

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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“So the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.” 1 Kings 2:46

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS: *Seth Park, Pioneer Ministry*

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Psalm 100 (Responsive reading) – Hymnal page 821

***ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS’ NAME** – Hymn #296 vs. 1,3,5,6

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

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

***SCRIPTURE OF PRAISE: Psalm 36:5-7**

All: Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep...How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

***O THE BLOOD**

O the blood, crimson love, price of life's demand;
Shameful sin placed on him, the hope of ev'ry man.

(Chorus)

*O, the blood of Jesus washes me; O, the blood of Jesus shed for me;
What a sacrifice that saved my life; Yes, the blood it is my victory.*

Savior, Son, Holy One, slain so I can live;
O, see the Lamb, the great I Am, who takes away my sin.

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

O, the blood of the Lamb; O, the blood of the Lamb;
What a sacrifice that saved my life; Yes the blood it is my victory.

O, what love, no greater love; Grace, how can it be
that in my sin, yes, even then, he shed his blood for me.

(Chorus)

What a sacrifice that saved my life; Yes, the blood, it is my victory.

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: Psalm 25:8-10, 12-14

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies... Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.

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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

THIS WEEK

Tuesday – Trustees Meeting, 6:30 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 – Women's Ministry Committee Meeting, 4 p.m. at the 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)

Tuesday, Nov. 12 – Fellowship Committee Meeting, 7 p.m. at the church
Thursday, Nov. 14 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church
Sunday, Nov. 17 – Thanks Dinner, 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall
Tuesday, Nov. 19 – Elder/Deacon Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
Tuesday, Dec. 3 – Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church
Thursday, Dec. 5 – Women's Ministry Committee Meeting, 4 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.

NOVEMBER MINISTRIES

DEACON OF THE MONTH Micah Hill
NURSERY M.O.M. (Mom of the Month) Karen Hunnicutt
NURSERY COORDINATOR Darcy Hearn
Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 270-8933.

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM) Terry & Judy Fosbery
USHERS/GREETERS (11 AM) Ken & Terry Miller
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11 AM service only) Sharon & Zane Salyer
WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM) Darcy Hearn
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants) Tamie Jentz
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Jenae Schmautz
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Joani Eisentraut & Julie Thompson
COMMUNION PREP Donelle Holderbaum
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Mark Rice

NEXT SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 10

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM) Terry & Judy Fosbery
USHERS/GREETERS (11 AM) Ken & Terry Miller
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11 AM service only) Dar Wassink & Annalise Pierson
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants) Cathy Hanson
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Trisha Carlson
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Kristin Bay & Sara Motley
COMMUNION PREP Gary & Barb Fenner
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Benni Tulloch

All: Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD! For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. (Psalm 25)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: Matthew 11:28-30

Jesus said: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

*WHOM SHALL I FEAR (GOD OF ANGEL ARMIES)

You hear me when I call, you are my morning song.
Though darkness fills the night it cannot hide the light.
Whom shall I fear? You crush the enemy underneath my feet.
You are my sword and shield though troubles linger still.
Whom shall I fear?

(Chorus)

*I know who goes before me; I know who stands behind;
the God of angel armies is always by my side.
The one who reigns forever, he is a friend of mine;
the God of angel armies is always by my side.*

My strength is in your name for you alone can save.
You will deliver me, yours is the victory.
Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

And nothing formed against me shall stand.
You hold the whole world in your hands.
I'm holding on to your promises; you are faithful, you are faithful.

You are faithful.

(Chorus 2x)

the God of angel armies is always by my side.

PRAYER, OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*Diaconal Offering today: Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.
Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.
11:00 a.m. Service: Children ages 4-6 are excused for Children's Church
(held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall)*

***TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS** – Hymn #481, refrain only

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson

Sermon Series: Learning From the Life of Solomon

Sermon Title: Living with Ambiguity

Sermon Text: 1 Kings 2:1-53

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

***LEAD ME TO THE CROSS**

Savior I come, quiet my soul, remember
redemption's hill where your blood was spilled for my ransom.

(Pre-chorus)

Everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss.

(Chorus)

Lead me to the cross where your love poured out.

Bring me to my knees, Lord, I lay me down.

Rid me of myself, I belong to you.

Oh lead me, lead me to the cross.

You were as I, tempted and tried, human.

The word became flesh, bore my sin and death, now you're risen.

(Pre-chorus)

(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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for Seth and Rachel Park serving in Turkey with Pioneers. Pray for Rachel who is pregnant and their 2-year-old son Wyatt as they travel home on furlough this month. Also pray for the team from Faith Covenant that will be attending the PCA Global Missions Conference in South Carolina this coming week. Pray for traveling mercies and that the group would be encouraged and further equipped to lead our missions work at Faith Covenant.

DIACONAL OFFERING: This morning we share in worshipping through our diaconal offering for those needing assistance in our church and community. Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.

YOU ARE ALL INVITED to our **ANNUAL THANKS DINNER** on Sunday, Nov. 17, at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our Thanksgiving Dinner is served family-style, and it's always a great time of fellowship and thanksgiving for all God has provided for us. We'd love to have everyone join us. **There are sign-up sheets in the foyer** for food to bring and clean up helpers (also very needed). Thanks in advance for signing up!



COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on **Thursday, Nov. 14** at **Central Christian Church**. If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmautz.

WE WILL BE COLLECTING OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD gift-filled shoeboxes to bring joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world. Check out the details about what is needed for a box at samaritanaspurse.org, and watch for box labels in the foyer next week. **Boxes need to be returned to the church no later than Sunday, November 17.** Contact the church office for details.

FLATHEAD FOOD BANK/NEIGHBORS IN NEED COLLECTION BINS: There are two bins in the fellowship hall under the classifieds bulletin board to collect items for the Food Bank and Neighbors in Need. Place donations in those bins and they will be delivered to each agency. **The November Food Bank food of the month is turkeys.** Neighbors in Need collects toothbrushes, toothpaste, bath and laundry soap, and shampoo.

***Faith Covenant Church
exists to spread a love for God and His glory,
through the WORD:***

**Worship
Outreach
Relationship
Discipleship**

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. What relationship does David's speech to Solomon have with Deuteronomy 17:14-20?
2. What are we to make of David's request to Solomon regarding Joab and Shimei?
3. What value is there for us to have to work through ambiguous texts? How does this relate to wisdom?
4. What are the two different views regarding Bathsheba's role in Adonijah's death?
5. How are we to bring together the unconditional and conditional components of the Lord's promise to David about an everlasting kingdom?
6. Compare and contrast how Jesus 'established' his kingdom.

***ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS**

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day.
There God, the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.

(Chorus)

*I am bound, I am bound,
I am bound for the Promised Land.*

(Repeat)

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
sickness, sorrow, pain, and death are felt and feared no more.

(Chorus)

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face, and in his bosom rest?

(Chorus 2x)

***BENEDICTION**

CONTACT INFORMATION

"Serving One Another in Love" Galatians 5:13

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SERMON OUTLINE

November 3, 2013

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Learning From the Life of Solomon

Sermon Title: *Living with Ambiguity*

I. The challenge of ambiguous texts

II. The conquest of the Lord through ambiguous people

SERMON TEXT

1 Kings 2:1-53 (ESV)

When David's time to die drew near, he commanded Solomon his son, saying, ² "I am about to go the way of all the earth. Be strong, and show yourself a man, ³ and keep the charge of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and keeping his statutes, his commandments, his rules, and his testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn, ⁴ that the LORD may establish his word that he spoke concerning me, saying, 'If your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me in faithfulness with all their heart and with all their soul, you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.'

⁵ "Moreover, you also know what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, how he dealt with the two commanders of the armies of Israel, Abner the son of Ner, and Amasa the son of Jether, whom he killed, avenging in time of peace for blood that had been shed in war, and putting the blood of war on the belt around his waist and on the sandals on his feet. ⁶ Act therefore according to your wisdom, but do not let his gray head go down to Sheol in peace. ⁷ But deal loyally with the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be among those who eat at your table, for with such loyalty they met me when I fled from Absalom your brother. ⁸ And there is also with you Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjaminite from Bahurim, who cursed me with a grievous curse on the day when I went to Mahanaim. But when he came down to meet me at the Jordan, I swore to him by the LORD, saying, 'I will not put you to death with the sword.' ⁹ Now therefore do not hold him guiltless, for you are a wise man. You will know what you ought to do to him, and you shall bring his gray head down with blood to Sheol." ¹⁰ Then David slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David.