

## 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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*Spreading A Love for God and His Glory*

**April 21, 2013**

*“But where shall wisdom be found?  
And where is the place of understanding?”  
Job 28:12*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### *His Calling and Our Praise*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** 2 Samuel 22:47-50

Leader: The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be my God,  
the rock of my salvation,

**All: the God who gave me vengeance and brought down peoples  
under me, who brought me out from my enemies;**

Leader: You exalted me above those who rose against me; you delivered  
me from men of violence.

**All: For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations, and  
sing praises to your name.**

*(\*Indicates when to stand)*

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

**\*ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE**

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;  
the bleeding sacrifice, on my behalf appears.

Before the throne my surety stands, before the throne my surety stands,  
my name is written on his hands.

*(Chorus)*

*Arise, arise, arise. Arise, my soul, arise.*

*Arise, arise, arise. Arise, my soul, arise;  
shake off your guilty fears and rise.*

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;  
his all redeeming love, his precious blood, to plead;  
his blood atoned for every race, his blood atoned for every race,  
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

*(Chorus)*

Five bleeding wounds he bears; received on Calvary;  
they pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:  
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry, “Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,  
“Don’t let that ransomed sinner die!”

*(Chorus)*

My God is reconciled; his pardoning voice I hear;  
he owns me for his child; I can no longer fear.  
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,  
and “Father, Abba, Father!” cry.

*(Chorus)*

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*O WORSHIP THE KING**

O worship the King all glorious above, O gratefully sing his wonderful love;  
our shield and defender the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light and canopy space!  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

*(Chorus)*

*You alone are the matchless King, to you alone be all majesty.  
Your glories and wonders, what tongue can recite?  
You breathe in the air, you shine in the light.*

*(song continued on next page)*

**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 – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross’ home
- Elder meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday – Men’s Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- 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 Pierson’s home, 30 Chip Ct. in Kalispell

**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.

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- Sunday, April 28 – Ladies’ Coffee with Tara Barthel, 8:15 a.m.
  - Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
  - Friday, May 3 – Ladies’ Pre-Summer Pedicure Party, 7:00 p.m.
  - Tuesday, May 7 – Trustees’ meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church
  - Thursday, May 9 – Community Kitchen: Feeding the Flathead
  - Fri-Sat, May 10-11 – Men’s Retreat at Bend Guard Station
  - Saturday, May 11 – Appreciation Dinner for Sunday school teachers, 6:00 p.m.
  - Sunday, May 12 – Last Sunday school until September
  - Tuesday, May 14 – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross’ home
  - Women’s Ministry Committee meeting, 4:00 p.m.
  - Fellowship Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m.
  - Saturday, May 18 – Baby Shower for Nicole Waldron, details to follow
  - Tuesday, May 21 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
  - Sunday, May 26 – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
  - Tuesday, May 28 – Elizabeth Women, noon at Jo Anne Ross’ home

## CONTACT INFORMATION

*“Serving One Another in Love” Galatians 5:13*

**CHURCH OFFICE:** 752-2400 / office@faithcov.com

**SENIOR PASTOR:** Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR:** Shane Waldron

**OFFICE STAFF:** Kristin Bay

**BOOKKEEPER:** Carlynn Stahlberg

**CUSTODIAN:** Kelly Brown

**SR. HIGH YOUTH LEADER:** Trent Neumann

### ELDERS

Grady Bennett.....	314-4207	Don Olmsted.....	250-7915
Dave Hanson.....	249-8893	Matt Riley.....	756-8913
Tom Jentz.....	755-2029	Steve Thompson.....	857-3326
Duane Martin.....	756-6026	Jan Wassink.....	249-6590

### DEACONS

Buford Bennett.....	261-7124	Micah Hill.....	890-2058
Doug Brown.....	890-0760	Mike Stahlberg.....	on sabbatical
Ike Eisentraut.....	257-2222	Bruce Tulloch.....	755-4550
Bill Gamble.....	249-0152		

### BUILDING TRUSTEES

Brian Bay.....	752-9087	Nick Hanson.....	253-4668
Donnie Burns.....	261-9830	Matt Vander Ark.....	871-0615
Russ Hadley (lead).....	752-3661		

### APRIL MINISTRIES

DEACON OF THE MONTH..... Micah Hill

NURSERY M.O.M. (Mom of the Month)..... Leah Wiersma

NURSERY COORDINATOR..... Darcy Hearn

*Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 270-8933.*

### TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS..... Chad Heath & Christy Heath

CHILDREN’S CHURCH..... Rose Ann & Aaron Clark

WORSHIP NURSERY (infants)..... Jentz’

WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Carol Martin & Wendy Putzler

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Joani Eisentraut & Sharon Riley

COMMUNION PREP..... Barb Fenner

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP..... Lori Vander Ark

### NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 28

USHERS/GREETERS..... Chad Heath & Christy Heath

CHILDREN’S CHURCH..... Leah & Breanna Wiersma

WORSHIP NURSERY (infants)..... Hunnicutts

WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Andersons

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Laura Pierson

COMMUNION PREP..... Carolyn Duncan

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP..... Jeanie Brenneman

O measureless might, ineffable love; while angels delight to worship above.

Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,

our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

*(Chorus)*

*(Verse 1)*

*\*REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING – Hymn #310*

## His Renewal and Our Hope

### COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

**SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION:** *Matthew 5:17-19*

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: “Blessed are the poor in spirit”–

**All: but we have been rich in pride.**

Leader: “Blessed are those who mourn”–

**All: but we have not known much sorrow for our sin.**

Leader: “Blessed are the meek”–

**All: but we are a stubborn people.**

Leader: “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness”–

**All: but we are filled to the full with other things.**

Leader: “Blessed are the merciful”–

**All: but we are harsh and impatient.**

Leader: “Blessed are the pure in heart”–

**All: but we have impure hearts.**

Leader: “Blessed are the peacemakers”–

**All: but we have not sought reconciliation.**

Leader: “Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness”–

**All: but our lives do not challenge the world.**

Leader: “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me”–

**All: but we have hardly made it known that we are yours.**

Leader: Your Law is holy and your benedictions are perfect but they are both too great for us.

**All: We plead with you to forgive our sins and give us the blessing of your righteousness.**

*(adapted from Matthew 5:3-11)*

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Hebrews 9:15*

He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

### \**JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN*

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee;  
destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shall be.  
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known;  
yet how rich is my condition, God and heav'n are still my own.

Take, my soul, thy full salvation, rise o'er sin and fear and care;  
joy to find in every station something still to do or bear;  
think what Spirit dwells within thee, what a Father's smile is thine,  
what a Savior died to win thee: child of heav'n, shouldst thou repine?

Hasten on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;  
heav'n's eternal day's before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, swift shall pass thy pilgrim days;  
hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight and prayer to praise.

### 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)*

\**DOXOLOGY* – Hymn #732

### \*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## *His Word and Our Response*

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

**Sermon Series: Job**

**Sermon Title: *Where Shall We Find Wisdom?***

**Sermon Text: Job 28**

*(See pages 6-8 for sermon outline and text)*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Serious JuJu Skate Ministry, Kalispell, Director J.D. Carabin

**MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Sam & Dawn Wills with Mission Aviation Fellowship in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Pray for their fourth baby due this summer; pray for their physical safety during political unrest; and pray for God to help them navigate cultural issues and build relationships.

**PRAYER & WORSHIP SERVICE:** Please join us next Sunday, April 28 from 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. for our monthly evening service. Childcare will be provided.

**TARA BARTHEL – AUTHOR OF LIVING THE GOSPEL – TO VISIT:** Tara Barthel, presenter of the video series from the recent Ladies' retreat will be here at Faith Covenant on Sunday, April 28. Ladies are invited to visit with her that morning before church at 8:15 in the fellowship hall over coffee and muffins. The women's ministry committee would like to collect questions from our ladies for Tara to address at that time and also ask that ladies of the church who benefited from the Living the Gospel study to prepare a note of encouragement for Tara. Email your questions to [office@faithcov.com](mailto:office@faithcov.com) or drop off questions at the church office by April 25 and bring cards for Tara to the church that morning of April 28.

**LADIES PRE-SUMMER PEDI PARTY!** Ladies are invited for some pre-summer pampering with pedicures provided by the Women's Ministry Committee Friday, May 3, at 7 p.m. at the church. Bring your favorite beach towel and a treat for dipping in the chocolate fountain! Sign up in the foyer and we'll see you there!

**MEN'S RETREAT:** Men are invited to the Annual Men's Retreat at the Bend Guard Station west of Kalispell on May 10 and 11. Sign up in the foyer so they can plan for meals. Cost for food will be divided among those attending.

**COMMUNICANT'S CLASS:** If you are interested in your child attending a Communicant's Class May 13-16, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

**GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU MARCH 31:**  
**Targeted Budget = \$71,770.00; Offerings received = \$82,216.67**

**CLARISSE and ANDY Sunday school offering status:**  
Monthly goal = \$100; April-to-date amount: \$70.93

**MOTHER'S DAY PRO-LIFE ADVERTISEMENT:** Flathead Pro-life is sponsoring a Mother's Day advertisement in the Daily Interlake on Sunday May 12 with the names of those who would like to honor mothers. If you would like to sign your name to this ad, sign up in the foyer by April 28. There is a suggested donation of \$3/name or \$5/family.

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next month on **Thursday, May 9** 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).*

**Questions and thoughts for discussion:**

- 1. Why is Job 28 called “a brilliant but embarrassing poem for many commentators”? Why are scholars both “impressed and perplexed by its contents”?**
- 2. Consider: “In the first part of his soliloquy, Job concedes that wisdom cannot be found by searching for its source in any place on earth. In the second part, he stipulates that wisdom cannot be acquired second-hand through commercial transactions. This second observation, like the first, invites Job (and the reader) to search for meaning at more than one level.” – Samuel Balentine**
- 3. What is the difference between what God and humans can acquire when they go in search of wisdom?**
- 4. How do we learn what it is that God wants us to know?**
- 5. Consider: “Faith in God is and must be the basis of our viewing and bearing our sorrows, our disappointments, and our trials in life or we are bound to go wrong. What faith? Faith that God is in control, that he knows what he is doing, that all his purposes are good and righteous altogether, and that while sorrow may last through the night joy will come in the morning. Only the Christian can know this ... We must live, even in the darkness of life, looking up to the one who knows all, who rules over all, and whose ways, while past our finding out, are designed for our everlasting good!” – Dr. Rayburn**
- 6. Wisdom must move from reflection to action. It is the art of living a godly life. In what way is the Lord prompting you to wise action?**
- 7. What role does our own powerlessness have in obtaining wisdom?**

**\*ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY**

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,  
come to the fountain dip your heart in the stream of life.  
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away  
in the waves of his mercy, as deep cries out to deep.

*Come, Lord Jesus, come. (3x)*

Lord we are thirsty, Lord we are weak,  
so we come to your fountain; dip our hearts in the stream of life.  
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away  
in the waves of your mercy, as deep cries out to deep.

*Come, Lord Jesus, come. (3x)*

*Holy Spirit, come. (3x)*

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.  
(See FCC Observance information below)*

**PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION – Elder Tom Jentz**

**\*THE CHURCH’S ONE FOUNDATION – Hymn #347**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**LORD’S SUPPER OBSERVANCE**

At Faith Covenant, the Lord’s Supper is observed 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. By eating the bread and drinking the cup with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to our church that you are in covenant with God. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any doubts about your participation, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders after the service. 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 wine is located in the two outer rings and the juice is located in the center ring.

**SERMON OUTLINE**

**April 21, 2013**

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

**Sermon Series: Job**

**Sermon Title: *Where Shall We Find Wisdom?***

**Sermon Text: Job 28**

**I. Making sense of Chapter 28.**

**A. A Human Pursuit**

**B. A God-Given Gift**

**SERMON TEXT**

**Job 28 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> “Surely there is a mine for silver, and a place for gold that they refine. <sup>2</sup> Iron is taken out of the earth, and copper is smelted from the ore. <sup>3</sup> Man puts an end to darkness and searches out to the farthest limit the ore in gloom and deep darkness. <sup>4</sup> He opens shafts in a valley away from where anyone lives...<sup>9</sup> “Man puts his hand to the flinty rock and overturns mountains by the roots...

<sup>12</sup> “But where shall wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding?

<sup>13</sup> Man does not know its worth and it is not found in the land of the living...<sup>15</sup> It cannot be bought for gold, and silver cannot be weighed as its price. <sup>16</sup> It cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir, in precious onyx or sapphire...

<sup>20</sup> “From where, then, does wisdom come? And where is the place of understanding?

<sup>21</sup> It is hidden from the eyes of all living and concealed from the birds of the air. <sup>22</sup> Abaddon and Death say, ‘We have heard a rumor of it with our ears.’ <sup>23</sup> “God understands the way to it, and he knows its place. <sup>24</sup> For he looks to the ends of the earth and sees everything under the heavens. <sup>25</sup> When he gave to the wind its weight and apportioned the waters by measure, <sup>26</sup> when he made a decree for the rain and a way for the lightning of the thunder, <sup>27</sup> then he saw it and declared it; he established it, and searched it out. <sup>28</sup> And he said to man, ‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding.’ ”