

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 16, 2014

*“May the LORD judge between me and you,
may the LORD avenge me against you,
but my hand shall not be against you.”*

1 Samuel 24:12

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Revelation 19:1,2,5*

Leader: Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for his judgments are true and just.

All: Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great.

***CHRIST IS THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY** – *Hymn #277 vs. 1, 4, 5*

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

***HOSANNA**

I see the King of Glory coming on the clouds with fire;
the whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes.

I see his love and mercy washing over all our sin;
the people sing, the people sing.

(Chorus)

*Hosanna, hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna, hosanna. Hosanna in the highest!*

I see a generation rising up to take their place;
with selfless faith, with selfless faith.

I see a near revival stirring as we pray and seek;
we're on our knees, we're on our knees.

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

Heal my heart and make it clean.
Open up my eyes to the things unseen.
Show me how to love like you have loved me.

Break my heart for what breaks yours.
Everything I am, for your kingdom's cause,
as I walk from earth into eternity.

(Chorus 2x)

Hosanna in the highest!

***OCEANS**

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

(Chorus)

*And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine*

(song continued on next page)

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

- Tuesday – Elder/Deacon Meeting, 7 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

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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- 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
 - Saturday, November 29 – Hanging of the Greens, 10 a.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
 - Sunday, December 7 – Ladies' Christmas Cookie Exchange, 2 p.m. at Piersons' home
 - Tuesday, December 9 – Elizabeth Women's Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross' home
 - Tuesday, December 9 – Leadership Training Class, 7:00 p.m. at the church
 - Thursday, Dec. 11 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m., Central Christian Church
 - Tuesday, December 16 – Elders/Deacon's meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
 - Tuesday, December 23 – Elizabeth Women's Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross' home

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.

NOVEMBER

DEACON OF THE MONTH Buford 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) Fosberys
 USHERS/GREETERS (11:15 AM) Ken & Terri Millers
 CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11:15 AM service only).... Carol Van Duyne & Ana Thompson
 WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM) Darcy Hearn
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants)..... Julie Thompson
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3 yrs.) Uzzis
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Sue Richardson & Terri Millen
 COMMUNION PREP Fosberys
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Lori Vander Ark

NEXT SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 23

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM) Fosberys
 USHERS/GREETERS (11:15 AM) Ken & Terri Miller
 CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11:15 AM service only) Sharon Salyer
 WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM) Darcy Hearn
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants)..... Brenda Olmsted
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Tricia Carlson
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Paula Saldamondo & Sharon Thompson
 COMMUNION PREP Christy Heath
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Donelle Holderbaum

*OCEANS, continued

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
 Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
 Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
 You've never failed and You won't start now

(Bridge x2)

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
 Let me walk upon the waters
 Wherever You would call me
 Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
 And my faith will be made stronger
 In the presence of my Saviour

I will call upon Your name
 Keep my eyes above the waves
 My soul will rest in Your embrace
 I am Yours and You are mine

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Mark 7:15, 20-23*

There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.

All: Our Father, we are sinful and you are holy. Where we thought we were holy, we are in truth unholy and defiled. Out of our hearts come love of this world; our minds are dark and are assailed by doubts; our wills are too often given to selfishness and our bodies to laziness and unrighteousness. By sinning against our neighbors, we have also sinned against you, in whose image they were created. We thirst for your cleansing, O God. Forgive us, renew and transform us; take away our defilement through Jesus your Son— in whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Revelation 21:6-7*

And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

***COMMON CONFESSION OF FAITH:**

The Apostles' Creed – Hymnal page 845

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

PUBLIC RECEPTION OF MEMBERS:

*Bob & Jennifer Eck
Harold & Judy McKenzie*

PRAYER, OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*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)*

I WILL SING OF MY REDEEMER – Hymn #650

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Shane Waldron
Sermon Series: David - The Early Years
Sermon Title: Relational Rights and Wrongs
Sermon Text: 1 Samuel 24
(See pages 6-8 for sermon outline and text)

***JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA** – Hymn #501, vs. 1-2, 5-6

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Fresh Life Church, Kalispell, Pastor Levi Lusko

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.



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!

HANGING OF THE GREENS: Kick off Christmas by decorating the church for the holidays Saturday, Nov. 29, at 10 a.m. The more the merrier so plan on pitching in to transform the sanctuary for the holidays!

NEW DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE: Pick up your new church directory in the fellowship hall today! Please take two per family. Contact the office at office@faithcov.com with corrections for future printings.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Many hands make light work ... and a few more hands would help contribute to services here at Faith Covenant. Please consider helping with the coffee hour, nursery, fellowship activities, or communion preparation, and sign up in the foyer. If you are already on a volunteer schedule, you don't need to sign up again.

LADIES CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE: Ladies, mark your calendars for a Christmas Cookie Exchange Sunday, December 7, at 2 p.m. at Laura Pierson's home (30 Chip Court). Bring two dozen cookies to exchange and a silver elephant gift (a gift item for \$5 or less that you would want to receive). We will also be collecting donations of any amount to help out the women of the Refuge with emergency needs such as auto fuel. *However, cookies and donations are optional - you are welcome to just bring yourself for Christmas fellowship!*

PRIME TIMERS ALERT! It has been determined your life experience has given you the skill of making fantastic food--thanks for all the 'scrumptious' dishes at our potluck! It was also evident your ability to have a good time has been honed over the years. So, mark your calendars for Sunday, January 11, 2015, for another Prime Timers get together! Details will follow at a later date.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES DUE TODAY! Place boxes under the table in the foyer, and they will be delivered to the collection center this week. Contact the church office with questions or go to operationchristmaschild.org.

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. What are some of your most challenging relationships? What makes them so difficult?

2. How do you typically respond when someone threatens or hurts you?

3. How does having a heart that is easily convicted of sin help someone to respond appropriately when they are sinned against?

4. How does the truth that your relationships are in God's hands help you treat someone with honor and respect, even after they have hurt you?

5. How have you hurt those closest to you? How do you typically respond when you discover you have done this?

6. As you reflect on your sins against others, what aspects of God's character give you hope, and why?

***REVELATION SONG**

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; holy, holy is he.
Sing a new song to him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.

(Repeat)

(Chorus)

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.*

*With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
you are my ev'rything and I will adore you.*

Clothed in rainbows of living color, flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to you, the only wise King.

(Chorus)

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder at the mention of your name.
Jesus, your name is power, breath and living water, such a marv'lous mystery!

(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

November 16, 2014

Sermon: Pastor Shane Waldron

Sermon Series: David - The Early Years

Sermon Title: *Relational Rights and Wrongs*

SERMON TEXT

1 Samuel 24 (ESV)

Introduction: Our most challenging relationships are in God's hands.

I. Acting Right When Others Act Wrong

II. Acting Right When We Are In The Wrong

...³ And he came to the sheepfolds by the way, where there was a cave, and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the innermost parts of the cave. ⁴ And the men of David said to him, “Here is the day of which the LORD said to you, ‘Behold, I will give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it shall seem good to you.’” Then David arose and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul’s robe. ⁵ And afterward David’s heart struck him, because he had cut off a corner of Saul’s robe. ⁶ He said to his men, “The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the LORD’s anointed, to put out my hand against him, seeing he is the LORD’s anointed.” ⁷ So David persuaded his men with these words and did not permit them to attack Saul. And Saul rose up and left the cave and went on his way.

⁸ Afterward David also arose and went out of the cave, and called after Saul, “My lord the king!” And when Saul looked behind him, David bowed with his face to the earth and paid homage. ⁹ And David said to Saul, “Why do you listen to the words of men who say, ‘Behold, David seeks your harm’? ¹⁰ Behold, this day your eyes have seen how the LORD gave you today into my hand in the cave. And some told me to kill you, but I spared you. I said, ‘I will not put out my hand against my lord, for he is the LORD’s anointed.’ ¹¹ See, my father, see the corner of your robe in my hand. For by the fact that I cut off the corner of your robe and did not kill you, you may know and see that there is no wrong or treason in my hands. I have not sinned against you, though you hunt my life to take it. ¹² May the LORD judge between me and you, may the LORD avenge me against you, but my hand shall not be against you. ¹³ As the proverb of the ancients says, ‘Out of the wicked comes wickedness.’ But my hand shall not be against you. ¹⁴ After whom has the king of Israel come out? After whom do you pursue? After a dead dog! After a flea! ¹⁵ May the LORD therefore be judge and give sentence between me and you, and see to it and plead my cause and deliver me from your hand.”

¹⁶ As soon as David had finished speaking these words to Saul, Saul said, “Is this your voice, my son David?” And Saul lifted up his voice and wept. ¹⁷ He said to David, “You are more righteous than I, for you have repaid me good, whereas I have repaid you evil. ¹⁸ And you have declared this day how you have dealt well with me, in that you did not kill me when the LORD put me into your hands. ¹⁹ For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him go away safe? So may the LORD reward you with good for what you have done to me this day. ²⁰ And now, behold, I know that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand. ²¹ Swear to me therefore by the LORD that you will not cut off my offspring after me, and that you will not destroy my name out of my father’s house.” ²² And David swore this to Saul. Then Saul went home, but David and his men went up to the stronghold.