

## 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*

**November 24, 2013**

*“So Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the LORD  
and did not wholly follow the LORD, as David his father had done.”  
1 Kings 11:6*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MOMENT FOR MINISTRY:** *PCA Ministerial Relief Fund*

## **His Calling and Our Praise**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 47:6-9*

Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

**All: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!  
God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**

Leader: The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

**All: For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!**

**\*COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING** – *Hymn #457*

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

*(\*Indicates when to stand)*

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

**\*GOD OF ALL SPLENDOR**

God of all splendor, wonder and might;  
awesome creator, author of life;  
Master and Savior, wholly divine;  
God of all splendor, wonder and might.

*(Chorus)*

*Who is like you, oh Lord, worthy of all praise.  
Who is like you, oh Lord, let all the earth proclaim.  
Your kingdom forever, love shining bright;  
God of all splendor, wonder and might.*

God of all splendor, wonder and might;  
essence of beauty and all that is right;  
King of all glory, heaven's pure light;  
God of all splendor, wonder and might.  
*(Chorus 2x)*

**\*GOD OF GRACE**

God of grace, amazing wonder,  
irresistible and free;  
oh, the miracle of mercy;  
Jesus reaches down to me.  
God of grace, I stand in wonder,  
as my God restores my soul.  
His own blood has paid my ransom;  
awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me  
long before the world began;  
sent my Savior down from heaven;  
perfect God and perfect man.  
God of grace, I trust in Jesus;  
I'm accepted as his own.  
Every day his grace sustains me,  
as I lean on him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded,  
cleansed, forgiven and secure.  
All my fears are now confounded  
and my hope is ever sure.  
God of grace, now crowned in glory,  
where one day I'll see your face;  
and forever I'll adore you  
in your everlasting grace.

**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**

Wednesday – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
– NO Senior High Youth Group  
– NO Junior High Youth Group  
Thursday – Happy Thanksgiving!  
Saturday – Hanging of the Greens, 10 a.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, Dec. 1 – Pastors' Lunch, 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall  
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  
Sunday, Dec. 8 – Women's Christmas Cookie Exchange, 2 p.m. at 30 Chip Court  
Thursday, Dec. 12 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church  
Tuesday, Dec. 17 – Elder/Deacon Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church  
Wednesday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 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](mailto: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) ..... Tamie & Kathryn Jentz  
WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM) ..... Theresa Paolini  
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants) ..... Nicole Waldron & Annalise Pierson  
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) ..... Cathy Hanson  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS ..... Sharon Riley & Cathy Hanson  
COMMUNION PREP ..... Christy Heath  
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Jeanie Brenneman

### NEXT SUNDAY – DECEMBER 1

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM) ..... Nick & Hanni Hanson  
USHERS/GREETERS (11 AM) ..... Nick & Hanni Hanson  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11 AM service only) ..... Tamie & Kathryn Jentz  
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants) ..... Yvonne Hernandez & Kelly Brown  
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) ..... Marlo Lancaster  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS ..... Kate Anderson & Jenae Schmutz  
COMMUNION PREP ..... Carol Martin  
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Hanni Hanson

## His Renewal and Our Hope

### COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

#### SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Proverbs 1:8-10*

Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck. My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.

**All: Most merciful father, we acknowledge and confess that we are prone to evil and are lazy in doing good. All our shortcomings and offences are against you. We have sinned by wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts and forgetting your love. O Lord, have pity on us. Teach us to hate our sins. Cleanse us from our secret faults. Do not cast us out, but forgive all our sins on account of your dear Son, our Savior.**

### SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

#### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *John 6:37-39*

Jesus said: 'All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.'

#### **\*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)*

## 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)*

**\*WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD, OUR REDEEMER, CREATOR** – Hymn #97

**\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

## **His Word and Our Response**

**Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson**

**Sermon Series: Learning From the Life of Solomon**

**Sermon Title: *Slipping Away***

**Sermon Text: 1 Kings 11:1-43**

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

**\*LAMB OF GOD**

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side,  
to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

*(Chorus)*

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God. O wash me in  
his precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned him as he died;  
The humble King they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

*(Chorus)*

I was so lost I should have died, but you have brought me to your side,  
to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God. O wash me in  
his precious blood. Till I am just a lamb of God.*

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

**All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is indeed good, right, and our delight that we should at all times  
and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father,  
Almighty, Everlasting God.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Faith Lutheran Church,  
Kalispell, Pastor Steve Snipstead

**MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Matt & Becky Allhands,  
Eugene, OR, with RUF at the University of Oregon

**NO YOUTH GROUP:** Both the junior high and senior high youth groups will  
NOT meet Wednesday, November 27, the night before Thanksgiving. Have a Happy  
Thanksgiving!

**HANGING OF THE GREENS:** Many hands make for light work if everyone pitches in  
to help with the annual Hanging of the Greens Saturday, Nov. 30, at 10 a.m. Come start  
the Christmas season by decorating our sanctuary for the holidays.

