

## 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*

**September 8, 2013**

*“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart  
and with all your soul and with all your mind.”*

*Matthew 22:37*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **His Calling and Our Praise**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 99:1-5*

Leader: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

**All: Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!**

Leader: The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

**All: Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!**

*(\*Indicates when to stand)*

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

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

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD**

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty.  
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide  
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

*(Chorus)*

*How great is our God, sing with me.  
How great is our God, and all will see  
how great, how great is our God.*

Age to age he stands and time is in his hands.  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end;  
the Godhead three in one: Father, Spirit, Son.  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

*(Chorus)*

*(Bridge 2x)*

Name above all names, you are worthy of our praise  
and my heart will sing how great is our God.

*(Chorus 2x)*

**\*JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS** – Hymn #264

## **His Renewal and Our Hope**

### **COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN**

#### **SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION:** *James 2:10*

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

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## **CALENDAR**

### **TODAY**

8:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE  
9:45 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship  
10:00 a.m. – Sunday School for All Ages  
11:00 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE  
12:15 p.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

### **THIS WEEK**

Tuesday – Fellowship Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church  
Wednesday – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
– Senior High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. at Neumanns' (111 E. Bluegrass Dr.)  
– Junior High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. at the church  
Thursday – Feed the Flathead, Central Christian Church

### **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)

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Tuesday, Sept. 17 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, Oct. 1 – Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church  
Saturday, Oct. 5 – Sunday School Teacher Breakfast, 8:30-10 a.m. at the church  
Tuesday, Oct. 8 – Fellowship Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church  
Thursday, Oct. 10 – Feed the Flathead, Central Christian Church  
Tuesday, Oct. 15 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

**SENIOR PASTOR:** Lloyd Pierson

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR:** Shane Waldron

**OFFICE STAFF:** Kristin Bay, Shari Montague

**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.....	270-2509
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		

## **SEPTEMBER MINISTRIES**

DEACON OF THE MONTH ..... Bill Gamble

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..... Nick & Hanni Hanson

CHILDREN’S CHURCH ..... Dar Wassink & Annalise Pierson

WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) ..... Heyboers

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

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Tamie Jentz & Carol Stewart

COMMUNION PREP ..... Dar Wassink

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Mark Rice

## **NEXT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 15**

USHERS/GREETERS..... Nick & Hanni Hanson

CHILDREN’S CHURCH ..... Sharon & Zane Salyer

WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) ..... Shari Montague

WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Joni Jenks

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Jenae Schmautz & Kristin Bay

COMMUNION PREP ..... Carolyn Duncan

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Benni Tulloch

Leader: You shall have no other gods before me.

**All: But I often place other things on the throne of my heart above you.**

Leader: You shall not make for yourself a carved image... You shall not bow down to them or serve them.

**All: But I make you into who I want you to be.**

Leader: You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

**All: But I treat your name lightly and do not bring honor to you.**

Leader: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work.

**All: But I make excuses for spending the day pursuing my own pleasures with little thought on how I can set apart the Sabbath to you.**

Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

**All: But I spurn authority and set my own rules.**

Leader: You shall not murder.

**All: But I often hate my brother in my heart.**

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

**All: But my thought life is often x-rated and my heart filled with lust.**

Leader: You shall not steal.

**All: But I devote my life to pursue convenience and consumption.**

Leader: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**All: But I often speak against my neighbors and run them down to others.**

Leader: You shall not covet.

**All: But I desire and chase after far more than I need and I am not content with what I have.**

**All: Forgive us, O God. Put to death our sinful inclinations and practices through the power of your Holy Spirit. Renew us in the image of your Son, our Savior–Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*(Adapted from the Ten Commandments – Exodus 20)*

## **SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

### **DECLARATION OF GRACE: 1 John 2:1-3**

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.

***\*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, 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***

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host.  
Praise Father and the Son;  
praise Father and the Son,  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

*(Repeat)*

Praise him from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him from whom all blessings flow.

