

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
January 5, 2014

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God’s elect,...who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood.”
1 Peter 1:1-2

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Epiphany is a Greek word which means ‘to show,’ ‘to appear,’ or ‘to manifest.’ The Season of Christmas begins with the First Sunday of Advent, marked by expectation and anticipation, and concludes with Epiphany, which looks ahead to the mission of the church to the world in light of the Incarnation.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

**CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 60; Psalm 72*

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

All: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest.

All: Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory.

Leader: And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

All: Amen and amen.

*(*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 – Hymn #**

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.

(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)

*** SING TO THE KING**

Sing to the King who is coming to reign.
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain.
Life and salvation his empire shall bring,
and joy to the nations, when Jesus is King.

(song continued on next page)

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 – Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church
Wednesday – Jr. High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. at the church
– Sr. High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. at the Neumann's
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, Jan. 12 – Pastor's Lunch, 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall
Tuesday, Jan. 14 – Fellowship Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
Tuesday, Jan. 21 – Elder/Deacon Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
Wednesday, Jan. 22 – 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper followed by the
7:00 p.m. Annual Meeting
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

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)..... Dar Wassink & Annalise Pierson
WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM) Darcy Hearn
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants)..... Julie Thompson
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)Hanni Hanson
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Donelle Holderbaum
COMMUNION PREP..... Carol Martin
COMMUNION CLEAN-UPBenni Tulloch

NEXT SUNDAY – JANUARY 12

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WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Salyers
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Jeanie Brenneman & Nicole Hill
COMMUNION PREP..... Dar Wassink
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Lori VanderArk

* *SING TO THE KING, cont.*

(Chorus)

*Come, let us sing a song,
a song declaring that we belong to Jesus;
he is all we need. Lift up a heart of praise.
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus; sing to the King.*

For his returning we watch and we pray;
we will be ready the dawn of that day.
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed,
'cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King.
(Chorus 2x)

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

**THOU LOVELY SOURCE OF TRUE DELIGHT*

Thou lovely source of true delight whom I unseen adore;
unveil thy beauties to my sight that I might love thee more,
Oh that I might love thee more.

Thy glory o'er creation shines but in thy sacred word
I read, in fairer, brighter lines, my bleeding dying Lord,
see my bleeding, dying Lord.

'Tis here, whene'er my comforts droop and sin and sorrow rise,
thy love with cheering beams of hope my fainting heart supplies,
Oh, my fainting heart's supplied.

But ah! too soon the pleasing scene is clouded o'er with pain.
My gloomy fears rise dark between and I again complain,
Oh, and I again complain.

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light, Oh come with blissful ray;
break radiant through the shades of night and chase my fears away,
won't you chase my fears away.

Then shall my soul with rapture trace the wonders of thy love;
but the full glories of thy face are only known above,
they are only known above.

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1John 2:9-11*

Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

All: O Lord Almighty, you have called us out of darkness and have chosen us to be your people. We should be filled with gratitude for your mercy; we should be filled with courage to war against our flesh. Yet we consider ourselves worthy of your mercy, and barely lift a hand to fight against our lusts. Our conduct often gives no indication that we belong to you. Forgive us for abusing your grace by not resisting temptation. Forgive us for abasing your glory by not being a light to the world. Please fill us with boldness and righteousness in our words and in our deeds, so that the appearing of Christ Jesus our Lord would be evident in our lives, to his praise. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *John 1:9, 12*

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ...To all who have receive him, to those who believe in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

*COMMON CONFESSION OF FAITH: *The Nicene Creed - Hymnal page 846*

*WHEN ALL YOUR MERCIES, O MY GOD – *Hymn #56*

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)*

MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE – *Hymn #648*

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Alethia Christian Fellowship, Kalispell, Pastor Scott Keller

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

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL classes **RESUME** today, Jan. 5 at 10 a.m. Pastor Lloyd's class on Leviticus will be in Overflow Room #1 and Pastor Shane's class, Discover Relational Wisdom, will be in the sanctuary. Children's class locations are posted throughout the church.

THREE OR MORE LADIES FELLOWSHIP: Just a reminder, if you ladies signed up for Three or More gatherings, your next get together is in January. Check the schedule to see if you are the group coordinator. If you can't find your schedule, have questions or want to sign up (we will find a place for you!), contact the church office at 752-2400 or Women's Ministry Chair Becky Neumann (212-7664).

SOUP SIGNUPS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING are available on the table in the foyer. Twelve pots of soup are needed, enough to serve 12 (or more) each. Any kind of soup will be welcomed! Please bring your pot of soup to the church ready to serve by 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22. Assorted breads, crackers, and a light dessert will be provided. **Thank you!**

LADIES BIBLE STUDY - SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES: Ladies are invited to study the age-old spiritual disciplines practiced by Christians for hundreds of years such as prayer, fasting, silence and celebration. The study will meet monthly (January-May) with time to practice each selected discipline between meetings. Sign up in the foyer and contact Chany Ockert with questions (260-3221).

PASTORS' LUNCH: Newcomers to Faith Covenant in the last year are invited to lunch with the pastors in the Fellowship Hall after the second service. on Sunday, January 12. RSVP to the church office at 752-2400 or office@faithcov.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS on Wednesday, January 22, for our **ANNUAL MEETING**. A 6:00 p.m. soup supper will precede the 7:00 p.m. meeting. All members are encouraged to attend but you do not need to be a member to attend.

CLARISSE and ANDRY Sunday school offering status:
Monthly goal = \$100; December amount: \$54.75

COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on **Thursday, January 9** at **Central Christian Church**. If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmutz.

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. What is meant by “apostolic authority” and why is this important for us today?
2. 1 Peter answers the question of how believers are to maintain their Christian faith in the circumstances of persecution and social alienation. In what ways have you experienced being ostracized for being a Christian? How did you respond?
3. The Apostle did not seem to have our modern avoidance of theology. Election and predestination are put at the opening of this letter as well as the opening verses of Ephesians. How is this a comfort to Peter’s readers?
4. Peter uses the covenant language of Exodus 24:8 to refer to these believers and their relationship to God through Jesus. Why is this important for communicating with Gentile and Jewish Christians?
5. How does Peter open up with a Trinitarian reference? What does the “sanctifying work of the Spirit” refer to?
6. Chosen/elect and foreigners/exiles highlight the believer’s relationship with God and with unbelieving society. How does this double distinction help them to live under persecution with a right attitude?
 - a. Why do many struggle with the idea of predestination or fore-ordination by God? How is this a comforting doctrine?
 - b. Consider: “*The Bible doesn’t say that God foreknows faith or anything else. It says that God foreknows his people and whom he foreknows, he predestines to be saved. He doesn’t know something about them, ahead of time, he knows them ahead of time!*” – Dr. Rayburn. Why do many want to add “the choice they would make” to “God foreknew”?

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson

Sermon Series: 1 Peter - Living Stones

Sermon Title: *Blessed by God*

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 1:1-2

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

***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.

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

***GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN** – Hymn #224

***BENEDICTION**

SERMON OUTLINE

January 5, 2014
Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson
Sermon Series: 1 Peter – Living Stones
Sermon Title: *Blessed by God*

I. Introduction to 1 Peter

II. Who are they? Chosen by God

III. How did this happen? A Triune Work

SERMON TEXT

1 Peter 1:1-2

**¹ Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,
To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus,
Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, ² who have been chosen
according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the
sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and
sprinkled with his blood:
May grace and peace be multiplied to you.**