

## 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*

**March 16, 2014**

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## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **His Calling and Our Praise**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 103:1-5, 8**

**Leader:** Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

**All:** **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,**

**Leader:** Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

**All:** **The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

*(\*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**

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)*

### **\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

#### **\*GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS - Hymn #32**

#### **\*COME YE SINNERS**

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore.  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity joined with power.  
He is able, he is able; he is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome; God's free bounty glorify:  
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall.  
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream.  
All the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.  
This he gives you, this he gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of his blood.  
Venture on him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.

## **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  
12:30 p.m. – Church Pot O'Luck in the fellowship hall

### **THIS WEEK**

Monday – Communicants' Class, 3:30-4:15 at the church, Monday - Thursday  
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'  
Thursday – Women's Ministry Meeting, 4:00 p.m. at the church  
– Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church  
Saturday – Seminar about the Refuge, 9 a.m. to noon, 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, March 23 – Spring Quarter Sunday School classes start  
Saturday, March 29 – Women's Spiritual Disciplines Study, 10:30 a.m. at the church  
Monday, March 31 – Women's Spiritual Disciplines Study, 6:30 p.m. at the church  
Tuesday, April 1 – Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church  
Thursday, April 10 – Women's Ministry Meeting, 4:00 p.m. at the church  
Thursday, April 10 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church  
Friday, April 11 – 40 Days for Life Vigil, details to come  
Tuesday, April 15 – Elder/Deacon Meeting, 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).*

## MARCH

DEACON OF THE MONTH ..... Ike Eisentraut  
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) ..... Paul & Alyssa Hobus  
USHERS/GREETERS (11 AM) ..... Bruce & Benni Tulloch  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11 AM service only) ..... Tamie & Kathryn Jentz  
WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM) ..... Darcy Hearn  
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants) ..... Hanni Hanson  
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) ..... Sharon Riley  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS ..... Cathy Hanson & Sue Richardson  
COMMUNION PREP ..... Carolyn Duncan  
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Lori Vander Ark

## NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 23

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM) ..... Paul & Alyssa Hobus  
USHERS/GREETERS (11 AM) ..... Bruce & Benni Tulloch  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11 AM service only) ..... Tamie & Kathryn Jentz  
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants) ..... Julie Thompson  
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) ..... Karen Hunnicutt  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS ..... Kate Anderson & Marlo Lancaster  
COMMUNION PREP ..... Christy Heath  
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Jeanie Brenneman

## His Renewal and Our Hope

### COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

#### SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 Corinthians 10:13*

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

**All: Lord, too often I am easily overtaken by my temptations. I do not take you at your word by looking for a way of escape. I do not struggle enough against my sins, and I seldom try to endure against them with any real effort. Righteous Father, you are faithful and merciful. Forgive me my sins for the sake of your Son Jesus. Grant to me new and fresh obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

#### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 25:6-7*

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

#### **\*AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

*(Chorus)*

*My chains are gone. I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood his mercy rains unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

*(Chorus 2x)*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow; the sun forbear to shine.  
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine, will be forever mine.  
You are forever mine.

## ORDINATION TO THE OFFICE OF RULING ELDER: *Micah Tinkham*

### 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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host.  
Praise Father and the Son; praise Father and the Son,  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
(Repeat)

Praise him from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him from whom all blessings flow.  
(Repeat)

Praise Father and the Son; praise Father and the Son;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

#### \*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### His Word and Our Response

**Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson**  
**Sermon Series: 1 Peter - Living as Exiles**  
**Sermon Title: *Living in Marriage***  
**Sermon Text: 1 Peter**  
(See pages 6-8 for sermon outline and text)

#### \*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.*

(song continued on next page)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** The Dwelling Place, Kalispell,  
Pastor Dan Sandler

**MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Pray for Seth & Rachel  
Parks and their transition back to the states from Turkey and for the safe and healthy  
delivery of their second baby due this month.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY POT O'LUCK:** Join us for a church potluck TODAY,  
immediately following the second service. No need to sign up, just bring one of the  
following: A-J a large hot main dish; and K-Z a large salad of any kind. The fellowship  
committee will provide bread and dessert. We'll see you there!

**SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL ADULT CLASSES:** The spring adult Sunday School  
classes start March 23. *What Did You Expect: Redeeming the Realities of Marriage*, a  
video-based course by Paul Tripp and facilitated by Steve Thompson and Duane Martin  
will be offered in the fellowship hall. *The Theology of Beauty* with Pastor Lloyd will be  
in the sanctuary.

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING:** Advanced theological and practical training will be offered  
for those interested in providing leadership in the church, their family or their sphere of  
influence. Sign up in the foyer if you are interested. Both men and women are invited.  
Contact Pastor Lloyd or Pastor Shane if you have questions about participating or the  
class content. Classes will be Tuesdays, starting April 8, at the church at 7 p.m.

**SEMINAR ON HELPING SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE:** Everyone is  
invited to an informational seminar about the Refuge Saturday, March 22, 9 a.m. to noon  
at the church. Pastor Shane will teach about the dynamics of domestic abuse and how to  
support survivors. If you would like to learn how to help abusive families or just want to  
learn more about the Refuge, please attend. Childcare and refreshments provided. Sign up  
in the foyer.

**ONLINE GIVING:** You may now give your offerings through the church website at  
[www.faithcov.com](http://www.faithcov.com). Click on the "launch secure giving" button and follow the simple  
directions to set up an account. Contact the office (752-2400) if you have questions.

### Questions for Reflection and Discussion, continued

2. The Bible's instruction regarding outer adornment is a good example of what it means to hold truths in tension. Outer adornment is spoken of as positive (Gen 24:53, Ezk 16:1-13; Isa 61:10; Song 1:10-11, Song 4:9), and outer adornment is warned against (Isa 3:16; 1 Tim 2:9, Titus 2:5; 1 Pet 3:3). Both teachings have their right place in the lives of God's people. How has holding to one truth to the exclusion of the other been problematic on this issue?

3. Peter's instruction here to women with unbelieving husbands contains an evangelistic purpose. In light of their circumstances, they have an opportunity to endure difficulty for the sake of begin a witness to Christ. How might you encourage someone in this position based on what Peter has been saying in ch. 2? Consider also that the respect mentioned in v-2 is to be directed at the Lord.

4. Men and women are equally made in God's image (Gen 1:26-27). They have equal access to salvation in Christ (Gal 3:28). We also know that there are differences between the genders that are more than biological. How does Jesus' submission to the Father combine these aspects of unity and diversity that should be the model for men and women? (Cf. 1 Cor 15:27-28; Phil 2:6; Eph 5:25-33)

5. Vs. 6 refers to Gen. 18:12 where Sarah refers to Abraham as her lord (it is not a direct address). This is reference for respect, many different classes of people were called 'lord' similar to our saying 'sir'.

6. Consider: *"Wives should be subject to their husbands, not from dread and amazement, but from desire to do well, and please God. The husband's duty to the wife implies giving due respect unto her, and maintaining her authority, protecting her, and placing trust in her. They are heirs together of all the blessings of this life and that which is to come, and should live peaceably one with another. Prayer sweetens their converse."* – Matthew Henry

7. In what way can prayers be hindered? How is Peter's command for husbands to honor wives completely unique in his day?

8. If the word submission is used repeatedly in your home, you likely do not have a biblical view of what it means. If any idea of submission is relegated to "cultural differences not applicable for today" then you likely do not have a biblical view of submission. How does the gospel inform our views of submission?

### **\*GOD OF ALL SPLENDOR, continued**

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)

### **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**

**\*I WILL SING OF MY REDEEMER** - Hymn #650

### **\*BENEDICTION**

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

**Worship  
Outreach  
Relationship  
Discipleship**

## SERMON OUTLINE

March 16, 2014

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
Sermon Series: 1 Peter - Living as Exiles  
Sermon Title: *Living in Marriage*

### I. The inner disposition of the heart

### II. The outer adornment of the body

### III. Unhindered prayers

## SERMON TEXT

1 Peter 3:1-7 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, <sup>2</sup> when they see your respectful and pure conduct. <sup>3</sup> Do not let your adorning be external--the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear-- <sup>4</sup> but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. <sup>5</sup> For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, <sup>6</sup> as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening. <sup>7</sup> Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

### *Questions for Reflection and Discussion*

1. Peter's instruction here is to wives in particular, not to women in general. (cf Eph. 5:22-23; Col. 3:18; Titus 2:4-5). Consider this following:

What Submission Is Not: (based on 1 Peter 3:1-6) — John Piper

1. *Submission does not mean agreeing with everything your husband says.*
2. *Submission does not mean leaving your brain or your will at the wedding altar.*
3. *Submission does not mean avoiding every effort to change a husband.*
4. *Submission does not mean putting the will of the husband before the will of Christ.*
5. *Submission does not mean that a wife gets her personal, spiritual strength primarily through her husband.*
6. *Finally, submission does not mean that a wife is to act out of fear.*

What is Submission: — John Piper

*"Submission is the divine calling of a wife to honor and affirm her husband's leadership and help carry it through according to her gifts. It's the disposition to follow a husband's authority and an inclination to yield to his leadership. It is an attitude that says, 'I delight for you to take the initiative in our family. I am glad when you take responsibility for things and lead with love. I don't flourish in the relationship when you are passive and I have to make sure the family works.'"*