*(Repeat)*

Praise Father and the Son; praise Father and the Son;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

***\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION***

***His Word and Our Response***

**Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson**  
**Sermon Series: Vision and Values**  
**Sermon Title: *Spreading A Love for God***  
**Sermon Text: Matthew 22:34-40**  
*(See pages 6-8 for sermon outline and text)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Chaplain Eddie Nye,  
Kalispell Regional Hospital

**MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Missionary Kenneth  
Bae, imprisoned in North Korea

**TWO WORSHIP SERVICES START TODAY:** The new schedule for two worship  
services starts today. First service is at 8:30 and second service will be at 11 a.m. Sunday  
School is from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Coffee will be served in the fellowship hall after both  
services.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS TODAY!:** Sunday School begins today at 10 a.m. for  
all ages. Look for children's class room assignments posted around the church. Adults  
classes are in the following rooms: *Biblical Interpretation* in the sanctuary; *Shepherding  
A Child's Heart* in the fellowship hall; and *Just Looking*, a class for those interested in  
learning more about the PCA and membership at Faith Covenant in Overflow Room #1.  
You are welcome to join a class at any time.

**JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP STARTS WEDNESDAY:** Students in grades sixth  
to eighth are invited to youth group Wednesdays 7-8:30 p.m. starting Sept. 11 at the  
church. Contact Sean or Lisa Iddings for more information (871-5157).

**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP STARTS WEDNESDAY:** Senior High Youth  
Group officially starts Wednesday! Meet at the Neumann's from 7 to 9 p.m. Weather  
permitting, come early at 6:30 for hoops in the park (next to the Neumanns'). Bring a  
friend, a water bottle, basketball, and shoes to shoot around or just hang out. Email or call  
the Neumanns with questions or for directions (111 E. Bluegrass Dr., 212-7664).

**ELIZABETH WOMEN'S GROUP:** Elizabeth Women's Group will begin meeting  
again for the fall on Tuesday, Sept. 10. Ladies, come join us for lunch, fellowship, prayer  
for needs of the congregation, and a devotion! Bring a sack lunch and meet at noon at  
JoAnne Ross' (15 Primrose Court). For further information call JoAnne at 755 3516.

**GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU AUGUST 31, 2013:**  
Targeted Budget = \$187,706.15; Offerings received = \$200,085.81

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those of you who are  
volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on **Thursday, Sept. 12** at **Central  
Christian Church**. If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmautz.

**BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP STARTING:** BSF (Bible Study Fellowship) is  
studying the Gospel of Matthew this year. Children's (Infant - Kindergarten) program  
offered during the day class and student programs (Grades 1-12) offered in evenings.  
*Women's Day Class:* Begins Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 9:10 a.m. at Easthaven Baptist Church.  
Call Ellen at 249-9770. *Women's Evening Class:* Begins Monday, Sept. 9, at 6:55 p.m.  
at First Presbyterian Church. Call Benni at 755-4550. *Men's Evening Class:* Begins  
Monday, Sept. 9, at 6:55 p.m. at Central Bible Church. Call Bruce at 270-7320.

*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 are we told to love with heart, soul, and mind?
2. *“Love of God, like love neighbor is not firstly an attitude or affection but a way of life, the sweat of labour for another.” – Davies & Allison. Why is this an important reminder for us?*
3. How would you respond to someone who, with a dismissive attitude toward religion, replies “all we need is love”?
4. Consider: *“In many ways, it’s more fun to be part of movements than churches. We can express our own individuality, pick our favorite leaders, and be swept off our feet at conferences. We can be anonymous. Although encouraged by like-minded believers, we are not bound up with them so that we should feel compelled to bear their burdens or suffer their rebukes. Yet this movement-mentality keeps us restless and makes ordinary life in and submission to an actual church seem intolerably confining.” – Michael Horton*
5. When it comes to your faith in Christ, what would you grab first in a fire?
6. What are some of the challenges of spreading a love for God in our society?

*\*BE THOU MY VISION – Hymn #642*

**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 Tom Jentz**

***\*I HAVE BEEN REDEEMED***

When I am lost, when I am all alone,  
burdened by my sin and shame, there’s one place I can go.  
I look towards the cross where my Savior died,  
suffered in my place, the perfect sacrifice, for me, so I can know.

*(Chorus)*

*Now I am forgiven, I have been set free.  
Through the blood of Jesus I have been made clean.  
Now I know of his mercy because he died for me.  
I have been redeemed.*

*(Repeat all; chorus twice)*

**\*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**

**September 8, 2013**

**Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.**  
**Sermon Title: *Spreading A Love for God***  
**Sermon Text: Matthew 22:34-40**

### **I. Love For God**

### **II. Love For Neighbor**

### **III. Chasing the Next Big Thing**

## **SERMON TEXT**

**Matthew 22:34-40 (ESV)**

- <sup>34</sup> But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together.
- <sup>35</sup> And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.
- <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?”
- <sup>37</sup> And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.
- <sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment.
- <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
- <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”