

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

July 21, 2013

*“In God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
What can man do to me?”
Psalm 56:11*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Isaiah 52:7-10*

Leader: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

All: The voice of your watchmen-they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion.

Leader: Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.

All: The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

***LORD, REIGN IN ME**

Over all the earth, you reign on high,
every mountain stream, every sunset sky.
But my one request, Lord, my only aim
is that you reign in me again.

(Chorus)

*Lord, reign in me, reign in your power,
over all my dreams, in my darkest hour;
you are the Lord of all I am.
So won't you reign in me again?*

Over every thought, over every word,
may my life reflect the beauty of my Lord;
'cause you mean more to me than any earthly thing.
So won't you reign in me again?

(Chorus 2x)

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS** – Hymn #32

***FAIREST LORD JESUS** – Hymn #170

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Proverbs 6:20-21, 14-15*

My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching. Bind them on your heart always; tie them around your neck...A wicked man...with perverted heart devises evil, continually sowing discord; therefore calamity will come upon him suddenly; in a moment he will be broken beyond healing.

All: There are six things that the LORD hates, seven that are an abomination to him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that run to evil, a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers. (*Proverbs 6:16-19*)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

CALENDAR

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
10:45 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship
11:15 a.m. – WA Mission Trip Slideshow in the fellowship hall

THIS WEEK

Wednesday – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.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.

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
Thursday, August 8	– Community Kitchen: Feeding the Flathead
Tuesday, August 20	– Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 25	– Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 3	– Trustee's meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church
Tuesday, Sept. 10	– Fellowship Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

LUNCHEON COOKS NEEDED: In the fall, the pastors will begin hosting a lunch for newcomers once a month after church. Two to three volunteers are needed to prepare and serve the food. If you are interested, please contact the church office (752-2400).

FAITH COVENANT SOFTBALL: The church softball team is looking for a few more players to finish out the second half of the season. Contact Terry Falk (270-1308) if you want to come play ball!.

CLIMB GREAT NORTHERN: Looking for a classic northwest Montana adventure? Terry Falk will lead a climb up Great Northern Mountain in the Great Bear Wilderness above Hungry Horse Reservoir on Saturday, August 3. Contact Terry at 270-1308 to get details and join the group.

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.

JULY MINISTRIES

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

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS Paul & Alyssa Hobus
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Dar Wassink & Annalise Pierson
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Turners
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs) Andersons
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Kelly Brown & Vivienne Montague
COMMUNION PREP Carol Martin
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Diane Nugent

NEXT SUNDAY – JULY 28

USHERS/GREETERS Paul & Alyssa Hobus
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Dar Wassink & Annalise Pierson
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Hunnicutts
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs) Neumans
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Laura Pierson & Marlo Lancaster
COMMUNION PREP Dar Wassink
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Theresa Paolini

DECLARATION OF GRACE: Psalm 118:19-21

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

***SCRIPTURAL CONFESSION OF FAITH: Colossians 1:15-20**

All: Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

***ROCK OF MY SALVATION**

Though storms of strife assail me without warning,
and though they try to steal my joy away;
I will find rest in knowing you have saved me,
Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.

Though times I stumble and fall short of your standard,
I'll rest assured there is love enough for me;
for I find strength in knowing you have saved me,
Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.

(Chorus)

*Oh, my Jesus, Rock of my salvation
who bore the weight of Calvary's wood and shame;
and cleansed my sin in the crimson flow of mercy,
Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.*

Though times I stumble and fall short of your standard,
I'll rest assured there is love enough for me;
for I find strength in knowing you have saved me,
Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.

(Chorus 2x)

*Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.
Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.*

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)*

***TO THE ONLY GOD**

To the only God who is able to keep us, able to keep us from falling.

To the only God be all glory and honor, majesty and power,
for all ages now and forevermore.

(Repeat)

Forevermore – be all glory and honor, majesty and power,
for all ages now and forevermore. Forevermore.

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Shane Waldron

Sermon Series: Summer Psalms and Proverbs

Sermon Title: Cry of the Oppressed

Sermon Text: Psalm 56

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

***WHEN TRIALS COME** – 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 Steve Thompson

***SHE MUST AND SHALL GO FREE**

Mercy speaks by Jesus' blood;

hear and sing, ye sons of God,

justice satisfied indeed;

Christ has full atonement made;

Christ has full atonement made.

(song continued on next page)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Trinity Church (PCA),
Bozeman, Pastors Bryan Clark and Jeff Hamling

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Rohan & Becky Crown,
PCA church planters in Lethbridge, AB. Their Amazing Grace church plant outreach has
been evangelistic to the First Nations (native reservations) people around Lethbridge.
Pray for continued protection and expansion of the gospel. Pray also for the raising up of
leaders and elders within their church.

WASHINGTON MISSION TRIP REPORT: The group that went to Nespelem, Wash.,
in June will present a slideshow about their trip after worship service TODAY, at 11:15
in the fellowship hall.

THE RACE IS ON!

Vacation Bible School

July 29 - August 1, 6-8:30 p.m.

You're invited to join the race!

Come to Vacation Bible School and learn about Jesus
and His great sacrifice and promise to all of us!

Children ages 3 to those going into fifth grade are invited
for four evenings of faith building fun!

Register by July 21 in the foyer or contact the church office (752-2400).

SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING: Next Sunday, July 28, we will take a special
offering to help fund the education of Clarise and Andry, two children in Madagascar.
During the school year we support them through our Sunday school offering, but we are
in need of additional funds during the summer break. Thank you for your support of this
worthy cause throughout the year! There is also an offering can in the foyer where you
can share sponsorship dollars any time.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU JUNE 30:

Targeted Budget = \$143,540.00; Offerings received = \$155,591.23

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. People with little or no church
background are welcome to attend. Contact the church office (752-2400) for more
information.

CHURCH OFFICE: Welcome to Shari Montague who is working in the church office
on Mondays. Carlynn Stahlberg is now working in accounting at Torrent Technologies
but will continue to serve as church bookkeeper. Thank you to Carlynn for her years of
service to the daily administration of the church!

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Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. What ways have you experienced oppression in your life?
2. Have you ever been, or are you currently being abused? Here are some ways to identify it:
 - **Physical Abuse:** An attempt to dominate a person through physical violence, including hitting, kicking, strangling, pushing, etc.
 - **Verbal Abuse:** An effort to gain power over someone by using words that attack or injure, that speak falsely to them, or that speak falsely about them.
 - **Emotional Abuse:** Any nonphysical behavior that is designed to control someone through the use of degradation, humiliation, or fear.
 - Signs of verbal and emotional abuse:
 - o **Domination:** Direct attempts to control a person's actions, such as ordering a spouse around, monitoring her time and activities away from the house, restricting resources (finances, telephone), etc.
 - o **Emotional Blackmail:** A form of manipulation in which one partner attempts to coerce or control the other by playing on his partner's fear, guilt or compassion.
 - o **Abusive Expectations:** Placing unreasonable demands on a person to continually satisfy your desires.
 - o **Constant Criticism or Blaming:** Criticism that is unrelenting; never being pleased; blaming another person for everything that goes wrong.
 - o **Outbursts of Anger:** Using anger and intimidation to get what you want.
 - o **Isolation:** Attempting to separate a spouse from their relationships with family, friends, or church.
 - o **Casting Doubt on Perceptions and Memory:** Routinely denying that certain events took place, or insinuating that a person is exaggerating or lying.
 - o **Creating Crisis:** Deliberately starting arguments, or creating an environment of continual upheavals and discord.
3. How has your oppressor caused you to feel worthless, shamed and rejected? Read Genesis 1:26-31 and Isaiah 43:1-7. How does God's opinion of you differ from your oppressor's?
4. What is the difference between a desire for revenge and a desire for justice?
5. What are some ways you can express your desire for justice to God? Take a moment to do that privately.
6. When you are spiritually and emotionally ready, what are some ways you could show mercy and forgiveness to your oppressor? Take some time to pray. Thank Jesus for taking your shame upon Himself on the cross and forgiving you of the ways you have sinned against him. Then ask him to give you the strength to forgive as you have been forgiven.

****SHE MUST AND SHALL GO FREE, cont.***

(Chorus)

*"All her debts were cast on me,
and she must and shall go free." (2x)*

Jesus' blood speaks loud and sweet;
here all Deity can meet,
and without a jarring voice,
welcome Zion to rejoice;
welcome Zion to rejoice.

(Chorus)

Peace of conscience, peace with God;
we obtain through Jesus' blood.
Jesus' blood speaks solid rest,
we believe and we are blessed;
we believe and we are blessed.

(Chorus)

Should the law against her roar;
Jesus' blood still speaks with power,
"all her debts were cast on me,
and she must and shall go free."

(Chorus)

****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.

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SERMON OUTLINE

July 21, 2013

Sermon: Pastor Shane Waldron
Sermon Series: Summer Psalms and Proverbs
Sermon Title: *Cry of the Oppressed*

I. The Oppressor

II. The Rescuer

III. The Survivor

SERMON TEXT

Psalms 56 (ESV)

A Miktam of David, when the Philistines seized him in Gath.

- ¹ Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me;
all day long an attacker oppresses me;
- ² my enemies trample on me all day long,
for many attack me proudly.
- ³ When I am afraid,
I put my trust in you.
- ⁴ In God, whose word I praise,
in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
What can flesh do to me?
- ⁵ All day long they injure my cause;
all their thoughts are against me for evil.
- ⁶ They stir up strife, they lurk;
they watch my steps,
as they have waited for my life.
- ⁷ For their crime will they escape?
In wrath cast down the peoples, O God!
- ⁸ You have kept count of my tossings;
put my tears in your bottle.
Are they not in your book?
- ⁹ Then my enemies will turn back
in the day when I call.
This I know, that God is for me.
- ¹⁰ In God, whose word I praise,
in the LORD, whose word I praise,
- ¹¹ in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
What can man do to me?
- ¹² I must perform my vows to you, O God;
I will render thank offerings to you.
- ¹³ For you have delivered my soul from death,
yes, my feet from falling,
that I may walk before God
in the light of life.