

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

November 2, 2014

“And David said to Michal, “It was before the Lord, who chose me above your father and above all his house, to appoint me as prince over Israel, the people of the Lord—and I will celebrate before the Lord.”

2 Samuel 6:21

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY: *Compassion International*

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Psalm 100 (Responsive reading) – Hymnal page 821

***GOD OF WONDERS**

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky.
The heavens are your tabernacle; glory to the Lord on high.

(Chorus)

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy you are holy, holy.
The universe declares your majesty; you are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.*

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness, I will call your name by night.

(song continued on next page)

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

***GOD OF WONDERS, continued**

(Chorus)

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy you are holy, holy.
The universe declares your majesty; you are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.*

(Bridge)

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.
You are holy, holy.

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy you are holy, holy.
Precious Lord reveal your heart to me; you are holy, holy.
The universe declares your majesty; you are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.*

***YOUR LOVE O LORD**

Your love, oh Lord, reaches to the heavens.
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains.
Your justice flows like the ocean's tide.

I will lift my voice to worship you, my King.
I will find my strength in the shadow of your wings.
(Repeat all)

Your love, oh Lord, reaches to the heavens.
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.

***SCRIPTURE OF PRAISE: Psalm 36:5-7**

All: Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep ... How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***TO THEE I COME** – music in pew racks

CALENDAR

TODAY

- 8:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
- 9:45 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship
- 10:15 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:15 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
- 12:30 p.m. – Prime Timers 50+ Potluck at the church

THIS WEEK

- Tuesday – Leadership Class, 7:00 p.m. at the church
– Trustees' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday – Men's Fraternity Study, 6:00-7:30 a.m., at the church
– Senior High Youth Group, 7:00-9:00 at the church
– Junior High Youth Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the church

LOOKING AHEAD

- Tuesdays – Music practice, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays – Men's Fraternity Study, 6:00-7:30 a.m., at the church
– Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups 7:00 p.m. (Sept.-May)
- Weekly – Adult Small Groups (Sept.-May)
- 1st Sundays – Diaconal Offering
- 1st Tuesdays – Trustee Meeting
- 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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- Tuesday, November 11 – Elizabeth Women's Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross' home
 - Tuesday, November 11 – Leadership Training Class, 7:00 p.m. at the church
 - Wednesday, Nov. 12 – Men's Fraternity Study, 6:00-7:30 a.m. at the church
 - Thursday, Nov. 13 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m., Central Christian Church
 - Sunday, November 16 – Operation Christmas Shoeboxes Due, see announcements
 - Tuesday, November 18 – Elders/Deacon's meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
 - Sunday, November 23 – Thanks Potluck Dinner, 4 p.m. at the church
 - Tuesday, November 25 – Elizabeth Women's Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross' home
 - Tuesday, November 25 – Leadership Training Class, 7:00 p.m. at the church
 - Tuesday, December 2 – Trustees' Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church
 - Tuesday, December 2 – Leadership Training Class, 7:00 p.m. at the church
 - Tuesday, December 9 – Elizabeth Women's Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross' home

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next **Thursday, Nov. 13**, at **Central Christian Church**. If you have questions, contact Joyce Schmautz (249-6370) or Jenaé Schmautz (871-6182).

BENEFIT CONCERT: Bethlehem Lutheran Church (603 South Main, Kalispell) will host a concert Friday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m. to benefit Neighbors in Need. Artists from around the valley will be performing on organ, piano, vocal solos, quartets, hand bells and much more! An offering will be taken for Neighbors in Need whose goal is to provide vouchers for temporary housing, fuel, bus tickets and utility bills to local people who have no other resources.

We will be collecting **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES** to bring joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world. Check out the details about what is needed for a box at samaritanspurse.org, and pick up box labels in the foyer. **Boxes need to be returned to the church no later than Sunday, November 16.** Contact the church office for details.

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.

NOVEMBER

DEACON OF THE MONTHBuford Bennett
NURSERY M.O.M. (Mom of the Month)Jeri Brown
NURSERY COORDINATOR.....Darcy Hearn
Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 270-8933.

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM).....Hills
USHERS/GREETERS (11:15 AM).....Lancasters
CHILDREN’S CHURCH (11:15 AM service only).....Annalise Pierson & Taryn Iddings
WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM)Darcy Hearn
WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants).....Wendy Putzler
WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3 yrs.)Cathy Hanson
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS.....Joani Eisentraut & Kate Anderson
COMMUNION PREP.....Carolyn Duncan
COMMUNION CLEAN-UPMark Rice

NEXT SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 9

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM).....Van Duynes
USHERS/GREETERS (11:15 AM).....Ken & Terry Miller
CHILDREN’S CHURCH (11:15 AM service only)....Carol Van Duynes & Ana Thompson
WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM)Darcy Hearn
WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants).....Turners & Briahna Bennett
WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)Neumanns
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS.....Tamie Jentz & Barbara Makowski
COMMUNION PREP.....Fenners
COMMUNION CLEAN-UPBenni Tulloch

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalm 25:8-10, 12-14*

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies ... Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.

All: 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! For your name’s sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. (Psalm 25)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Matthew 11:28-30*

Jesus said: “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

***ALL TO JESUS I SURRENDER** – Hymn #562

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.
11:15 a.m. Service: Children ages 4-6 are excused for Children’s Church
(held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall)*

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING– Hymn #457

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: David - The Early Years

Sermon Title: *Sliding into Contempt*

Sermon Text: 1 Samuel 18:20-30, 2 Samuel 6:16-23

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

***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.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

***BE THOU MY VISION** – Hymn #642

***BENEDICTION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Samaritan House, Kalispell

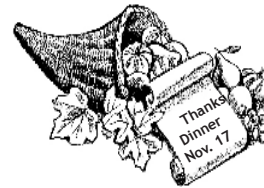
MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for Harold Mills in Oaxaca, Mexico. His family recently moved so pray for good housing, more supporters and a fruitful ministry in a new area.

