

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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*“Faithful are the wounds of a friend;
profuse are the kisses of an enemy.”
Proverbs 27:6*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 33:1-5*

Leader: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

All: Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

Leader: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts. For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

All: He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

***O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING – Hymn #164**

***PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY – Hymn #53**

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

***YOU ARE HOLY**

You are holy (You are holy)
You are mighty (You are mighty)
You are worthy (You are worthy)
Worthy of praise (Worthy of praise)

I will follow (I will follow)
I will listen (I will listen)
I will love you (I will love you)
All of my days (All of my days)

I will sing to (You are Lord of lords)
And worship (You are King of kings)
The King who (You are mighty God)
Is worthy (Lord of everything)
I will love and (You're Emmanuel)
Adore you (You're the Great I Am)
And I will bow down (You're my Prince of Peace)
before you (Who is the Lamb)
I will sing to (You're my living God)
And worship (You're my saving grace)
The King who (You will reign forever)
Is worthy (You are Ancient of Days)
I will love and (You are alpha, omega)
Adore you (Beginning and end)
And I will bow down (You're my Savior, Messiah)
Before you (Redeemer and friend)
You're my Prince of Peace
And I will live my life for you.
(Repeat all)

You're my Prince of Peace
And I will live my life for you.

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFSSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Leviticus. 19:2, 17, 18*

You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. You shall not hate your brother in your heart, You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

CALENDAR

TODAY

8:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
9:45 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship
10:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE

THIS WEEK

Tuesday – Trustees' Meeting, 6:30 p.m, at the church
Wednesday – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 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)

Wednesday, July 9 – Ladies' Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 10 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church
Tuesday, July 15 – Elders/Deacons' meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 16 – Ladies' Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 5 – Trustees' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Friday-Sunday, Aug 22-24 – Family Camp at Middle Thompson Lake

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.

JUNE

DEACON OF THE MONTH Bill Gamble
 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) Russ Hadley & Carolyn Duncan
 USHERS/GREETERS (11 AM) Phil & Carol Van Duyne
 CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11 AM service only) Dar Wassink & Annalise Pierson
 WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM) Darcy Hearn
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants) Turners & Briahna Bennett
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Salyers
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Laura Pierson
 COMMUNION PREP Christy Heath
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Mark Rice

NEXT SUNDAY – JULY 6

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM) Nick & Hanni Hanson
 USHERS/GREETERS (11 AM) Phil & Carol Van Duyne
 CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11 AM service only) Tamie & Kathryn Jentz
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants) Brenda Olmsted
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Wiersmas
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Ellen Rowe & Hanni Hanson
 COMMUNION PREP Carol Martin
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Benni Tulloch

All: O most just and gracious God. We confess that we have sinned and fallen short of your holiness. We burn with inward lusts and do not have a zeal for holiness and purity. We have delighted in the savor of our own vengeance and not in your mercy. We too easily bear grudges against those made in your image. We have not loved others well, but have sought our desires above others. Be merciful toward us Father. Be reconciled to us, and let the blood of Jesus Christ cleanse us from all our sins.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Proverbs 28:13-14*

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy. Blessed is the one who fears the LORD always, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

*GRACE LIKE RAIN

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 so clearly.

(Chorus)

*Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me.
 Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away;
 they're washed away.*

‘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)

When we've been there ten thousand years
 bright shining as the sun,
 We've no less days to sing your praise
 than when we've first begun.

*Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me.
 Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away.
 (Chorus)*

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM OF:

Joli Buckley

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)*

AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS

At the foot of the cross where grace and suff'ring meet,
you have shown me your love through the judgment you received;
and you've won my heart, and you've won my heart.

(Chorus)

*Now I can trade these ashes in for beauty,
and wear forgiveness like a crown;
Coming to kiss the feet of mercy,
I lay ev'ry burden down at the foot of the cross.*

At the foot of the cross where I am made complete,
you have given me life through the death you bore for me;
and you've won my heart, and you've won my heart.

(Chorus)

*Trade these ashes in for beauty and wear forgiveness like a crown.
Coming to kiss the feet of mercy,
I lay ev'ry burden down; I lay ev'ry burden down at the foot of the cross.*

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Summer Psalms & Proverbs

Sermon Title: Faithful Wounds

Sermon Text: Proverbs 27:5-6

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

*BEHOLD OUR GOD

Who has held the oceans in his hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.

