

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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*“He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow,
and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing.”
Deuteronomy 10:18*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY: *Child Bridge*

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 146*

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

All: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Leader: The LORD he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

All: Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God.

Leader: The Lord who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

All: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

****O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO***

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

****HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION*** – Hymn #94 vs. 1-4

****PRAYER OF PRAISE***

****COME YE SINNERS***

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore.
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity joined with power.
He is able, he is able; he is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome; God's free bounty glorify:
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall.
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of his blood.
Venture on him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.

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

Wednesday – Men's Fraternity Study, 6:00-7:30 a.m., at the church
– Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups 7:00 p.m. at the church

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesdays – Music practice, 5:30 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)

Tuesday, January 27 – Elizabeth Women's Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross' home
Tuesday, January 27 – Leadership Class, 7:00 p.m. at the church
Wednesday, Jan. 28 – Annual Meeting & Soup Supper, 6:00 p.m. at the church
Saturday, January 31 – Women's Bible Study, 10:30-12, at the church
Tuesday, February 3 – Trustees Meeting, 6:30 at the church
Tuesday, February 3 – Leadership Class, 7:00 p.m. at the church
Tuesday, February 10 – Elizabeth Women's Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross' home
Tuesday, February 10 – Leadership Class, 7:00 p.m. at the church
Tuesday, February 17 – Elders/Deacons' meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
Saturday, February 21 – Women's Bible Study, 10:30-12, at the church
Tuesday, February 24 – Elizabeth Women's Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross' home
Tuesday, February 24 – Leadership Class, 7:00 p.m. at the church
Friday-Sat., March 6-7 – Women's Retreat, details TBA

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.

JANUARY

DEACON OF THE MONTH Bill Gamble
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) Rick & Audrey Goodell
USHERS/GREETERS (11:15 AM) Bruce & Benni Tulloch
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11:15 AM service only) Carol Van Duyne
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM infants) Uzzis
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Hearn
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants) Turners
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Paolinis
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Jenae Schmautz & Patti Albert
COMMUNION PREP Dar Wassink
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Donelle Holderbaum

NEXT SUNDAY – JANUARY 25

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM) Rick & Audrey Goodell
USHERS/GREETERS (11:15 AM) Bruce & Benni Tulloch
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11:15 AM service only) Carol Van Duyne
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM infants) Hearn
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Russells
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants) H. Hanson
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Lancasters
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Sara Motley & Marlo Lancaster
COMMUNION PREP Gary & Barb Fenner
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Jeanie Brenneman

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Revelation 21:8*

But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.

All: Holy Father, you see us as we are and know our inmost thoughts.

We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not sought to do your will with our whole hearts. We have not lived as grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us. Forgive us of the great evil of abortion within our country and within our community. Cleanse us from our defilement. Apart from you, we are nothing. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin and restore us to the joy of your salvation, now and forever. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Ezekiel 11:19-21*

And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. But as for those whose heart goes after their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their deeds upon their own heads, declares the Lord GOD.

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

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)*

BEAUTIFUL LORD

When the storm is raging all around me,
you are the peace that calms my troubled sea.
When the cares of this world darken my day,
you are the light that shines, and shows me the way.
Oh the beauty of your majesty,
on the cross you showed your love for me.

(song continued on next page)

BEAUTIFUL LORD, continued

(Chorus)

*Beautiful Lord, awesome and mighty,
I'm captured by this love I see.
Beautiful Lord, tender and holy,
your mercy brings me to my knees.
It's your mercy that has made me free, beautiful Lord.*

When my sin is all that I can see,
your grace remains the shelter that I seek.
And when my weakness is all I can give,
your gentle Spirit gives me strength again.
Oh the beauty of your majesty,
on the cross you showed your love for me.
(Chorus 2x)

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Shane Waldron
Sermon Series: Life Sunday
Sermon Title: *Protecting the Weak*
Sermon Text: Deuteronomy 10:14-19
(See pages 6-8 for sermon outline and text)

***WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS – Hymn #252**

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

***ABIDE WITH ME**

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

(song continued on next page)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Hope Pregnancy Ministries & Clear Choice Clinic

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: David and Ulrike Byle with The Bible Correspondence Course in Turkey. Pray that the investigation into their December fire produces justice, and pray for their work with Kurdish refugees on the Iraqi border.

THE ANNUAL REPORTS AND 2014 BUDGET are available today in the foyer to look through before the meeting. If you have concerns or questions about the budget, please use time the week before the meeting to direct your questions or concerns to Tom Jentz, our treasurer, to expedite our meeting time on the 28th. Please take one per family. **HELP WILL BE NEEDED TO SET UP THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AND SERVING TABLES FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING.** If you are available and willing, please be at the church by 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28! All members are encouraged to attend but you do not need to be a member to attend.

SOUP SIGNUPS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING are available on the table in the foyer. Twelve pots of soup are needed, enough to serve 12 (or more) each. Any kind of soup will be welcomed! Please bring your pot of soup to the church ready to serve by 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28. Assorted bread, crackers, and a light dessert will be provided. *Thank you!*

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE: If you are looking for an opportunity to become involved in the various ministries of Faith Covenant Church, you can sign up at the tables in the foyer. If you are currently serving in a ministry, you will stay on the list unless you tell us otherwise. There are many areas where we could use your help! Contact the church office at 752-2400 if you have questions.

LEADERSHIP CLASS: Leadership class will meet next on Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m. at the church to study *Spiritual Leadership* by J. Oswald Sanders.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY - JOY: Ladies join us for another Bible study journey using spiritual disciplines to explore the concept of joy as the quiet and confident assurance of God's sovereignty. The study will meet monthly (January-May) starting Jan. 31 from 10:30-noon at the church. Sign up in the fellowship hall and contact Chany Ockert with questions (260-3221).

COMMUNITY KITCHEN—FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on **Thursday, February 12** at **Central Christian Church**. If you have questions, contact Joyce Schmautz.

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. Think back to a time when you were weak and vulnerable. How did God protect you?
2. How is sin a form of weakness? How is the work of Christ a form of protection?
3. Reflect on God's role as your protector. Which of his attributes are the most important for him to fulfill that role?
4. Why do you think the unborn have such little protection in our society?
5. What can you do to actively protect the unborn?

**ABIDE WITH ME, continued*

You on my head, in early youth did smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
You did not leave me, as often I left Thee.
On to the end Lord, abide with me.

I need Your presence, every passing hour.
What but Your grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Yourself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with You at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness
Where is your sting death? Where grave your victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold up your cross Lord, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's chains are freed;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

**BENEDICTION*

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

**Worship
Outreach
Relationship
Discipleship**

SERMON OUTLINE

January 18, 2015

Sermon: Pastor Shane Waldron

Sermon Series: Life Sunday

Sermon Title: *Protecting the Weak*

The Strong Must Protect the Weak

I. God Protects His People

II. God's People Must Protect the Unborn

SERMON TEXT

Deuteronomy 10:14-19 (ESV)

¹⁴ Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. ¹⁵ Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. ¹⁶ Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. ¹⁷ For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. ¹⁸ He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹ Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.