**PASTORS' LUNCH:** Newcomers to Faith Covenant in the last year are invited to lunch  
with the pastors in the fellowship hall on Sunday, Dec. 1, after the second service. RSVP  
to the church office at 752-2400 or office@faithcov.com.

**GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU OCTOBER 31:**

Targeted Budget = \$237,393.08; Offerings received = \$248,381.48

**CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE:** Ladies, mark your calendars for a Christmas  
Cookie Exchange Sunday, December 8, at 2 p.m. at Laura Pierson's home (30 Chip  
Court). Bring two dozen cookies to exchange, and an item for the Hope Pregnancy  
Center: they are in need of diapers, wipes and baby blankets for boys. Come be a blessing  
to the women of our church and new mothers in our community!

**CHILDCARE VOLUNTEER NEEDED:** Adult volunteers are needed for childcare  
for the Refuge domestic abuse support group on a weekly basis for two hours. If you can  
help with this pressing need, contact the church office (752-2400 or office@faithcov.  
com).

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

***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. In verse 5, the phrase: “did what was evil in the sight of the Lord” appears 25 times in 1 and 2 Kings. What is significant about about Solomon being the first?
2. How does the text show us that Solomon’s idolatry is not innocent mistakes on his part? What is the significance of the word ‘heart’ in this chapter?
3. How does the author parallel chapter 11 with Deut. 17:14-20? What were the significant ways Solomon disobeyed God’s commands in Deut. 17?
4. What role do Hadad and Rezon have in the story of Solomon? How was the Lord preparing events for Israel’s future discipline?
5. In verse 38, Jeroboam receives the same promise from the Lord that he had given to Solomon. How does this interact with the promise made to David?
6. Twice the Lord mentions “for the sake of my servant David.” What do we see of the gracious nature of God in this?
7. In what ways can we compare the tearing of the prophet Ahijah’s garment with the tearing of the temple veil at Christ’s death? How is Jesus the true Son of David?

### **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**

#### ***\*THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD***

Would you be free from your burden of sin?  
There’s power in the blood, pow’r in the blood;  
Would you o’er evil a victory win?  
There’s wonderful pow’r in the blood.

*(Chorus)*

*There is pow’r; pow’r, wonder-working pow’r  
in the blood of the Lamb.*

*There is pow’r; pow’r, wonder-working pow’r  
in the precious blood of the Lamb.*

Would you be free from your passion and pride?  
There’s power in the blood, pow’r in the blood;  
Come for a cleansing to Calvary’s tide.  
There’s wonderful pow’r in the blood.

*(Chorus)*

Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?  
There’s power in the blood, pow’r in the blood;  
Sin stains are lost in its life-giving flow.  
There’s wonderful pow’r in the blood.

*(Chorus)*

Would you do service for Jesus your King?  
There’s power in the blood, pow’r in the blood;  
Would you live daily his praises to sing?  
There’s wonderful pow’r in the blood.

*(Chorus 2x)*

#### **\*BENEDICTION**



## SERMON OUTLINE

November 24, 2013

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Learning From the Life of Solomon

Sermon Title: *Slipping Away*

### I. Sliding in Idolatry

### II. Who am I?

### III. Ending Well

## SERMON TEXT

1 Kings 11:1-43 (ESV)

Now King Solomon loved many foreign women, along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women, <sup>2</sup> from the nations concerning which the LORD had said to the people of Israel, “You shall not enter into marriage with them, neither shall they with you, for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods.” Solomon clung to these in love. <sup>3</sup> He had 700 wives, princesses, and 300 concubines. And his wives turned away his heart. <sup>4</sup> For when Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not wholly true to the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father. <sup>5</sup> For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. <sup>6</sup> So Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and did not wholly follow the LORD, as David his father had done. <sup>7</sup> Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, and for Molech the abomination of the Ammonites, on the mountain east of Jerusalem. <sup>8</sup> And so he did for all his foreign wives, who made offerings and sacrificed to their gods.

<sup>9</sup> And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned away from the LORD, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice <sup>10</sup> and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods. But he did not keep what the LORD commanded. <sup>11</sup> Therefore the LORD said to Solomon, “Since this has been your practice and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes that I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you and will give it to your servant. <sup>12</sup> Yet for the sake of David your father I will not do it in your days, but I will tear it out of the hand of your son. <sup>13</sup> However, I will not tear away all the kingdom, but I will give one tribe to your son, for the sake of David my servant and for the sake of Jerusalem that I have chosen.”...

<sup>14</sup> And the LORD raised up an adversary against Solomon, Hadad the Edomite. He was of the royal house in Edom...

<sup>23</sup> God also raised up as an adversary to him, Rezon the son of Eliada, who had fled from his master Hadadezer king of Zobah...

<sup>29</sup> And at that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him on the road... <sup>31</sup> And he said to Jeroboam,... <sup>37</sup> And I will take you, and you shall reign over all that your soul desires, and you shall be king over Israel.