

## OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Presbyterian Church in America or “The PCA” is a distinctly evangelical denomination in the Reformed tradition. The Bible as the Word of God is the primary standard for our faith. The Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms, although subordinate to the Bible in their authority, set forth our understanding of biblical truth in a consistent, concise, and reliable form.

In the Reformed tradition, there are five key tenets, among others, that we hold to: By Scripture Alone; By Christ Alone; By Grace Alone; By Faith Alone; and To God Alone be the Glory.

- We believe the Bible is the written word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit and without error in the original manuscripts. The Bible is the revelation of God’s truth and is infallible and authoritative in all matters of faith and practice.
- We believe in the Holy Trinity. There is one God, who exists eternally in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- We believe that all are sinners and totally unable to save themselves from God’s displeasure, except by His mercy.
- We believe that salvation is by God alone as He sovereignly chooses those He will save. We believe His choice is based on His grace, not on any human individual merit, or foreseen faith.
- We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, who through His perfect life and sacrificial death atoned for the sins of all who will trust in Him, alone, for salvation.
- We believe that God is gracious and faithful to His people not simply as individuals but as families in successive generations according to His Covenant promises.
- We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells God’s people and gives them the strength and wisdom to trust Christ and follow Him.
- We believe that Jesus will return, bodily and visibly, to judge all mankind and to receive His people to Himself.
- We believe that all aspects of our lives are to be lived to the glory of God under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.



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*“Why is light given to a man whose way is hidden,  
whom God has hedged in?” Job 3:23*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### His Calling and Our Praise

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *1 Chronicles 16:34-36*

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

**All: Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, and glory in your praise.**

Leader: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

**All: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!**

### **\*FROM THE DEPTHS OF WOE** – words included

From the depths of woe I raise to thee the voice of lamentation;

Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication:  
if thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,  
O, who shall stand before thee? (*women echo*)  
O, who shall stand before thee? (*women echo*)

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;  
our works alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth:  
no man can glory in thy sight, all must alike confess thy might,  
and live alone by mercy, (*women echo*)  
and live alone by mercy. (*women echo*)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;  
on him my soul shall rest, his Word upholds my fainting spirit:  
his promised mercy is my fort, my comfort, and my sweet support;  
I wait for it with patience, (*women echo*)  
I wait for it with patience. (*women echo*)

What though I wait the live-long night, and till the dawn appeareth,  
my heart still trusteth in his might; it doubteth not nor feareth:  
do thus, O ye of Israel’s seed, ye of the Spirit born indeed;  
and wait till God appeareth, (*women echo*)  
and wait till God appeareth. (*women echo*)

Though great our sins and sore our woes, his grace much more aboundeth;  
his helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.  
Our Shepherd good and true is he, who will at last his Israel free  
from all their sin and sorrow, (*women echo*)  
from all their sin and sorrow. (*women echo*)

### CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.*

### PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

– Elder Matt Riley

### **\*THERE’S POWER IN THE BLOOD** – music in pew racks

### **\*BENEDICTION**

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(\*Indicates when to stand)

*We ask that you please turn off cell phones during the worship service. Thank you.*

**\*BLESSSED BE THE LORD THE GOD OF ISRAEL**  
– words included  
(Chorus)

*Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.*

*Let all the people say, “Amen!” Amen!*

*Let all the people say, “Amen!” Amen!*

*Let all the people say, “Amen! Praise the Lord!”*

(Men lead/women echo)

Gather us O Lord, our God, from among the nations. (echo)

Deliver us and save us, O God, God of our salvation. (echo)

(Together)

So we may give thanks to thy holy name  
and glory in thy praise – Hallelujah!

(Chorus)

(Men lead/women echo)

Praise the Lord, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. (echo)

His steadfast love endures forever and he is good. (echo)

(Together)

Declare the mighty deeds of the Lord  
and show forth all his praise – Hallelujah!

(Chorus)

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING**  
– Hymn #457

**\*ANCIENT WORDS** – music in pew racks

## **His Renewal and Our Hope**

**COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN**

**SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION:** *Mark 12:30-31*

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart  
and with all your soul and with all your mind and with  
all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your  
neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment  
greater than these.

**All: God of love, it is your will that we should love you  
with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as  
ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things.  
We confess that our affections continually turn  
away from you: from purity to lust; from freedom  
in holiness to slavery in sin; from compassion to  
indifference; from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy  
on us. Order our lives by your holy Word, and make  
your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform  
us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus, that we may  
shine before the world to your glory. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

**DECLARATION OF GRACE:** *Hebrews 10:19-22*

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy  
places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that  
he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,  
and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us  
draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our  
hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies  
washed with pure water.

