abi at 360-922-4478 OR place your contribution in the donation box in the narthex today.

Karli Erdman & Reagan Voges Wedding

Karli and Reagan will be married on JBLM in the main post chapel this Saturday, February 6th at 1:00 p.m. The wedding will be live streamed, and it will be linked to their Facebook page "Karli and Reagan's Wedding" which is also linked to their website. You are invited to tune in and witness the ceremony on Facebook.

Tuesday Women's Bible Study

We will begin a new book together on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, studying Jen Wilkin's book *None Like Him: 10 Ways God is Different from Us (and Why That's a Good Thing)*.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. Psalm 111:10

"When we fear God rightly, we recognize him for who he truly is: a God of no limits, and therefore, utterly unlike anyone or anything we know. This is the start of becoming wise."

If you'd like to join us in learning this kind of wisdom, we meet on Zoom every Tuesday morning from 9:30 - noon. Contact Dawn Darby for a link to the Zoom call and pick up Jen Wilkin's book. [None Like Him: 10 Ways God Is Different from Us \(and Why That's a Good Thing\)](#)

2021 Bible Reading Plan Available

Craig DesJardins' 2021 Bible reading plans are available in the narthex and also on the Faith Presbyterian Church website, faithtacoma.org. Click on the "Resources" tab, then "Bible Reading" for a calendar or a printable single sheet reading plan for your Bible.

Musicians

Our thanks to the musicians who contributed to our worship this morning, Florence Rayburn and William Darby.

Online Giving

Text "faithtacoma" to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483) for a link to our online giving portal, or visit www.faithtacoma.org/give.

Explanation of the Cover Symbol

The Chi Rho symbol is one of the most ancient Christian symbols. XP, the first two letters of the Greek “Christ”, is an abbreviation of the name of the Lord. This symbol is often, as here, accompanied with other symbols, in this case “Alpha” and “Omega”, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. The symbol originates from Revelation 22:13: “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.” (cf. Revelation 1:8, 17; 21:6). This particular symbol dates from the first few centuries of the Christian era and is often found on tombs.