

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

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*“I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;”
Isaiah 61:10*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY: *Matt Allhands*

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *1 Chronicles 29:10-13*

Leader: Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

All: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.

Leader: The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

All: Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.

Leader: Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

***CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS** – *Hymn #295*

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

***I WORSHIP YOU ALMIGHTY GOD/I STAND IN AWE**

I worship you, Almighty God, there is none like you.
I worship you, O Prince of Peace, that is what I long to do.
I give you praise, for you are my righteousness.
I worship you, Almighty God, there is none like you.

(Chorus)

And I stand, I stand, in awe of you.

I stand, I stand, in awe of you.

Holy God to whom all praise is due,

I stand in awe of you.

You are beautiful beyond description, too marvelous for words;
too wonderful for comprehension, like nothing ever seen or heard.
Who can grasp your infinite wisdom? Who can fathom the depth of your love?
You are beautiful beyond description, majesty enthroned above.

(Chorus)

I stand in awe of you.

***BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE**

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there
who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

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CALENDAR

TODAY

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

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.

Tuesday, August 20 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 25 – Small Group Leaders' Meeting, 11 a.m.
Sunday, August 25 – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 3 – Trustee's meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church
Sunday, Sept. 8 – Two Worship Services start, 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Sunday, Sept. 8 – Sunday School begins for all ages, 10 to 10:45 a.m.
Sunday, Sept. 8 – Small Groups begin
Tuesday, Sept. 10 – Fellowship Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church

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.

AUGUST MINISTRIES

DEACON OF THE MONTHBruce Tulloch
NURSERY M.O.M. (Mom of the Month)..... Carol Martin
NURSERY COORDINATOR.....Darcy Hearn
Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 270-8933.

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS.....Bud & Zane Salyer
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Shari Montague
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants)..... Tamie Jentz
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs).....Jenae Schmautz
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Joni Jenks & Julie Thompson
COMMUNION PREP.....Gary & Barb Fenner
COMMUNION CLEAN-UPBenni Tulloch

NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 18

USHERS/GREETERS.....Bud & Zane Salyer
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Leah & Breanna Wiersma
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants).....Kathy Hanson
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs).....Carlsons
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Jeri Brown & Sharon Salyer
COMMUNION PREP..... Terry & Judy Fosbery
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Lori Vander Ark

**BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE cont.*

Behold him there! The risen Lamb,
my perfect, spotless righteousness;
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
*One with himself I cannot die,
my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Savior and my God,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.*

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Ephesians 4:1-3*

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

All: Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves; though you should rule us, we control ourselves; though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. Heal our confused minds with your word, heal our divided wills with your law, heal our troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Ephesians 2:4-10*

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 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.

***MIGHTY TO SAVE**

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing, let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations.

(Chorus)

*Savior, he can move the mountains
my God is mighty to save, he is mighty to save.
Forever, author of salvation, he rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.*

So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures; fill my life again.
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in, now I surrender.

(Chorus)

Shine your light and let the whole world see;
we're singing for the glory of the risen King ... Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see;
we're singing for the glory of the risen King.

(Chorus 2x)

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM OF:

Cecilia Isabelle Topp

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)*

***O BLESS THE GIFTS**

O bless the gifts we bring to you
and bless our lives in service too.
You are our Lord, High Priest and King.
We humbly give this offering.

We thank you God for your dear Son.
We thank you too for what you've done.
We love you Lord our true delight.
You are the way, the truth, the life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Church at Creston (LCMS),
Pastor Darold Reiner

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Joel and Emily as they
minister in the Arab world with Mission to the World, the PCA missions organization.

TWO WORSHIP SERVICES START IN SEPTEMBER: We will change our schedule
to two worship services starting Sunday, Sept. 8. First service will be at 8:30 and second
will be at 11 a.m. Sunday School also start Sept. 8 from 10 to 10:45 a.m.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! More volunteers will be needed to help with nursery,
communion preparation and ushering for two services. If you can help with one
of these ministries, sign up in the foyer or contact the church office at 752-2400 or
office@faithcov.com.**

SMALL GROUP LEADERS' MEETING: There will be a meeting for small group
leaders Sunday, August 25, after the worship service in overflow room to discuss starting
up small groups again in September.

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.

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).

ROCK THIS CITY: Unleash Christ's love right where we live with Rock This City
2013, state-wide outreach of local churches partnering together to serve our neighbors
and non-profit organizations across Montana, August 18-28. Volunteers are welcome to
sign up for as many service initiatives as they can commit to completing and both entire
churches and individuals are welcome to join. Find out more at <http://rockthiscity.co/>.

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.

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. I mentioned the preacher is making a new people. We only focused on three ways he does this. How else are the people of God described throughout the rest of Isaiah 61?
2. Is there an imperative (a command) in Isaiah 61? How does this make you feel? Is there a temptation to focus on the “kayaking/doing” rather than experiencing and living in the Good News?
3. How might delight and joy in the Good News be linked to having a heart for God?
4. What should you want most for our children, spouse, friends, ourselves? Does this seem unrealistic? Why?
5. Why is it so common that, although you or your children do not consciously deny the gospel, other things replace its functional role in your life?
6. How might you create opportunities to communicate the awe of the Good News to yourself, your children, or your friends?
7. Think of a moment in which you sinned this week. How might applying the Gospel address your heart issue in this particular instance?

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Guest Pastor Byron Longenecker
Sermon Title: *The Ultimate Preacher with the Ultimate Message*
Sermon Text: Isaiah 61

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

***WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR**

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and friend.
Who would have thought that a lamb could rescue the souls of men;
Oh, you rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, comforter, keeper; spirit we long to embrace.
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way;
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

(Chorus)

You are the one that we praise. You are the one we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for;
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father faithfully loving your own.
Here in our weakness you find us falling before your throne;
Oh, we're falling before your throne.

(Chorus 2x)

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)

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION – Elder Matt Riley

***A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD – Hymn #92**

***BENEDICTION**

August 11, 2013

Sermon: Guest Pastor Byron Longenecker
Sermon Title: *The Ultimate Preacher with the Ultimate Message*

SERMON TEXT
Isaiah 61 (ESV)

¹ The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
³ to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.
⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
⁵ Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks;
foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers;
⁶ but you shall be called the priests of the Lord;
they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God;
you shall eat the wealth of the nations,
and in their glory you shall boast.
⁷ Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion;
instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot;
therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion;
they shall have everlasting joy.

Isaiah 61 (ESV) *cont.*

⁸ For I the Lord love justice;
I hate robbery and wrong;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
⁹ Their offspring shall be known among the nations,
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge them,
that they are an offspring the Lord has blessed.
¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful
headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

SERMON OUTLINE

I. What is the preacher's message?

II. Who is it for?

III. Who accomplishes it?