**SCRIPTURAL CONFESSION:** *Ephesians 2:8-10*

**All: For by grace you have been saved through faith. And  
this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a  
result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are  
his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good  
works, which God prepared beforehand, that we  
should walk in them.**

**\*PRAISE THE FATHER, PRAISE THE SON**

– words included

O Sov’reign God, O matchless King the saints adore, the angels sing,  
and fall before the throne of grace; to you belong the highest praise.

These sufferings, this passing tide under your wings I will abide,  
and ev’ry enemy shall flee; you are my hope and victory.

(Chorus)

*Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one;  
clothed in power and in grace, the name above all other names.*

To the valley, for my soul; thy great descent has made me whole!  
Your word my heart has welcomed home; now peace like water ever flows.  
(Chorus 2x)

(Bridge 2x)

Yours is the kingdom, yours is the power, yours is the glory forever!  
(Chorus)

*the name above all other names.*

**PRAYER, OFFERTORY & RESPONSE**

*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.*

*Children ages 4-6 are excused for Children’s Church  
(held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall)*

**\*NEW DOXOLOGY** – words included

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Let earth and heavenly saints proclaim  
the pow’r and might of his great name;

Let us exalt on bended knee; praise God the Holy Trinity.

(Chorus)

*Praise God, praise God, praise God, who saved my soul;  
praise God, praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow.*

Praise to the King, his throne transcends;  
his crown and kingdom never end;  
now and throughout eternity, I’ll praise the one who died for me.

(Chorus 2x)

(Verse 1)

**\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

## **His Word and Our Response**

**Sermon Series: Job**

**Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.**

**Sermon Title: *Let There Be Night***

**Sermon Text: Job 3**

*(See pages 8-10 for sermon outline, text and questions)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:**  
Samaritan House, Kalispell.

**MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:**  
Bishop Eluidi Issangya, founder and director of the International Evangelism Outreach. This year marks the 30th Anniversary for IEO. Prayers of praise for the work the Lord has done over the last 30 years in Tanzania!

**BISHOP ELIUDI ISSANGYA** will be visiting Faith Covenant again! Please join us this coming Wednesday, February 20, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary to hear his update on the work being done in east Africa.

**PRAYER & WORSHIP SERVICE:** Please join us next Sunday, February 24 from 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. for our monthly evening service. Childcare will be provided.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP** will gather at the church at 7:00 p.m. to hear Bishop Eluidi. After the presentation they will head to MacKenzie River Pizza to finish out their meeting time.

**LIVING THE GOSPEL – LADIES RETREAT SIGN UP:**  
Ladies, sign up now for our winter retreat “Living the Gospel,” a Peacemaker study with Tara Barthel on Friday, March 1 through Saturday, March 2. Sign up in the fellowship hall by Feb. 24. The retreat will be held at the Thompson home on Flathead Lake and cost for all sessions and meals is \$30. Contact the church office (752-2400) or Julie Thompson (253-5038) for details.

**MEAL COORDINATORS NEEDED:** Two new volunteers are needed to head up coordinating the meals ministry that provides new moms and others (as needed) with meals. Contact our current coordinators, Jane Turner (257-8799) or Amy Uzzi (407-6167) for more information on what is involved with the coordinating.

**ARE YOU WILLING TO MAKE A MEAL?** There is a signup sheet on the table in foyer if you are willing to help with meals for new moms and others as needed.

**GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU JANUARY 31:**  
**Targeted Budget = \$22,083.08; Offerings received = \$28,638.30**

**CLARISSE and ANDY Sunday school offering status:**  
Monthly goal = \$100; February-to-date amount: \$26.44

**PRAYER CARDS** are available in the pew racks for your prayer requests. According to how you mark your request, prayers can be for the Elders only, shared with the Deacons or put on the prayer chain. Place your request in the offering bag or give to any Elder or Pastor.

**SERMONS AND BULLETINS** are available weekly on our website: [www.faithcov.com](http://www.faithcov.com).

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next month on **Thursday, March 14** at **Central Christian Church**. If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmautz.

*For Prayer Chain requests or to be added to the prayer chain, please contact the church office at 752-2400 or email to [office@faithcov.com](mailto:office@faithcov.com).*

**FEBRUARY MINISTRIES**

DEACON OF THE MONTH ..... Bill Gamble  
NURSERY M.O.M. (Mom of the Month)..... Karen Hunnicutt  
NURSERY COORDINATOR.....Darcy Hearn  
*Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 270-8933.*

**TODAY**

USHERS/GREETERS .....Chelcie & Zack Miller  
CHILDREN’S CHURCH ..... Shari Montague  
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) .....Turners  
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs).....Amy Bennett  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Tamie Jentz & Carol Stewart  
COMMUNION PREP ..... Dar Wassink  
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Benni Tulloch

**NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 24**

USHERS/GREETERS .....Chelcie & Zack Miller  
CHILDREN’S CHURCH ..... Shari Montague  
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) ..... Nick Hanson  
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Joyce Schmautz  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..Donelle Holderbaum & Sara Motley  
COMMUNION PREP ..... Donelle Holderbaum  
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP .....Diane Nugent

**CALENDAR**

**TODAY**

9:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE  
10:45 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship  
11:15 a.m. – Sunday school for all ages

**THIS WEEK**

Tuesday – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday – Men’s Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
– Bishop Eliudi Issangya missionary presentation, 7:00-8:00 p.m. (see announcements)  
– Jr. High Youth Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the church  
– Sr. High Youth Group, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the church for missionary presentation

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Tuesdays – Music practice, 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays – Men’s Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m.  
– Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups (Sept.-May)  
Sundays – Adult Small Groups (Sept.-May)  
1st Sundays – Diaconal Offering  
1st Tuesdays – Elder home visits  
3rd Tuesdays – Elders/Deacons’ meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
2nd & 4th Tuesdays – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross’ home, (Sept.-May)  
Last Sunday of month – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 24 – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, February 26 – Elizabeth Women, noon at Jo Anne Ross’  
Fri.-Sat., March 1-2 – Women’s Retreat at Flathead Lake  
Tuesday, March 5 – Trustees’ meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 12 – Elizabeth Women, noon at Jo Anne Ross’  
– Women’s Ministries meeting, 4:00 p.m.  
– Community Kitchen: Feeding the Flathead  
Thursday, March 14 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 19 – No Sunday school  
Sunday, March 24 – Elizabeth Women, noon at Jo Anne Ross’  
Tuesday, March 26 – Good Friday Service, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, March 29 – Easter Sunday services, 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday, March 31 – Easter Breakfast, 9:15 a.m.



## SERMON OUTLINE

February 17, 2013

Sermon Series: Job

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Title: *Let There Be Night*

Sermon Text: Job 3

### I. Letting the heart speak

### II. Lessons from a lament

## SERMON TEXT: Job 3 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> After this Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth. <sup>2</sup> And Job said: <sup>3</sup> “Let the day perish on which I was born, and the night that said, ‘A man is conceived.’ <sup>4</sup> Let that day be darkness! May God above not seek it, nor light shine upon it. <sup>5</sup> Let gloom and deep darkness claim it...<sup>7</sup> Behold, let that night be barren; let no joyful cry enter it...<sup>9</sup> Let the stars of its dawn be dark; let it hope for light, but have none, nor see the eyelids of the morning, <sup>10</sup> because it did not shut the doors of my mother’s womb nor hide trouble from my eyes.

<sup>11</sup> “Why did I not die at birth, come out from the womb and expire? <sup>12</sup> Why did the knees receive me? Or why the breasts, that I should nurse? <sup>13</sup> For then I would have lain down and been quiet; I would have slept; then I would have been at rest, ...<sup>16</sup> Or why was I not as a hidden stillborn child, as infants who never see the light? <sup>17</sup> There the wicked cease from troubling, and there the weary are at rest...<sup>19</sup> The small and the great are there, and the slave is free from his master. <sup>20</sup> “Why is light given to him who is in misery, and life to the bitter in soul, <sup>21</sup> who long for death, but it comes not, and dig for it more than for hidden treasures, <sup>22</sup> who rejoice exceedingly and are glad when they find the grave? <sup>23</sup> Why is light given to a man whose way is hidden, whom God has hedged in? <sup>24</sup> For my sighing comes instead of my bread, and my groanings are poured out like water. <sup>25</sup> For the thing that I fear comes upon me, and what I dread befalls me. <sup>26</sup> I am not at ease, nor am I quiet; I have no rest, but trouble comes.”

## *Questions and thoughts for discussion:*

1. What surprises you about Job’s speech? Consider: *“Job is not trying to argue a point; he is trying to understand his experience.”*—F. Anderson
2. Job’s speech is a well-crafted Hebrew poem. What are some applications we can draw from this when we consider dealing with our own sufferings?
3. How can a formal lament, song, poem, etc. provide ‘banks’ for our overflowing emotions? Consider: *“Not only is form not a hindrance, but personal expression often strikes deeper when formed.”*
4. How is Genesis 1 and Job 3 similar?
5. Consider: *“But not all grey words get their color from a black heart. Some are colored mainly by the pain, the despair. What you hear is not the deepest thing within. There is something real within where they come from. But it is temporary—like a passing infection—real, painful, but not the true person.”*—Piper
6. What are some helpful ways you could bring comfort to someone expressing thoughts like Job? What might be things to avoid?
7. When dealing with our own dark thoughts, how does Jesus bring us comfort?