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.

PRIME TIMERS 50+ POTLUCK: If you have 50 or more years of life experience, you won't want to miss this potluck event TODAY. Bring two dishes of your liking and bread, drinks and dessert will be provided. Show up at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to share food and a good time with your peers. After the potluck we'll have a fun time interacting with each other -- show up to find out how!

TURKEY MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY: BCC Turkey (under Operation Mobilisation) has presented our church with an opportunity to go and serve in February 2015 during their mission leaders retreat in Selcuk, Turkey. This would be a children's ministry to provide activities and Bible teaching for all ages for 5 days (Sunday Feb 1st - Saturday Feb 7th). There would also be an opportunity to travel and visit the ruins of Ephesus and other sites around Istanbul. The cost would be approximately \$1800/person for 11 days (Jan 31st-Feb 10th). Sign up in the foyer if you would like to find out more or contact Joe Swenson (871-5273).

LEADERSHIP CLASS: Leadership Training Class meets Tuesdays, at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This class – *Understanding Jesus in the Old Testament* – will meet for until Dec. 9.



YOU ARE ALL INVITED to our **ANNUAL THANKS DINNER** on Sunday, Nov. 23, at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our Thanksgiving Dinner is served family-style, and it's always a great time of fellowship and thanksgiving for all God has provided for us. We'd love to have everyone join us. **There are sign-up sheets in the foyer** for food to bring and clean up helpers. Thanks in advance for signing up!

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU OCTOBER 19:

Targeted Budget = \$ 242,226.92; Offerings received = \$ 243,431.38

REFUGE SUPPLIES & STORAGE NEEDED: We are currently creating a storage unit of necessary items for our Refuge women and their children. If you have (or know of any) excellent quality used (or new!) items such as beds, sofas, chairs, dining sets, kitchen supplies, etc, please think of our women before you donate to your usual charity! We are also looking for a storage unit or space to store the items, if you have one that is available. Contact Penelope Bennett 261-0511, Kelly Brown 249-0210, or Sharon Riley 261-2132 for details.

(Announcements continued on next page)

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. Michal begins with great love toward David, but by the end her heart is filled with contempt toward him. Even if hard things happened to her along the way, what are some ways that she could have help to guard her heart against contempt?
2. How did Saul’s sin continue to effect the life of his daughter Michal?
3. Consider: *“Contempt is a form of anger. It ups the ante, intensifying our fight or flight exponentially ... It isolates us as unlovable, withering our hope for love ... A poison that that paralyzes our deepest longing for love and meaning, stripping us of hope.”* —D. Allender, T. Longman. Give an example of where you have seen contempt at work? Did it resemble this description?
4. Is there anything surprising you find about this quote: *“Mercy is hard to endure. In fact, mercy is harder to receive than contempt. Both contempt and mercy strip away pretense and expose the heart, but mercy offers the exposed soul the opportunity to embrace desire and hope. For many, the prospect of hope is too great a desire to bear.”* — Longman and Allender
5. In 2 Sam. 6:16, Michal is introduced not as David’s wife, but as the daughter of Saul. What might some reasons for this be? How is the closing line in 2 Sam. 6:23 a continuation of God’s judgment on Saul?
6. What about the mercy of Christ can keep our hearts from the devastation of contempt? How has this been a challenge for you? How would you encourage others in the gospel in their struggles against contempt?

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CONTACT INFORMATION

“Serving One Another in Love” Galatians 5:13

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SERMON OUTLINE

November 2, 2014

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Sermon Series: David - The Early Years
Sermon Title: *Sliding into Contempt*

I. A misused pawn can still be a queen.

II. Keeping a heart free from mockery and contempt.

SERMON TEXT

1 Samuel 18:20-30 (ESV)

²⁰ Now Saul's daughter Michal loved David. And they told Saul, and the thing pleased him. ²¹ Saul thought, "Let me give her to him, that she may be a snare for him and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him." Therefore Saul said to David a second time, ... And Saul gave him his daughter Michal for a wife. ²⁸ But when Saul saw and knew that the Lord was with David, and that Michal, Saul's daughter, loved him, ²⁹ Saul was even more afraid of David. So Saul was David's enemy continually. ³⁰ Then the commanders of the Philistines came out to battle, and as often as they came out David had more success than all the servants of Saul, so that his name was highly esteemed.

1 Samuel 25:44

Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Palti the son of Laish, who was of Gallim.

2 Samuel 3:14

Then David sent messengers to Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, saying, "Give me my wife Michal, for whom I paid the bridal price of a hundred foreskins of the Philistines." ¹⁵ And Ish-bosheth sent and took her from her husband Paltiel the son of Laish. ¹⁶ But her husband went with her, weeping after her all the way to Bahurim. Then Abner said to him, "Go, return." And he returned.

2 Samuel 6:16

As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, and she despised him in her heart ...²⁰ And David returned to bless his household. But Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David and said, "How the king of Israel honored himself today, uncovering himself today before the eyes of his servants' female servants, as one of the vulgar fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!" ²¹ And David said to Michal, "It was before the Lord, who chose me above your father and above all his house, to appoint me as prince over Israel, the people of the Lord—and I will celebrate before the Lord. ²² I will make myself yet more contemptible than this, and I will be abased in your eyes. But by the female servants of whom you have spoken, by them I shall be held in honor." ²³ And Michal the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death.