

## 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*

**January 11, 2015**

*“Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil.”  
Luke 4:1-2*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **His Calling and Our Praise**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 150 (Responsive reading) – Hymnal page 841*

**\*ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS’ NAME** – *Hymn #296 vs. 1, 3, 5, 6*

**\*THIS IS MY FATHER’S WORLD** – *Hymn #111*

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

*(\*Indicates when to stand)*

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

**\*OUR GREAT GOD**

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown  
Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown  
Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne  
They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

*(Chorus)*

*Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!*

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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm  
Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms  
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm  
Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God.

*(Chorus)*

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird  
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth  
Let all the moon and all the stars in all the universe  
Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his word

*(Chorus x2)*

**His Renewal and Our Hope**

**COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN**

**SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION:** *James 2:10*

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

Leader: You shall have no other gods before me.

**All: But I often place other things on the throne of my heart above you.**

Leader: You shall not make for yourself a carved image... You shall not bow down to them or serve them.

**All: But I make you into who I want you to be.**

Leader: You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

**All: But I treat your name lightly and do not bring honor to you.**

Leader: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work.

**All: But I make excuses for spending the day pursuing my own pleasures with little thought on how I can set apart the Sabbath to you.**

Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

**All: But I spurn authority and set my own rules.**

**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

**THIS WEEK**

- Tuesday – Leadership Class, 7:00 p.m. at the church
- 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)

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- Tuesday, January 20 – Elders/Deacons’ meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
  - 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

## 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) ..... Annalise Pierson & Taryn Iddings  
 First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM infants) ..... Hearn  
 First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) ..... Julie Thompson  
 Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants) ..... Chelcie Miller  
 Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) ..... Jenaé Schmautz  
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS ..... Karen Hunnicutt & Judy Fosbery  
 COMMUNION PREP ..... Carol Martin  
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Lori Vander Ark

### NEXT SUNDAY – JANUARY 18

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 & Maria Bay  
 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 ..... Jenaé Schmautz & Patti Albert  
 COMMUNION PREP ..... Dar Wassink  
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Donelle Holderbaum

Leader: You shall not murder.

**All: But I often hate my brother in my heart.**

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

**All: But my thought life is often x-rated and my heart filled with lust.**

Leader: You shall not steal.

**All: But I devote my life to pursue convenience and consumption.**

Leader: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**All: But I often speak against my neighbors and run them down to others.**

Leader: You shall not covet.

**All: But I desire and chase after far more than I need and I am not content with what I have.**

**All: Forgive us, O God. Put to death our sinful inclinations and practices through the power of your Holy Spirit. Renew us in the image of your Son, our Savior-Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*(Adapted from the Ten Commandments- Exodus 20)*

### SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

#### **DECLARATION OF GRACE:** *Hebrews 2:17-18*

Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

#### **\*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.

*(song continued on next page)*

**\*IN CHRIST ALONE, continued**

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,  
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.*

**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)*

***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.

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.*

**\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Calvary Lutheran Church, Evergreen, Pastor Kurt Rau

**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 Ulrike who is helping Kurdish refugees on the Iraqi border.

**NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:** Two new classes are underway for adults. Pastor Shane is teaching "Psalms: Truth in Song" in the fellowship hall and Micah Tinkham is teaching "Perspectives on the End Times" in the sanctuary.

**PRIME TIMERS 50+ POTLUCK:** If you have 50 or more years of life experience, you won't want to miss this potluck TODAY at 12:30 in the fellowship hall. Bring one dish of your liking and bread, drinks and dessert will be provided. A few volunteers are also needed during the second service to help set up and prep in the kitchen.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** on Wednesday, January 28, 2015, for our **ANNUAL MEETING**. A 6:00 p.m. soup supper will precede the 7:00 p.m. meeting. All members are encouraged to attend but you do not need to be a member to attend. *The annual report and budget will be available next Sunday, Jan. 18, for the congregation to review before the meeting.*

**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 breads, crackers, and a light dessert will be provided. **Thank you!**

**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).

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

**Worship  
Outreach  
Relationship  
Discipleship**

*Questions and thoughts for discussion:*

1. Jesus is baptized and then goes into the wilderness for 40 days. How does this parallel the nation of Israel?
2. What can we learn from Jesus quoting Scripture in his temptations? All of his quotes are from Deuteronomy. How does that connect Jesus actions to Israel?
3. Consider: *“In Eden, the head of the human race was confronted by the tempter, disobeyed God’s word, and set the whole of mankind off on the wrong track. Now comes the second Adam, and alone in the wilderness he in his turn confronts the tempter. The difference is that he will win.”* — Michael Wilcock
4. How does the first temptation go right to the heart of what it meant for Jesus to be the Son of God and the savior of the world?
5. How does the second temptation try to bypass the cross and get to the crown without it?
6. How is the third temptation and attack on the identity of Jesus and also putting God to the test?
7. In what way does Jesus enable us not to take shortcuts or rationalize our sin to avoid God’s will?
8. Read Hebrews 2:14-18, 4:15. How does this give us confidence in Jesus as our mediator?

*His Word and Our Response*

**Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.**  
**Sermon Series: Luke - Facing Jerusalem**  
**Sermon Title: *The Temptation of Jesus***  
**Sermon Text: Luke 4:1-13**  
*(See pages 6-8 for sermon outline and text)*

*\*GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS—Hymn #32*

**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**

*\*JESUS MESSIAH*

He became sin who knew no sin,  
that we might become his righteousness.  
He humbled himself and carried the cross.  
Love so amazing, love so amazing!

*(Chorus)*

*Jesus Messiah, name above all names;  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven,  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*

His body the bread, his blood the wine,  
broken and poured out all for love.  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn.  
Love so amazing, love so amazing!

*(Chorus)*

*(Bridge)*

*All our hope is in you, all our hope is in you.  
All the glory to you, God, the Light of the world.*

*(Chorus)*

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

*\*BENEDICTION*



## SERMON OUTLINE

January 11, 2015

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson

Sermon Series: Luke - Facing Jerusalem

Sermon Title: *The Temptation of Jesus*

I. Introduction—A question of identity

II. Stones into Bread—What have you done for me lately?

III. The Crown without the Cross—What’s wrong with wanting the easy way out?

IV. Show Me a Sign and I Will Believe —Why can’t I have some more proof?

## SERMON TEXT

Luke 4:1-13 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness <sup>2</sup> for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.”

<sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” <sup>5</sup> And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, <sup>6</sup> and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup> And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God,  
and him only shall you serve.”

<sup>9</sup> And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,  
to guard you,”

<sup>11</sup> and

“On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

<sup>12</sup> And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup> And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.