

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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*“Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life.
Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live”
John 11:25*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

All: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

All: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

***THE DAY OF RESURRECTION! - Hymn #267**

***CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY - Hymn #277 vs. 1-3,5**

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING - Hymn #310**

***All: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!**

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: Romans 6

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?...If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires ... Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.

All: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. Yet we confess that we remain captive to doubt and to fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to your call to peace. Father, forgive us for hearts that are unmoved by your mercy, for hearts that avoid dying with Christ. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: Romans 5:8-10

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

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CALENDAR

TODAY

8:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
9:45 a.m. – Easter Breakfast (No Sunday School)
11:00 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE

THIS WEEK

Tuesday – Leadership Training Class, 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'
Saturday – Ladies' Spiritual Disciplines Study, 10:30 a.m. 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, Trustee Meeting
3rd Tuesdays – Elders/Deacons' meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Tuesdays – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross' home, (Sept.-May)

Monday, April 28 – Ladies' Spiritual Disciplines Study, 6:30 p.m. at the church
Tuesday, April 29 – Leadership Training Class, 7:00 p.m. at the church
Friday, May 2-3 – Men's Retreat, Bend Guard Station, see announcements
Sunday, May 4 – Ladies' Jane Austen Tea Party, 3:00 p.m. at the church
Tuesday, May 6 – Trustees' Meeting, 6:00 p.m. at the church
– Leadership Training Class, 7:00 p.m. at the church
Thursday, May 8 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church
Saturday, May 17 – Habitat for Humanity Work Day, watch for details
Sunday, May 18 – Graduation Sunday
Tuesday, May 20 – Elders/Deacon Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on **Thursday, May 8**, at **Central Christian Church**. If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmutz.

SILVER RING THING: The 2014 Silver Ring Thing “One Night Stand” national abstinence program tour is coming to Flathead High School Tuesday, April 22, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$3 in advance from the church office or \$5 at the door. A free parent session is also offered 7-7:45 p.m. the same evening.

AFRICAN CHILDREN’S CHOIR: Don’t miss this opportunity to see the African Children’s Choir in the Flathead! Join us Wednesday, April 23, at 7 p.m. at Easthaven Baptist Church (2010 Whitefish Stage, Kalispell) to experience these beautiful children sharing their stories through song and dance. The concert is free but a free will offering will be taken.

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN’S CONFERENCE: Men from around Montana are invited to this national equipping conference at Easthaven Baptist on Saturday, May 17. See brochures in the fellowship hall or contact Rik Goodell (890-1973) for more information. Early group registration deadline is May 7th.

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.

APRIL

DEACON OF THE MONTH Doug Brown
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) Nick & Hanni Hanson
CHILDREN’S CHURCH (11 AM service only) Sharon & Zane Salyer
WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM) Darcy Hearn
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants) Trisha Carlson
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Sharon Riley
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Easter Breakfast
COMMUNION PREP Gary & Barb Fenner
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Donelle Holderbaum

NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 27

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM) Terry & Judy Fosbery
USHERS/GREETERS (11 AM) Nick & Hanni Hanson
CHILDREN’S CHURCH (11 AM service only) Dar Wassink & Annalise Pierson
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants) Brenda Olmsted
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Leah Wiersma
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Sara Motley & Joani Eisentraut
COMMUNION PREP Terry & Judy Fosbery
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Mark Rice

***COMMON CONFESSION OF FAITH:**

The Apostles’ Creed – Hymnal page 845

***JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN**

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee;
destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I’ve sought or hoped or known;
yet how rich is my condition, God and heav’n are still my own.

Take, my soul, thy full salvation, rise o’er sin and fear and care;
joy to find in every station something still to do or bear;
think what Spirit dwells within thee, what a Father’s smile is thine,
what a Savior died to win thee: child of heav’n, shouldst thou repine?

Hasten on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;
heav’n’s eternal day’s before thee, God’s own hand shall guide thee there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, swift shall pass thy pilgrim days;
hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight and prayer to praise.

