

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

May 19, 2013



*“But when the Helper comes...he will bear witness about me.
And you also will bear witness.” John 15:26-27*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 96:7-11**

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

All: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Leader: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

All: Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns!”

Leader: Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.” Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it.

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

**A WONDERFUL SAVIOR – Hymn #175*

**HALLELUJAH! THINE THE GLORY – Hymn #179*

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***ALL HEAVEN DECLARES**

All heav'n declares the glory of the risen Lord.
Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?
Forever he will be the Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee and worship him alone.

I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord,
who once was slain to reconcile man to God.
Forever you will be the Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee and worship you alone.

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 John 2:3-4*

And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

All: For our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities: transgressing, and denying the LORD, and turning back from following our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart lying words. Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands far away; for truth has stumbled in the public squares, and uprightness cannot enter.
(Isaiah 59:12-14)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 John 2:12*

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.

CALENDAR

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
10:45 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship

THIS WEEK

Tuesday – Elder/Deacon 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 Kalispel

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, May 26 – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 28 – Elizabeth Women, noon at Jo Anne Ross' home
Tuesday, June 4 – Trustees' meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church
Wednesday, June 5 – Women's Summer Study
Tuesday, June 11 – Fellowship Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 12 – Women's Summer Study
Sunday, June 16 – Father's Day
Tuesday, June 18 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 19 – Women's Summer Study
Thursday, June 20 – Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Dinner, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 23 – All Church BBQ, watch Announcements for details
Wednesday, June 26 – Women's Summer Study
Sunday, June 30 – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

On an on-going basis, **FAMILY HOME VISITS** are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month. Two Elders come to your home at 7:00 p.m. for an informal visit and to encourage you. This is also an appropriate time to raise any questions or concerns you may have. If you require a different time or day, we will try to accommodate your schedule. The office will make calls the prior month to arrange *your* visit. We look forward to seeing you!

~~Faith Covenant Church Elders

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.

THREE DETAILED BIBLE READING PLANS are available to you on the table in the Fellowship Hall to help you read through the Bible in a year.

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.

MAY MINISTRIES

DEACON OF THE MONTH Buford Bennett
NURSERY M.O.M. (Mom of the Month)..... Jeri Brown
NURSERY COORDINATOR..... Darcy Hearn
Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 270-8933.

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS Kyle & Michael Hanson
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Shari Montague
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Turners
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs) Will Schmautz?
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Joni Jenks & Sharon Salyer
COMMUNION PREP Christy Heath
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Yvonne Hernandez

NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 26

USHERS/GREETERS Kyle & Michael Hanson
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Leah & Breanna Wiersma
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Zack Millers
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs) Hanni Hanson
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Ellen Rowe & Sharon Thompson
COMMUNION PREP Donelle Holderbaum
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Diane Nugent

SCRIPTURAL CONFESSON OF GRACE: *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.

***REDEEMED, HOW I LOVE TO PROCLAIM IT! – Hymn #701**

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)*

***I LOVE YOU, LORD**

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice
to worship you, O my soul rejoice.
Take joy my King in what you hear,
may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.
(Repeat all)

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Shane Waldron

Sermon Series: Pentecost

Sermon Title: *Can I Get a Witness?*

Sermon Text: John 15:26-16:15

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

***SPEAK, O LORD – music in pew racks**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.
(See FCC Observance on page 5)*

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION – Elder Grady Bennett

***ACROSS THE LANDS**

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began.
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of your voice.
Let the skies declare your glory; let the land and seas rejoice!

(Chorus)

*You're the author of creation; you're the Lord of ev'ry man;
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,
and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry; with a word you calmed the sea;
yet how silently you suffered that the guilty may go free!

(Chorus)

*You're the author of creation; you're the Lord of ev'ry man;
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave,
and ascended into heaven, leading captives in your way.
Now you stand before the Father, interceding for your own;
from each tribe and tongue and nation, you are leading sinners home!
(Chorus 2x)

***BENEDICTION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Columbia Falls, Pastor Matthew Nelson

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Jamie and Alissa Shattenberg and their three children serve with World Venture in Madagascar. Pray they make connections with key local leaders and that God would continue to break down barriers to the gospel.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES! See the bulletin insert listing their names. After the service, our Coffee Hour will be held in their honor. Please join us!

MISSION TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING: There will be a meeting after the fellowship coffee time TODAY at 11:15 a.m. in the overflow room for those interested in more information about the short term mission trip to Colville, Wash., June 22-29 with Mission to the World (MTW). Contact Joe or Kelly Swenson for details (890-2248).

LADIES' SUMMER BIBLE STUDY: A 4-week Ladies' Bible study on selected Psalms and Proverbs will be held Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. during the month of June. The study will be at the church and each week the study will be led by a different lady from our congregation. Come join us even if it is only for one week!

Please pick up a baby bottle in the foyer to help Hope Pregnancy Ministries in their Baby Bottle Fundraiser! Fill your bottle with change, bills or a check (made out to Hope Pregnancy) and return it to the church by Father's Day. Hope Pregnancy Ministries provides parenting education, material needs, post abortion recovery, pregnancy testing, ultrasound, options counseling, STD testing and treatment, and the love of Christ with men and women in our community. Get involved today! Questions? Call 257-5700.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU APRIL 30:
Targeted Budget = \$93,853.08; Offerings received = \$102,663.80

PRAYER & WORSHIP SERVICE: Plan to join us next Sunday, May 26 from 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. for our monthly evening service. Childcare will be provided.

WEDDING SHOWER FOR DAWN COLE: Ladies of the church are invited to celebrate Dawn Cole's upcoming wedding June 15 to Micah Tinkham. Join us Sunday evening, June 9th, at 7 p.m. at the home of Kate Anderson (134 Stillwater Lane – behind Edgerton School). RSVP to Kate (270-7836) or Laura Pierson (270-3201) by June 3. Dawn and Micah are not doing a registry for their wedding so if you would like to contribute to a group gift, contact Kate or Laura.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next month on **Thursday, June 13** at Central Christian Church. If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmautz.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION DINNER RESCHEDULED: The Sunday School Teacher Appreciation dinner has been rescheduled for Thursday, June 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. How have you experienced hostility toward Christianity?
2. What are some truth claims in our culture that compete with truths from Scripture?
3. Read John 16:8-9 and consider the following quote: *“The world’s deepest misery and lostness does not consist in its moral imperfection but in its estrangement from God and its refusal to allow itself to be called out of that condition by the one whom God has sent for that purpose.”* – Herman Ridderbos
4. In John 16:7 Jesus says, “Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.” Why is it better for us to have the Holy Spirit than for Jesus to be physically present on earth? Brainstorm some answers.
5. When you think about witnessing to unbelievers, what are some obstacles you face? Read John 15:26-27 and 16:7-11. How does the work of the Holy Spirit help overcome these obstacles?
6. Who are some unbelievers that God has brought into your life? How could you offer them the hope of the gospel?
7. Conclude your time by praying for the unbelievers that God has brought into your life.

CONTACT INFORMATION
“Serving One Another in Love” Galatians 5:13

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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

May 19, 2013

Sermon: Pastor Shane Waldron
Sermon Series: Pentecost
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Sermon Text: John 15:26-16:15

I. A Guide to the Truth

II. A Witness to Christ

SERMON TEXT

John 15:26-16:15 (ESV)

²⁶ “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

16:1 “I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ² They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³ And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. ⁴ But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. ¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.