

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

October 20, 2013

*“By this all people will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.”
John 13:35*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS: *Habitat for Humanity*

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Jeremiah 31:6-7*

Leader: ‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.’” For thus says the LORD:

All: “Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, ‘O LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.’”

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

***ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE**

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
the bleeding sacrifice, on my behalf appears.

Before the throne my surety stands, before the throne my surety stands,
my name is written on his hands.

(Chorus)

Arise, arise, arise. Arise, my soul, arise.

*Arise, arise, arise. Arise, my soul, arise;
shake off your guilty fears and rise.*

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;
his all redeeming love, his precious blood, to plead;
his blood atoned for every race, his blood atoned for every race,
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

(Chorus)

Five bleeding wounds he bears; received on Calvary;
they pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry, “Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Don’t let that ransomed sinner die!”

(Chorus)

My God is reconciled; his pardoning voice I hear;
he owns me for his child; I can no longer fear.

With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
and “Father, Abba, Father!” cry.

(Chorus)

***SING ALLELUIA**

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing.
Sun, moon and stars rejoice on high; praise to the Lord of light divine.

(Chorus)

*Sing alleluia, sing alleluia,
praise the Father above, sing alleluia.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia,
for his infinite love, sing alleluia.*

Praise to the giver of good things, merciful Father, holy King.
Join with the angels, sing out loud, praise him who reigns above the clouds.

(Chorus 2x)

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 – Elder/Deacon 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

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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- Sunday, Oct. 27 – Corn Maze Fun Day, 12:30 p.m. at 173 Birch Grove Road East
 - Friday, Nov. 1 – FCC’s Vigil day for 40 Days for Life
 - Saturday, Nov. 2 – Habitat for Humanity Work Day, 7:45 a.m. in Columbia Falls
 - Tuesday, Nov. 5 – Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church
 - Thursday, Nov. 7 – Women’s Ministry Committee Meeting, 4 p.m. at the church
 - 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 in the fellowship hall
 - Tuesday, Nov. 19 – Elder/Deacon Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

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.

BACH CANTATA: Bethlehem Lutheran will celebrate Reformation Sunday with a presentation of Cantata #80 by J.S. Bach within a service of Vespers on Sunday, October 27, at 4:00 pm at 603 S. Main St., Kalispell. Soloists include Wendy Marshall, Marcia Sibley, Jonathan Bruce, and Micah Hunter, with Paul Gregory at the harpsichord and organ. A free will offering will be taken.

FOSTER PARENT TRAINING: Child Bridge, an organization that brings families to children in need, is announcing foster parent training in three sessions in Kalispell Friday, Nov. 1, Saturday, Nov. 2, and Saturday, Nov. 9. All 18 hours are required training to be a foster parent. Contact Steve Bryan at 837-2247 for more information.

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.

OCTOBER MINISTRIES

DEACON OF THE MONTH Ike Eistentraut
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 (8:30 AM)..... Tom & Pat Tucker
USHERS/GREETERS (11 AM) Josh & Marlo Lancaster
CHILDREN’S CHURCH (11 AM service only)..... Shari Montague
WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM) Darcy Hearn
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants)..... Jane Turner
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Kate Anderson
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Kelly Brown & Vivienne Montague
COMMUNION PREP..... Carol Martin
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Diane Nugent

NEXT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 27

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM)..... Tom & Pat Tucker
USHERS/GREETERS (11 AM) Josh & Marlo Lancaster
CHILDREN’S CHURCH (11 AM service only)..... Sharon & Zane Salyer
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants)..... Karen Hunnicutt
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Hanni Hanson
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Amy Bennett & Jenny Heyboer
COMMUNION PREP..... Donelle Holderbaum
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Theresa Paolini

***PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Matthew 5:17-19*

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: “Blessed are the poor in spirit” —

All: but we have been rich in pride.

Leader: “Blessed are those who mourn” —

All: but we have not known much sorrow for our sin.

Leader: “Blessed are the meek” —

All: but we are a stiff-necked people.

Leader: “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness” —

All: but we are filled to the full with other things.

Leader: “Blessed are the merciful” —

All: but we are harsh and impatient.

Leader: “Blessed are the pure in heart” —

All: but we have impure hearts.

Leader: “Blessed are the peacemakers” —

All: but we have not sought reconciliation.

Leader: “Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness” —

All: but our lives do not challenge the world.

Leader: “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me” —

All: but we have hardly made it known that we are yours.

Leader: Your Law is holy and your benedictions are perfect, but they are both too great for us.

All: We plead with you to forgive our sins and give us the blessing of your righteousness.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: Romans 5:17

If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

**BE THOU MY VISION – Hymn #642*

PRAYER, OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*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)*

**DOXOLOGY – Hymn #731*

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson

Sermon Series: Vision and Values

Sermon Title: Spreading a Love for God through Discipleship

Sermon Text: Mark 2, Luke 9, Ephesians 2

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

**ALL THE WAY MY SAVIOR LEADS ME – Hymn #605*

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

****BY FAITH***

By faith we see the hand of God
in the light of creation's grand design,
in the lives of those who prove his faithfulness,
who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
with the pow'r of his promise in their hearts
of a holy city built by God's own hand,
a place where peace and justice reign.

(song continued on next page)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Easthaven Baptist Church, Kalispell, Pastor Daniel Lambert

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.

CORN MAZE FUN DAY: Fall fun for everyone at the Fritz Corn Maze! Come explore the maze together and have a tailgate picnic lunch with hot chili Sunday, Oct. 27, after the second service. Sign up in the foyer so we can plan for lunch. Group rate for the maze is \$3/person age 5 and up (children under 4 are free), Bring cool weather gear, chairs and your mud running shoes! The maze is on Birch Grove Road East off Hwy 2 and one mile south of Glacier Airport - watch for signs! For more information, contact the church office at (752-2400).

THREE OR MORE LADIES GATHERINGS: Ladies of Faith Covenant are invited to connect in groups of three for conversation over coffee on a rotating basis this winter. Different trios will meet November, January and February. One coordinator per trio will be assigned each month to find a time and a place that works for their trio. A schedule will be emailed at the beginning of November. Sign up by October 27 to take advantage of this unique opportunity to connect with other wonderful women in our church!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AUDIO: If you missed one of Pastor Shane's Sunday School classes on Biblical Interpretation you can find the recordings of each class and the class handout at faithcov.com/ministries/sunday-school/biblical-interpretation/.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU SEPTEMBER 30:
Targeted Budget = \$215,310.00; Offerings received = \$229,726.52

CLARISSE and ANDRY Sunday school offering status: Monthly goal = \$100;
October-to-date amount: \$142.80.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL: Faith Covenant's 24 hour prayer vigil commitment will be Friday, Nov. 1, (Thursday midnight to Friday midnight) outside All Families Healthcare located at 1060 N. Meridian Rd. in Kalispell. You can sign up for one hour time slots (3 people per hour) in the foyer. It is requested that each person who signs up also signs the Statement of Peace that can be found next to the schedule. Men are needed to sign up for the late night time slots. For more information contact Ken Miller (250-2383) or the campaign website: www.40daysforlife.com/Kalispell. All are welcome!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VOLUNTEER DAY: Faith Covenant is staffing a Habitat for Humanity work day on Saturday, Nov. 2. We had a great time this past spring volunteering with this worthy cause. We will meet in Columbia Falls at the building site (5th St. West - see map at signups) at 7:45 a.m. until 4 p.m. You can volunteer for all or just part of the day. Lunch and drinks are provided. There is both inside and outside work to do so don't be afraid of the weather. There are jobs for men, women, and teens between the ages of 15 and 18 with parental permission. Sign up on the sheet in the foyer by October 31 so that we can let Habitat know how many are coming.

(Announcements continued on next page)

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. What does “disciple” mean?
2. Dietrich Bonhoeffer (killed by the Nazis in WWII) regarding the Call: *“To the question—where today do we hear the call of Jesus to discipleship, there is no other answer than this: Hear the Word, receive the Sacraments; in it hear him himself, and you will hear his call.”*
3. How does Levi’s call to follow Jesus compare with those in Luke 9:57-62?
4. Bonhoeffer regarding the Confusion: *“Cheap grace is preaching forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline ... Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ living and incarnate”*
5. What are some of the challenges we face living as a biblical community in our time and place?
6. Bonhoeffer regarding the Community: *“It is impossible to become a new man as a solitary individual. The new man means more than the individual believer after he has been justified and sanctified. It means the Church, The Body of Christ, in fact it means Christ himself.”*
7. In what way is Jesus calling you to follow him that you are fearful of or reluctant about?

*BY FAITH, cont.

(Chorus)

*We will stand as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on him, our soul’s reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
we’ll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day
when the longed-for Messiah would appear
with the pow’r to break the chains of sin and death,
and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go
in the pow’r of the Spirit to the lost,
to deliver captives and to preach good news
in ev’ry corner of the earth.

(Chorus)

By faith this mountain shall be moved
and the pow’r of the gospel shall prevail,
for we know in Christ all things are possible
for all who call upon his name.

(Chorus)

Till the race is finished and the work is done,
we’ll walk by faith and not by sight.

*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.

SERMON OUTLINE

October 20, 2013

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Vision and Values

Sermon Title: *Spreading a Love for God through Discipleship*

Sermon Text: Mark 2, Luke 9, Ephesians 2

I. The Call

II. The Confusion

III. The Community

SERMON TEXT

Mark 2, Luke 9, Ephesians 2

Mark 2:13-14 (ESV)

¹³ He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. ¹⁴ And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

Luke 9:57-62 (ESV)

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

⁶¹ Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Eph 2:19-22 (NIV)

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.