

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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“Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory.” 1 Peter 1:8

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *1 Chronicles 16:8-11*

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

All: Sing to him; sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

All: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

***I WILL CALL UPON THE LORD** – *(Men lead/women echo)*

I will call upon the Lord *(echo)*

who is worthy to be praised. *(echo)*

So shall I be saved from my enemies. *(echo)*

I will call upon the Lord. *(together)*

(Repeat)

The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock,
and may the God of my salvation be exalted.

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(Repeat all)

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

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

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

**THE PERFECT WISDOM OF OUR GOD – music in pew racks*

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *2 John 1:6, 8-9*

And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments... Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward. Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

All: Our soul is like a house, small for you to enter, but we pray that you will enlarge it. It is in ruins, but we ask you to remake it. It contains much that you will not be pleased to see; this we know and do not hide. But to whom can we cry except to you? Forgive us, O Lord. Cleanse us from our sins, O Lord, and our secret sins. What wretches we are! In your mercy, Lord our God, tell us what you are to us. "Say to my soul, 'I am your salvation.'" Come, O Lord, and stir our hearts. Call us back to yourself. Kindle your fire in us and carry us away. Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us love you and hasten to your side. *(Adapted from St. Augustine's Confessions)*

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Colossians 1:13-14*

God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

***SCRIPTURAL CONFESSION OF FAITH:** *Colossians 1:15-20*

All: Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

CALENDAR

TODAY

8:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
9:45 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship
10:00 a.m. – Sunday School
11:00 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE

THIS WEEK

Tuesday – Elder/Deacon Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
Wednesday – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. at the church
– Jr. High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. at the church
– Sr. High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. at the Neumanns'

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, Feb. 4 – Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church
Thursday, Feb. 13 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church
Friday, Feb. 14 – Neighbors in Need Valentine Luncheon
Tuesday, Feb. 18 – Elder/Deacon Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
Friday, Feb. 28-Mar. 1 – Ladies Winter Retreat, details to come

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.

JANUARY

DEACON OF THE MONTHBruce Tulloch
 NURSERY M.O.M. (Mom of the Month)..... Leah Wiersma
 NURSERY COORDINATOR..... Darcy Hearn
Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 270-8933.

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM)..... Doug & Jeri Brown
 USHERS/GREETERS (11 AM) Scott & Sue Richardson
 CHILDREN’S CHURCH (11 AM service only)..... Tamie & Kathryn Jentz
 WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM) Darcy Hearn
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants)..... Millers
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Turners
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Patti Albert & Jeri Brown
 COMMUNION PREP..... Carolyn Duncan
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UPHanni Hanson

NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 2

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM)..... Doug & Jeri Brown
 USHERS/GREETERS (11 AM) Scott & Sue Richardson
 CHILDREN’S CHURCH (11 AM service only)..... Shari Montague
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants)..... Nicole Waldron & Annalise Pierson
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Lancasters
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Joani Eisentraut & Sara Motley
 COMMUNION PREP..... Terry & Judy Fosbery
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Yvonne Hernandez

****I WILL PRAISE HIM STILL***

When the morning falls on the farthest hill,
 I will sing his name, I will praise him, still.
 When the dark trials come and my heart is filled
 with the weight of doubt, I will praise him, still.

For the Lord, our God, he is strong to save
 from the arms of death from the deepest grave.
 And he gave us life in his perfect will;
 and by his good grace I will praise him, still.
(Repeat all)

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM OF:

Miranda Lynn Olmsted

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)*

INDESCRIBABLE

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
 creation’s revealing your majesty.
 From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring,
 ev’ry creature unique in the song that it sings,
 all exclaiming:

(Chorus 1)

*Indescribable uncontainable, you placed the stars in the sky
 and you know them by name. You are amazing, God!
 All powerful, untamable, awestruck we fall to our knees
 as we humbly proclaim; you are amazing, God!*

Who has told ev’ry lightning bolt where it should go;
 or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow.
 Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,
 yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night;
 none can fathom:

