

## 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*

**June 23, 2013**

*“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;”  
Psalm 1:1*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### *His Calling and Our Praise*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 95:6-7*

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker.

**All: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

**\*COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING** – *Hymn #302*

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

*(\*Indicates when to stand)*

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

**\*REVELATION SONG**

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; holy, holy is he.  
Sing a new song to him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.

*(Repeat)*

*(Chorus)*

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come.*

*With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;  
you are my ev'rything and I will adore you.*

Clothed in rainbows of living color, flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;  
blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to you, the only wise King.

*(Chorus)*

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder at the mention of your name.  
Jesus, your name is power, breath and living water, such a marv'lous mystery!

*(Chorus 2x)*

**\*THY MERCY, MY GOD**

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
the joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,  
hath won my affection and bound my soul fast.

Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here;  
sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
but through thy free goodness my spirits revive,  
and he that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,  
which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
dissolved by thy goodness, I fall to the ground,  
and weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, thy goodness I own,  
and the covenant love of thy crucified Son.  
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine,  
seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!

**His Renewal and Our Hope**

**COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN**

**SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION:** *1 Samuel 15:22-23*

Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and

**CALENDAR**

**TODAY**

- 9:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
- 10:45 a.m. – All Church BBQ (outside weather permitting)

**THIS WEEK**

- Wednesday – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- Women's Summer Study, 6:30 p.m. at the church
- Saturday – Baby Shower for Reegan Gaines, 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

**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, June 30 – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
  - Tuesday, July 2 – Trustee's meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church
  - Thursday, July 11 – Community Kitchen: Feeding the Flathead
  - Tuesday, July 16 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
  - Sunday, July 28 – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
  - July 29-August 1 – The Race is On! VBS, 6:00-8:30 p.m.
  - Tuesday, August 6 – Trustee's meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church
  - Tuesday, August 20 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
  - Sunday, August 25 – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.

### 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.

*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.*

### JUNE MINISTRIES

DEACON OF THE MONTH ..... Mike Stahlberg  
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 ..... Russ Hadley & Carolyn Duncan  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH ..... Dar Wassink & Annalise Pierson  
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) ..... Heyboers  
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs) ..... Rileys  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... All Church BBQ  
COMMUNION PREP ..... Gary & Barb Fenner  
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Lori Vander Ark

### NEXT SUNDAY – JUNE 30

USHERS/GREETERS ..... Russ Hadley & Carolyn Duncan  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH ..... Dar Wassink & Annalise Pierson  
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) ..... Leah Wiersma  
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs) ..... Paolini  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Jenae Scmaultz & Ellen Rowe  
COMMUNION PREP ..... Terry & Judy Fosbery  
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Jeanie Brennamen

to listen than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry.

**All: Have mercy on us Lord. We often choose sacrifice over obedience. We presume upon your grace, and delight in our show of faith; yet our hearts can be far from you. Forgive us of our disobedience, when we have chosen to love our sin more than to love you. Forgive us of our rebellion, when we have willingly walked away from your commands, in order to pursue the sins of our flesh. Keep us from self-worship, disguised as true religion. Purify and cleanse us by the blood of our Savior- Jesus. Amen.**

### SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

#### **DECLARATION OF GRACE:** *Exodus 34:6-7*

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

#### **\*OH, THE BLESSED CONDESCENSION**

Oh, the blessed condescension, Christ to us the sinful came  
Truth and power, all authority vested in a helpless babe  
Strange and lowly, infant holy bears salvation to the world  
To the banished hope is given through the faith of a virgin girl

On the cross see Christ our savior, many wounds which mar his skin  
See the cost of our redemption; he is given for our sin  
Oh the cruel price of salvation, God's own son placed in the grave  
See the scandal turned to glory; he is risen we are saved

Into heaven he ascended, where our Lord is justly praised  
All the hosts of heaven singing, to the King of all our days  
On the earth, all life is calling, all are yearning for the groom  
as God's kingdom comes with power and our hearts prepare him room

We now witness to the coming of his Kingdom on the earth  
Here in part, not yet in fullness, we endure the pains of birth  
May we never cease in singing of the love our God has shown  
For His Love is ever flowing; by our Love He is made known.  
*May we never cease in singing of the Love our God has shown,  
For His Love is ever flowing; by our Love He is made known.*

## **PUBLIC RECEPTION OF MEMBERS:**

*Terry & Judy Fosbery*

## **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)*

### **\*WE FALL DOWN**

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus,  
the greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus.  
And we cry holy, holy, holy, and we cry holy, holy, holy,  
and we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.  
*(Repeat all)*

### **\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

## **His Word and Our Response**

**Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson**

**Sermon Series: Summer Psalms and Proverbs**

**Sermon Title: *The War of Beliefs***

**Sermon Text: Psalm 1:1**

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

### **\*O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS - Hymn #535**

### **\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

**All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is indeed good, right, and our delight that we should at all times  
and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father,  
Almighty, Everlasting God.