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** - Hymn #732

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson

Sermon Series: Easter Sunday

Sermon Title: *What Difference Does It Make?*

Sermon Text: Luke 24:1-7

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

***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.

(song continued on next page)

****IN CHRIST ALONE, continued***

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.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.
(See FCC Observance below)

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

****LIFT HIGH THE CROSS*** - Hymn #263 vs. 1,3-5

***BENEDICTION**

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Easthaven Baptist Church, Kalispell, Pastor Daniel Lambert

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Jamie & Alissa Shattenberg with Red Island Restoration in Madagascar

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY, Easter Sunday. Join us downstairs for Easter breakfast served by our deacons at 9:45 a.m. Sunday School classes will resume meeting on Sunday, April 27.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING STARTS APRIL 22: Advanced theological and practical training will be offered for those interested in providing leadership in the church, their family or their sphere of influence. Contact the church office (752-2400) if you are interested. **Classes START THIS TUESDAY at the church at 7 p.m.**

LADIES SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES STUDY: The monthly Ladies Bible Study on Spiritual Disciplines will meet again Saturday, April 26, from 10:30 a.m. to noon **OR** Monday, April 28, from 6:30 pm to 8 pm. Choose the time that works for you and come even if you have missed previous sessions! This month's discipline is worship. Questions? Call Chany at 260-3221.

MEN'S RETREAT MAY 2-3: *Men are invited to the Annual Men's Retreat* at the Bend Guard Station west of Kalispell on the Thompson River Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3. The retreat begins Friday afternoon/evening with dinner and ends Saturday afternoon. Bring a sleeping bag, pillow and personal items. Sign up in the foyer so they can plan for meals. Cost for food will be divided among those attending. Contact Matt Riley at 261-6554 for more information.

JANE AUSTEN TEA PARTY MAY 4: Ladies of all ages are invited to *A Jane Austen Tea Party* on **Sunday, May 4**, at 3:00 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. **Please bring your own tea cup and saucer** and dust off your copies of *Pride and Prejudice* for a very English afternoon tea! Sign up in the foyer by April 27 to make your reservation.

CLARISSE and ANDRY Sunday school offering status:

Monthly goal = \$100; March amount: \$49.76

Thank you for the continued support for Clarisse and Andry in Madagascar. Your children's Sunday School offerings and donation checks in the regular offering continue to assist in paying for their Christian education. God has blessed them with your support.
~ FCC Missions Committee

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU APRIL 6:

Targeted Budget = \$80,742.31; Offerings received = \$81,538.16

THE REFUGE—A SUPPORT GROUP FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE:

If you or someone you know is experiencing physical, verbal or emotional abuse, Faith Covenant Church has a support group that can help. Women with little or no church background are welcome to attend. Contact the church office (752-2400) for more information.

(Announcements continued on next page)

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. Because of the Resurrection of the Son of God, how is everything changed? How is it possible to live as if it does not matter?
2. Regarding John 11:25, Calvin states: *“His first statement is, that he is the resurrection, because the restoration from death to life naturally comes before the state of life. Now the whole human race is plunged in death; and, therefore, no man will be a partaker of life until he is risen from the dead.”* What does this tell us about the state of humanity without Jesus?
3. In Philippians 3:10, the Apostle Paul speaks of knowing the power of Jesus resurrection in suffering. What do you think he means by this?
4. What from the life of the young foster child could you identify with? How did the gospel change his story? How has the the gospel changed yours?
5. Jesus makes us take his resurrection on his own terms. How does this foster grace in our hearts? In what way do some foster rebellion instead?
6. *“O God, who by your One and only Son has overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life; grant, we pray, that those who have been redeemed by his passion may rejoice in his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord.”* — 5th century prayer

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

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CONTACT INFORMATION

“Serving One Another in Love” Galatians 5:13

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SERMON OUTLINE

April 20, 2014

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Easter Sunday

Sermon Title: *What Difference Does It Make?*

I. The worst thing is never final.

II. There is real hope for real people.

SERMON TEXT

Luke 24:1-7 (ESV)

¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.”

John 11:25-26

²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.

1 Peter 1:3

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ...