

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

October 5, 2014

*“But the LORD said to Samuel, ‘Do not look on his appearance
or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him.
For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance,
but the LORD looks on the heart.’”
1 Samuel 16:7*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Psalm 113 (Responsive reading) - Hymnal page 826

***COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING** – Hymn #302

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY** – Hymn #53, vs. 1-4

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

***GLORY BE/AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world;

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world;

have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us.

(Repeat)

(Chorus)

Glory be to the Father, Amen.

Glory be to the Son, Amen.

Glory be to the Spirit, Amen, Amen.

Son of God, set me free from all that I own;

Son of God, capture me and make me your own;

have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us.

(Chorus 2x)

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalm 37:3-5, 8-9*

Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil. For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

All: Give ear to my words, O LORD; the sound of my cry, For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. Yet, my heart is often filled with wicked and lustful thoughts, and I delight in my desires and not yours. The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. Yet, I am proud and haughty. You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man. Yet, I have a deceitful tongue and savor thoughts of vengeance and wrath. My King and my God, for to you do I pray. Forgive me my sins, cleanse me of the filth of my transgressions. Through the abundance of your steadfast love, will I enter your house. Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness for the sake of your beloved Son. Amen (*adapted from Psalm 5*)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

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

THIS WEEK

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| Tuesday | – Trustees' Meeting, 6:30 p.m. |
| | – Leadership Training Class Resumes, 7:00 p.m. at the church |
| 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 |
| Thursday | – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m., Central Christian Church |
| Friday | – Girls Night Out, 7:00 p.m. at the church |

LOOKING AHEAD

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| 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, October 14 | – Elizabeth Women's Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross' home |
| Tuesday, October 14 | – Leadership Training Class, 7:00 p.m. at the church |
| Wednesday, Oct. 15 | – Men's Fraternity Study, 6:00-7:30 a.m. at the church |
| Tuesday, October 21 | – Elders/Deacon's meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church |
| Wednesday, Oct. 22 | – Men's Fraternity Study, 6:00-7:30 a.m. at the church |
| Sunday, October 26 | – Corn Maze & Chili, 12:30 p.m. watch for details |
| Tuesday, October 28 | – Elizabeth Women's Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross' home |
| Tuesday, October 28 | – Leadership Training Class, 7:00 p.m. at the church |
| Wednesday, Oct. 29 | – Men's Fraternity Study, 6:00-7:30 a.m. at the church |
| Sunday, November 2 | – Prime Timers 50+ Potluck, 12:30 at the church |
| Tuesday, November 4 | – Trustees' Meeting, 6:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, November 4 | – Leadership Training Class, 7:00 p.m. at the church |
| Wednesday, Nov. 5 | – Men's Fraternity Study, 6:00-7:30 a.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.

OCTOBER

DEACON OF THE MONTH Doug Brown
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) Hills
USHERS/GREETERS (10:30 AM) Hanni Hanson & Chany Ockert
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (10:30 AM service only) Dar Wassink & Nilla Swenson
WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM) Darcy Hearn
WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM infants) Motleys
WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM toddlers thru 3 yrs.) Jentzs
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Cathy Hanson & Judy Fosbery
COMMUNION PREP Fosberys
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Hanni Hanson

NEXT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 12

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM) Hills
USHERS/GREETERS (10:30 AM) Lancasters
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (10:30 AM service only) Tamie Jentz & Annie Hill
WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM) Darcy Hearn
WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM infants) Nicole Waldron & Annalise Pierson
WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Sharon Salyer
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Karen Hunnicutt & Amy Bennett
COMMUNION PREP Carol Martin
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Yvonne Hernandez

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Romans 8:1-2*

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

***CONFESSION OF CHRIST'S GRACE:** *Heidelberg Catechism Q1*

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

Leader: He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

All: Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

***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.

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.*

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)*

TO THE ONLY GOD

To the only God who is able to keep us, able to keep us from falling.

To the only God be all glory and honor, majesty and power,
for all ages now and forevermore.

(Repeat)

Forevermore – be all glory and honor, majesty and power,
for all ages now and forevermore. Forevermore.

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: David - The Early Years

Sermon Title: Chosen

Sermon Text: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

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

*ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
come to the fountain dip your heart in the stream of life.

Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
in the waves of his mercy, as deep cries out to deep.

Come, Lord Jesus, come. (2x)

Lord we are thirsty, Lord we are weak,
so we come to your fountain; dip our hearts in the stream of life.

Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
in the waves of your mercy, as deep cries out to deep.

Come, Lord Jesus, come. (3x)

Holy Spirit, come. (3x)

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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Cornerstone Community Church, Kalispell, Pastor Luke Knoll

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for Nigeria as the country deals with the threats of Islamic extremism and Ebola.

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.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT: Ladies of Faith Covenant, mark your calendars for Girls' Night Out with comedian Chonda Pierce! Join us Friday night, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. at the FCC Comedy Club (the fellowship hall) for laughter, fun, food and connection while we watch Chonda's most recent video, "Girl Talk."

CORN MAZE FALL FUN DAY: Fall fun for everyone at the Fritz Corn Maze! Come explore the maze together and have a tailgate picnic lunch with hot chili Sunday, Oct. 26, after the second service. Sign up in the foyer so we can plan for lunch. Maze cost will be paid by the fellowship committee so bring cool weather gear and chairs. The maze is on Birch Grove Road East off Hwy 2 and one mile south of Glacier Airport - watch for signs! For more information, contact the church office at (752-2400).

LEADERSHIP CLASS RESUMES: Leadership Training Class will resume Tuesdays, starting October 7, at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This class – *Understanding Jesus in the Old Testament* – will meet for eight weeks.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on **Thursday, Oct. 9 at Central Christian Church**. Contact Joyce (249-6370) or Jenaé Schmautz (871-6182) with any questions.

LIFE CHAIN TODAY: Join Christians from throughout the valley at the intersection of Hwy 93 and Hwy 2 for Life Chain Sunday, TODAY, Oct. 5, from 2-3 p.m. Pray together for an end to legalized abortion and that life will be held sacred in our country.

FCC MINISTRIES & COMMITTEES:

There are many opportunities to serve at Faith Covenant both in the church and out in the community. Contact the following leaders about their ministry:

Children's Church:	Dar Wassink (249-6589)
Community Kitchen:	Joyce Schmautz (249-6370)
Fellowship:	Donelle Holderbaum (212-9715)
Meals Ministry:	Jenny Heyboer (616-901-7742)
Missions:	Joe Swenson (871-5273)
Music:	Pastor Aaron Scott (730-3052)
Nursery:	Darcy Hearn (270-8933)
The Refuge:	Church Office (752-2400)
Small Groups:	Pastor Shane Waldron (752-2400)
Women's Ministry:	Becky Neumann (212-7664)
Senior Youth Group:	Trent Neumann (212-7625)
Junior High Youth Group:	Sean & Lisa Iddings (871-5157)

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. Samuel is given a deceptive or evasive plan by God in order to protect him from Saul. We have seen this with the Hebrew midwives deceiving Pharaoh, Rahab's deceit to protect Joshua's spies, Jael deceiving Sisera, a lying spirit sent from the Lord (1 King 22:22). Truth telling is not separated from relational context in Scripture. What does this mean?
2. The story has people waiting. David's name is not even mentioned until v-13. How is this significant?
3. In what way does Eliab compare with Saul? How is David different?
4. Consider: *"The hidden purposes of the Lord are worked out through the awkward and raw events of history."* —Walter Brueggemann. How is this a comfort to us? What makes it troubling?
5. Seventeenth century Presbyterian minister John Flavel remarked: *"If the heart is not set right by grace, nothing can keep it right with God; Yet a gracious heart is like a musical instrument, it needs tuning."* How do Christians "tune" their hearts?
6. A heart after God is more than good intentions; it is a heart that produces outward action based on an inner reality. Taking stock of your inner life in Christ, how is your heart condition? How does Jesus address your inner heart struggles?

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

****ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS I STAND***

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day.
There God, the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.

(Chorus)

*I am bound, I am bound,
I am bound for the Promised Land.*

(Repeat)

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
sickness, sorrow, pain, and death are felt and feared no more.

(Chorus)

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face, and in his bosom rest?

(Chorus 2x)

***BENEDICTION**

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

**Worship
Outreach
Relationship
Discipleship**

SERMON OUTLINE

October 5, 2014

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: David - The Early Years

Sermon Title: *Chosen*

I. An uncomfortable wait — God chooses the time

II. An unlikely warrior — God chooses the man

SERMON TEXT

1 Samuel 16:1-13 (ESV)

¹ The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” ² And Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” ³ And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you.” ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” ⁵ And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is before him.” ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ¹⁰ And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen these.” ¹¹ Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.” ¹² And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, “Arise, anoint him, for this is he.” ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.