

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 9, 2014

*“For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you,
leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.”
1 Peter 2:21*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 18**

Leader: I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised.

All: For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?

Leader: The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation.

All: I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations, and sing to your name.

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

***ACROSS THE LANDS**

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began.
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of your voice.
Let the skies declare your glory; let the land and seas rejoice!

(Chorus)

*You're the author of creation; you're the Lord of ev'ry man;
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,
and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry; with a word you calmed the sea;
yet how silently you suffered that the guilty may go free!

(Chorus)

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave,
and ascended into heaven, leading captives in your way.
Now you stand before the Father, interceding for your own;
from each tribe and tongue and nation, you are leading sinners home!

(Chorus 2x)

***SING ALLELUIA**

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing.
Sun, moon and stars rejoice on high; praise to the Lord of light divine.

(Chorus)

*Sing alleluia, sing alleluia,
praise the Father above, sing alleluia.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia,
for his infinite love, sing alleluia.*

Praise to the giver of good things, merciful Father, holy King.
Join with the angels, sing out loud, praise him who reigns above the clouds.

(Chorus 2x)

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE** – Hymn #648

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

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 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church
Sunday – Church Pot O'Luck, immediately following second service

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, March 18 – Elder/Deacon Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
Thursday, March 20 – Women's Ministry Meeting, 4:00 p.m. at the church
Saturday, March 22 – Seminar about the Refuge, 9 a.m. to noon, at the church
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
Tuesay, 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.

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) Dar Wassink & Annalise Pierson
WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM) Darcy Hearn
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants) Kate Anderson
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Sharon Salyer
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Tamie Jentz & Barbara Makowski
COMMUNION PREP Fosberys
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Benni Tulloch

NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 16

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) Hanni Hanson
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Sharon Riley
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Cathy Hanson & Marlo Lancaster
COMMUNION PREP Carolyn Duncan
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Lori Vander Ark

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalm 51:5-6, 16-17*

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart... For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

All: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. (*Psalm 51:1-4, 10*)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalm 23:1-4*

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**PSALM 23*

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters.
His goodness restores my soul.

(Chorus)

*And I will trust in you alone, and I will trust in you alone;
for your endless mercy follows me, your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil;
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.

(Chorus)

(song continued on next page)

***PSALM 23, continued**

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one;
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

(Chorus 2x)

*And I will trust in you alone, and I will trust in you alone;
for your endless mercy follows me, your goodness will lead me home.*

PUBLIC RECEPTION OF MEMBERS:

*Tom & Pat Tucker
Sandy & Gloria Johnson*

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)*

MY HEART IS FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who bore my pain;
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;
who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in his light
and wrote his law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who walks beside;
who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;
whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take,
sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above,
whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King;
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson
Sermon Series: 1 Peter - Living as Exiles
Sermon Title: *Living with Injustice*
Sermon Text: 1 Peter 2:18-25
(See pages 6-8 for sermon outline and text)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Grace Church, Kalispell,
Pastor Chris Miller

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 Sunday, March
16, 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!

COMMUNICANT'S CLASS: If you are interested in your child attending a
Communicant's Class this spring, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer. The class
consists of four sessions March 17-20 at the church at 3:30-4:15 p.m.

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.

MISSION TRIP TO COLVILLE, WA: Join the Mission to the World team serving in
Colville, Washington, this June 21-28th. Registration is due March 14. Sign up in the
foyer; for more information, contact Joe Swenson (871-5273) or go to mtwttrips.com.

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. 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.

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

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. In v-18, “servants” can be translated as “slaves” for that is what they were. Many people struggle over how the NT addresses slavery, it neither condemns nor condones. However, if true Christian ethics take root in the lives of believers, this will and did lead to the end of slavery. What would be parallels for us today?

2. We are called as believers to endure suffering without bitterness or revenge in our hearts. Of this John Piper says: *“I want to say from the outset that this is not merely a rule to be kept, but a miracle to be experienced, and a grace to be received.”* Comment.

3. How incredible different is this ethos of the Bible from our society? When our culture’s dictum: “I should be free to do whatever I want” runs head into what Peter is saying here, what usually happens? What Peter is telling us is a calling, a duty, for all believers.

4. We are commanded to love our enemies. This alone sets Christians apart from the world. Yet, if we are able to change our circumstances (Acts 22:25; 1 Cor 7:21), we are permitted to do so. If you have no other choice but to endure, the message is endure like Christ.

5. Consider: *“The purpose of Christ’s death was not merely to provide forgiveness but to empower his people to ‘live for righteousness.’”*—Thomas Schreiner. In what way is this an encouragement? In what way does this cause us alarm?

6. How does following Christ’s example help us when the good we are doing seems to be completely unnoticed by others or is flat out rejected by them?

**ALL FOR JESUS! – Hymn #565*

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

**YE SERVANTS OF GOD, YOUR MASTER PROCLAIM – Hymn #165*

*BENEDICTION

CONTACT INFORMATION

“Serving One Another in Love” Galatians 5:13

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SERMON OUTLINE

March 9, 2014

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

I. Enduring Injustice

II. Changing Injustice

II. Transformed by Injustice

SERMON TEXT

1 Peter 2:18-25 (ESV)

¹⁸ Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹ For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.