### **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 10)*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** David & Ulrike Byle  
and their five children, missionaries to Istanbul, Turkey

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### **CHURCH BBQ TODAY!**

Join us for a picnic lunch with burgers, hot dogs and all the fixings provided by the fellowship committee TODAY. Bring a salad or fruit and pitch in to help set up tables and chairs and we'll see you there!

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**LADIES' SUMMER BIBLE STUDY:** A 4-week Ladies' Bible study on selected Psalms will be held Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the church during the month of June. For the last week, June 26, Kristin Bay will lead a study on Psalm 104, a psalm that praises God for his creation – walking shoes are recommended for this one!

**BABY SHOWER FOR REEGAN GAINES:** Ladies, help us welcome a new life into our congregation with a baby shower for Reegan Gaines Saturday, June 29, at 2 p.m. at the church. Reegan is registered at Target or contact Julie Thompson (253-5038) or the church office to contribute to a group gift.

**THE RACE IS ON! VBS JULY 29 – AUG. 1:** Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School July 29 through August 1 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Watch for registration information soon!

**PRAYER & WORSHIP SERVICE:** Please join us next Sunday, June 30, from 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. for our monthly evening service. Childcare will be provided.

**THE REFUGE: A SUPPORT GROUP FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE**  
If you or someone you know is a victim of physical, verbal or emotional abuse, Faith Covenant Church has a support group that can help. We meet every other Wednesday at 4:45 p.m. in the church library. People with little or no church background are welcome to attend. Contact Pastor Shane for more information.

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN—FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those of you volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next month on **Thursday, July 11** at Central Christian Church. If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmutz.

**The 2013 Hope Pregnancy Ministries Baby Bottle Campaign is closed! PLEASE RETURN ALL BOTTLES (full or empty) TO THE CHURCH.** (They are requesting empty bottles be returned so they can be used next year.) Each coin, bill or check given helps sustain the work of Hope, and allows us to protect our community's most vulnerable...the unborn. Thank you for supporting the cause of LIFE!!

**LOST AND FOUND** have been accumulating on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Please check to see if any items belong to you or your children - items not claimed will be donated. Thank you!

**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.

*Questions and thoughts for discussion:*

1. Who are the “righteous” in this psalm? Consider: *“The righteous are those who accept the Lord’s gracious covenant and its obligations by repenting of their sins and believing his promises and persevering in repentance, faith, and obedience all their lives long.”*  
Jack Collins
  
2. According to this psalm, how are we to find happiness?
  
3. Consider: *“It seems likely that this psalm was especially proposed as an introduction to the whole psalter. Certainly it stands here as a faithful doorkeeper, confronting those who would be in the congregation of the righteous with the basic choice that alone gives reality to worship; with the divine that must inform it; and with the ultimate judgment that looms up beyond it.”* – Dereck Kidner
  
4. How could you use this psalm to help instruct a young person going off to college?
  
5. How does this psalm define ‘success’?
  
6. Think of ways you could make this psalm into a prayer for your life and for others.

**PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION** – *Elder Grady Bennett*

**\*GRACE LIKE RAIN**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now I’m found,  
was blind but now I see so clearly.

*(Chorus)*

*Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me.  
Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away;  
they’re washed away.*

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear,  
the hour I first believed.

*(Chorus)*

When we’ve been there ten thousand years  
bright shining as the sun,  
We’ve no less days to sing your praise  
than when we’ve first begun.

*Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me.  
Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away.  
(Chorus)*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**SERMON OUTLINE**

**June 23, 2013**

**Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.d.  
Sermon Series: Summer Psalms and Proverbs  
Sermon Title: *The War of Beliefs***

**I. Where do I get my guidance?**

**II. What will this make me?**

**III. Where will I end up?**

**SERMON TEXT**

**Psalm 1 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> **Blessed is the man  
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
<sup>2</sup> but his delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.**

<sup>3</sup> **He is like a tree  
planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.**

**In all that he does, he prospers.**

<sup>4</sup> **The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

<sup>5</sup> **Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

<sup>6</sup> **for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.**