

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 10, 2013

“Behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.” 1 Kings 3:12

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 47:1-4*

Leader: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

All: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

Leader: He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

***COME, PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING**

Come people of the Risen King
who delight to bring him praise.
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
we will lift our eyes to him;
where steady arms of mercy reach
to gather children in.

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*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

***COME, PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING , cont.**

(Chorus)

*Rejoice, rejoice, let ev'ry tongue rejoice.
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ rejoice!*

Come those whose joy is morning sun
and those weeping through the night.
Come those who tell of battles won
and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change
and His mercies never cease;
but follow us through all our days
with the certain hope of peace.

(Chorus)

Come young and old from ev'ry land,
men and women of the faith.
Come those with full or empty hands
find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world his people sing
shore to shore we hear them call;
the truth that cries through ev'ry age
our God is all in all.

(Chorus 2x)

***GOD OF WONDERS**

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky.
The heavens are your tabernacle; glory to the Lord on high.

(Chorus)

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy you are holy, holy.
The universe declares your majesty; you are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.*

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness, I will call your name by night.

(Chorus)

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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 – Fellowship Committee Meeting, 7 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, 5:30 p.m. at 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)

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
Saturday, Dec. 7 – Women's Christmas Event
Thursday, Dec. 12 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian 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)..... Dar Wassink & Annalise Pierson
 WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM) Darcy Hearn
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants)..... Leah Wiersma
 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

NEXT SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 17

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)..... Chelcie Miller
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Marlo Lancaster
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Jeri Brown & Patti Albert
 COMMUNION PREP..... Terry & Judy Fosbery
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Lori Vander Ark

*GOD OF WONDERS, cont.

(Bridge)

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.
 Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.
 Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.
 You are holy, holy.

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy you are holy, holy.
 Precious Lord reveal your heart to me; you are holy, holy.
 The universe declares your majesty; you are holy, holy.
 Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.*

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

**COME THOU ALMIGHTY KING – Hymn #101*

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Mark 12:30-31*

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

All: Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and great in mercy. Restore to us the joy of our salvation; bind that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest for our souls for the sake of your Son, our Savior-Jesus. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Zephaniah 3:17*

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

– *The Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Question 32*

Minister: Why are you called a Christian?

All: Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

***IN CHRIST ALONE**

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save;
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
For ev’ry sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory sin’s curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow’r of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
*No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand.
Till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand,
here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.*

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)*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Rocky Mountain Community Church-PCA, Billings, Pastor Alfred Poirier and Pastor Jason Barrie

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Matt & Becky Allhands in Eugene, Ore., who work with RUF at the University of Oregon

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 Schmutz.

WE WILL BE COLLECTING OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD gift-filled shoeboxes to bring joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world. Pick up a brochure of instructions with the box label and a coloring sheet in the foyer. **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.

On an on-going basis, **FAMILY HOME VISITS** are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month. Two Elders come to your home at 7:00 p.m. for an informal visit and to encourage you. This is also an appropriate time to raise any questions or concerns you may have. If you require a different time or day, we will try to accommodate your schedule. The office will make calls the prior month to arrange *your* visit. We look forward to seeing you!

~~Faith Covenant Church Elders

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. Verse 1 bring us to a crossroads in the life of Solomon. Will he be a bridge for the nations to enter into covenant with the Lord, or will he let the nations lead him away? Compare this with 1 Kings 11:1-8.
2. “Wisdom is skill in the art of godly living.” How does this bring together both the intellectual and practical aspects of living?
3. How are we to understand Solomon’s dream in light of Hebrews 1:1-2?
4. How does the words of Jeremiah temper our understanding of wisdom? Jer. 9:23 “Thus says the LORD: ‘Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.’”
5. What is significant about the word ‘wisdom’ not appearing again in the Book of Kings after the death of Solomon?
6. How is Solomon a picture of Christ in this chapter? How is Jesus the only true embodiment of wisdom?
7. If someone were to look at your life from the outside, what would they say are your highest pursuits based on what they saw?

**GIVE THANKS*

Give thanks with a grateful heart.

Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ, his son.

(Repeat)

And now let the weak say, “I am strong.”

Let the poor say, “I am rich

because of what the Lord has done for us.”

(Repeat)

Give thanks. Give thanks.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION*

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson

Sermon Series: Learning From the Life of Solomon

Sermon Title: *Wisdom - A Gift to Pursue*

Sermon Text: 1 King 3:1-28

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

**THIS IS MY FATHER’S WORLD – Hymn #111*

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

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY – Hymn #55*

***BENEDICTION**

SERMON OUTLINE

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Sermon Text: 1 King 3:1-28

I. Wisdom as a gift

II. Wisdom as a gift that keeps on giving

SERMON TEXT

1 King 3:1-28

¹ Solomon made a marriage alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt. He took Pharaoh's daughter and brought her into the city of David until he had finished building his own house and the house of the LORD and the wall around Jerusalem. ² The people were sacrificing at the high places, however, because no house had yet been built for the name of the LORD.

³ Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father, only he sacrificed and made offerings at the high places. ⁴ And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹ Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" ¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³ I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴ And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." ¹⁵ And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.