(Chorus)

*Behold our God, seated on his throne.
Come let us adore him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
Come let us adore him!*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Bible Study Fellowship

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: David and Ulrike Byle with The Bible Correspondence Course in Turkey. Pray for fruitful outreach and smooth travel as they return to Germany and the U.S. this summer.

JUST LOOKING CLASS: Are you new to Faith Covenant? Would you like to learn more about our church and the Presbyterian Church in America denomination? Membership is not required after taking the class but the class is required for membership. Sign up in the foyer. Classes will be Sundays following the second service starting August 3 for five weeks.

LADIES' SUMMER BIBLE STUDY: This year's summer Ladies' Bible study will cover four more sessions from The 2012 Gospel Coalition's Women's Conference that we studied at the winter retreat. Mark your calendar for Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. on July 9 & 16. Come join us even if it is only for one week!

FIRST SERVICE NURSERY HELP NEEDED: Darcy Hearn has been covering the first service nursery care every Sunday but needs to recruit some help on a rotating basis. If you are able to assist her with the 8:30 service, please contact the church office.

SUMMER SERVICE TIMES: Our two worship services will continue through the summer but the times will change starting TODAY, Sunday, June 29. First service will still be 8:30 a.m. and second service will start at 10:30 a.m.

IT'S TIME TO UPDATE OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY: Please fill out the form in the foyer even if your information has not changed since the directory was last printed. We would like to include everyone who attends Faith Covenant—you do not need to be a member to be included in the directory. If you would like to include children/family that do not live here, please use a SEPARATE form for them. Return forms to the church office.

**FAITH COVENANT CHURCH FAMILY CAMP ...
COMING THIS SUMMER TO A LAKE NEAR YOU!
SAVE THE DATE ... AUGUST 22-24.**

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU JUNE 15:
Targeted Budget = \$138,415.38; Offerings received =
\$141,270.18

COMMUNITY KITCHEN—FEEDING THE

FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve this week on **Thursday, July 10 at Central Christian Church.** If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmutz.

PRAYER CARDS are available in the pew racks for your prayer requests. According to how you mark your request, prayers can be for the Elders only, shared with the Deacons or put on the prayer chain. Place your request in the offering bag or give to any Elder or Pastor.



Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. **What side of the donkey do you tend to fall off regarding rebuking a friend?**
2. **Hiddenness (keeping a matter to yourself) can be a sign of wisdom, and here we see that openness (exposing a matter) is also a sign of wisdom. What are some guidelines for knowing the difference?**
3. **Wrong doing by a friend must be resolved. How have you done this well in your life? Where there times you did this poorly? What made the difference?**
4. **What does it mean to say: “There is no good way to say hard things, but there are ways that are worse than others.”?**
5. **How do you combine Leviticus 19:17 and Leviticus 19:18 in looking at correcting a friend?**
6. **Consider: “That secret love, that dares not risk a faithful wound, and spares rebuke, rather than inflict pain, judged by God’s standard, is hatred.” — Charles Bridges**
7. **How do the gospels demonstrate these principles in the life of Jesus?**

***BEHOLD OUR GOD, continued**

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?
(Chorus)

Who has felt the nails upon his hand,
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled by the grave,
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!
(Chorus)

You will reign forever, You will reign forever (Repeat)
(Chorus)

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

***JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE**

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began;
father love is reigning o’er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

***BENEDICTION**

SERMON OUTLINE

June 29, 2014

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Summer Psalms & Proverbs

Sermon Title: *Faithful Wounds*

I. Wounding Well

- a. When to speak up

- b. When speaking up is being a bully

- c. When to be silent

- d. When silence is being a coward

II. Bearing Wounds and Growing in Grace

SERMON TEXT

Proverbs 27:5-6 (ESV)

⁵ Better is open rebuke than hidden love.

⁶ Faithful are the wounds of a friend;
profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

Proverbs 28:23

Whoever rebukes a man will afterward find more favor
than he who flatters with his tongue.

Proverbs 9:9

Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;
teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.

Psalm 141:5

Let a righteous man strike me – it is a kindness;
let him rebuke me – it is oil for my head;
let my head not refuse it.
Yet my prayer is continually against their evil deeds.