(Chorus 1)

(Chorus 2)

*Indescribable uncontainable, you placed the stars in the sky
 and you know them by name. You are amazing, God!
 Incomparable, unchangeable, you see the depths of my heart
 and you love me the same.
 You are amazing, God! You are amazing, God!*

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson

Sermon Series: 1 Peter - Living in Exile

Sermon Title: *Present Joy in Future Glory*

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 1:6-12

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

***LIKE A RIVER GLORIOUS** – Hymn #699

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

***O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO**

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;

I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow’st all my way, I yield my flick’ring torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine’s blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life’s glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

***BENEDICTION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Central Bible Church,
Kalispell, Pastor Ron Youde

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Rohan & Becky Crown,
PCA missionaries/church planters in Lethbridge, AB.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE: If you are looking for an opportunity to become involved in the various ministries of Faith Covenant Church, you can sign up at the tables in the foyer. If you are currently serving in a ministry, you will stay on the list unless you tell us otherwise. There are many areas where we could use your help! Contact the church office at 752-2400 if you have questions.

FOOD, FUN, and FELLOWSHIP DINNERS! We invite YOU to sign up to have a monthly dinner with 7–9 other individuals from our church family. You will meet once a month, March thru May, and share a meal with a different group of people each month (couples stay together). A host will be assigned for each month to host in their home (or another location of their choice). This is an opportunity to get to know more about many people and to be blessed by meeting together. ***Sign up by February 9 in the foyer!***

100 FOLD STUDIOS: Garrett and Sarah Morrison will give a presentation about their ministry, 100 Fold Studios, during the adult Sunday School classes on Sunday, Feb. 2. 100 Fold Studios is a non-profit architectural firm providing innovative and affordable design services for local and global missions and was approved for regular support in the 2014 Faith Covenant budget.

MTW CONFERENCE PUBLIC LINK: If you are interested in listening to the presentations from the Mission to The World conference last fall, go to the public link at https://www.dropbox.com/sh/621pj02qdmjvv9/VJnh_s-EWc.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN—FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on **Thursday, February 13** at **Central Christian Church**. If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmutz.

THANK YOU FOR FUNERAL HELP: Thank you to all those who have served, set up, cleaned up and prepared food for the three recent funerals at Faith Covenant. The fellowship committee appreciates every bit of all of your hard work! Remember to pick up your dishes in the fellowship hall if you brought food.

THE REFUGE: A SUPPORT GROUP FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE: If you or someone you know is a victim of physical, verbal or emotional abuse, Faith Covenant Church has a support group that can help. People with little or no church background are welcome to attend. Contact the church office (752-2400) for more information.

THREE DETAILED BIBLE READING PLANS are available to you on the table in the Fellowship Hall to help you read through the Bible in a year.

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. How are verses 6-7 the heart of Peter's overall message?
2. What are four reasons he gives for being able to endure trials?
3. How can suffering confirm our faith? What kind of suffering does Peter have in view?
4. In what way does Peter show continuity between the OT and the NT? In what way do NT saints have a better vantage point than those in the OT?
5. **Consider:** "Peter does not wish his readers to confuse the testing of their faith with the failure of their faith or to think that their distress implies they have inadequate faith." **Karen Jacobs. Why would this be important for them and us to know?**
6. **Our citizenship in the Kingdom of God will bring with it the 'privilege' of suffering for Christ. Has this message been left out of many modern gospel presentations? What has been the result?**
7. How does the cross of Christ help answer the problem of human suffering?

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

**Worship
Outreach
Relationship
Discipleship**

CONTACT INFORMATION

"Serving One Another in Love" Galatians 5:13

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SERMON OUTLINE

January 26, 2014

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: 1 Peter - Living in Exile

Sermon Title: *Present Joy in Future Glory*

I. Proven in Trials

II. Privileged in Revelation

SERMON TEXT

1 Peter 1:6-12 (ESV)

⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith--more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, ¹¹ inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.