

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

February 15, 2015

*“Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.”
Luke 5:12*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *1 Chronicles 16:23-27*

Leader: Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.

All: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Leader: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be held in awe above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

All: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place.

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

****I WILL PRAISE HIM STILL***

When the morning falls on the farthest hill,
I will sing his name, I will praise him, still.
When the dark trials come and my heart is filled
with the weight of doubt, I will praise him, still.

For the Lord, our God, he is strong to save
from the arms of death from the deepest grave.
*And he gave us life in his perfect will;
and by his good grace I will praise him, still.*
(Repeat all)

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

****A WONDERFUL SAVIOR IS JESUS MY LORD*** – Hymn #175

****THERE IS A REDEEMER***

There is a Redeemer – Jesus, God’s own son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

(Chorus)

*Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.

(Chorus)

When I stand in glory, I will see his face;
there I’ll serve my King forever in that holy place.

(Chorus 2x)

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Micah 6:6-8*

With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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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 – Elders/Deacons’ meeting, 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
- Saturday – Women’s Bible Study, 10:30-12, at the church

LOOKING AHEAD

- Tuesdays – Music practice, 5:30 p.m. & 7:00 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, February 24 – Elizabeth Women’s Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross’ home
 - Tuesday, February 24 – Leadership Class, 7:00 p.m. at the church
 - Tuesday, March 3 – Trustees Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the church
 - Tuesday, March 3 – Leadership Class, 7:00 p.m. at the church
 - Friday-Sat., March 6-7 – Women’s Retreat, see announcements for details
 - Sunday, March 8 – Spring Quarter Sunday School classes start for adults
 - Tuesday, March 10 – Elizabeth Women’s Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross’ home
 - Thursday, March 12 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church
 - Tuesday, March 17 – Elders/Deacons’ meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
 - Saturday, March 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.

FEBRUARY

DEACON OF THE MONTH Micah Hill
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) Jevon & Aaron Clark
USHERS/GREETERS (11:15 AM) Scott & Sue Richardson
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11:15 AM service only) Tamie Jentz & Nilla Swenson
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM infants) Neumans
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Hearn
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants) Hunnicutts
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Putzler
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Sara Motley & Sharon Thompson
COMMUNION PREP Terry & Judy Fosberry
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Diane Nugent

NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 22

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM) Jevon & Aaron Clark
USHERS/GREETERS (11:15 AM) Nick & Hanni Hanson
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11:15 AM service only) Dar Wassink & Nilla Swenson
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM infants) Hearn
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) J. Thompson
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants) Salyers
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) C. Hanson
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Paula Saldamando & Kelly Brown
COMMUNION PREP Eileen Pierson
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Theresa Paolini

All: Most Merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly confess our sins and seek your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure and dedicated heart. Neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with you. Have mercy upon us O Lord, according to your loving kindness. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us. And all of this we ask through the name of our Redeemer – Jesus. *(Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer-1946)*

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 5:11-12*

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

***COMMON CONFESSION OF FAITH:**

The Apostles' Creed – Hymnal page 845

***AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

(Chorus)

My chains are gone. I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me.

And like a flood his mercy rains unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

(Chorus 2x)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow; the sun forbear to shine.

But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine, will be forever mine.

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)*

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!

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson
Sermon Series: Facing Jerusalem - Luke
Sermon Title: *Authority to Forgive*
Sermon Text: Luke 5:12-26
(See pages 6-8 for sermon outline and text)

***ROCK OF MY SALVATION**

Though storms of strife assail me without warning,
and though they try to steal my joy away;
I will find rest in knowing you have saved me,
Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Canvas Church, Kalispell,
Pastor Kevin Geer

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for Sam & Dawn Wills & their four children, who are with the Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF), in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Pray for their transition back to the states after they finish their 4-year commitment to MAF in March. And pray for the people of the DRC and MAF's work to continue there to God's glory.

LADIES — IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL RETREAT! Join us March 6-7 for "Grace Liberates" and see how God's grace liberates your identity ... your relationships ... and your life! Registration available for a variety of schedules/meals - full retreat is \$30/person at the Thompson home on Flathead Lake. Contact the church office for more information (752-2400).

PARENTING IN THE PEW: Parents (or grandparents!) are invited to attend a workshop with Pastor Lloyd about guiding children into the joy of worship on Saturday, Feb. 28, 10-noon in the fellowship hall. Sign up in the foyer or contact the church office (752-2400). Cost is \$10 for the book by Robbie Castleman - childcare will be provided.

MISSION PRAYER CALENDAR CARD: Did you get your mission prayer calendar? Check out the new calendar of missionaries (and their contact information) supported by Faith Covenant. You can get your copy on the missions table in the fellowship hall.

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). The next class will be Saturday, Feb. 21, from 10:30-noon at the church. You are welcome to join in at any meeting - contact Chany Ockert with questions (260-3221).

LEADERSHIP CLASS: Leadership class will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. at the church to study *Spiritual Leadership* by J. Oswald Sanders.

NO MOMS OF THE MONTH: Moms of the Month were nursery ministry volunteers who helped maintain the nursery and confirmed that the weekly nursery volunteers would be available. Currently there is only one M.O.M., so the position will be eliminated until someone shows interest in restarting it. Contact Darcy Hearn or the church office at 752-2400 with questions.

PRAYER CARDS are available in the pew racks for your prayer requests. According to how you mark your request, prayers can be for the Elders only, shared with the Deacons or put on the prayer chain. Place your request in the offering bag or give to any Elder or Pastor.

THE REFUGE – A SUPPORT GROUP FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE: If you or someone you know is a victim of physical, verbal or emotional abuse, Faith Covenant Church has a support group that can help. People with little or no church background are welcome to attend. Contact the church office (752-2400) for more information.

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. What do you think drove the man with leprosy to come into contact with others to seek out Jesus? What kinds of risk were there for him?
2. Why would Jesus have the man go before a priest?
3. Consider: *“There is such purity in Christ he absorbs all uncleanness and pollution. He does not contaminate himself by touching the leper, nor does he transgress the Law. Jesus was not stained by becoming as man, but took our impurities, and sprinkled us with his holiness. By his word alone he might have healed the leper, but he applied the touch of his hand to express the feeling of compassion.”* — John Calvin.
4. Consider: *“The “I will” of an emperor may have great power over his dominions, but the “I will” of Christ drives death and hell before him, conquers disease, removes despair, and floods the world with mercy. The Lord’s “I will” can put away your leprosy of sin, and make you perfectly whole.”* — Charles Spurgeon
5. How are these two miracles related? How do they anticipate the calling of Levi?
6. Not just society in general, but specifically to where you are at right now, who might be on the margins or edges that you can reach out to with the love and compassion of Christ?
7. Jesus forgiving sins was the deal breaker for the religious leaders. What was the heart of their opposition to Jesus? What was the heart of Jesus’ own ministry? How did Jesus feel about forgiving sins?

***ROCK OF MY SALVATION, continued**

Though times I stumble and fall short of your standard,
I’ll rest assured there is love enough for me;
for I find strength in knowing you have saved me,
Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.

(Chorus)

*Oh, my Jesus, Rock of my salvation
who bore the weight of Calvary’s wood and shame;
and cleansed my sin in the crimson flow of mercy,
Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.*

Though times I stumble and fall short of your standard,
I’ll rest assured there is love enough for me;
for I find strength in knowing you have saved me,
Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.

(Chorus 2x)

*Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.
Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.*

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

***BE THOU MY VISION** – Hymn #642 vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

***BENEDICTION**

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

SERMON OUTLINE

February 15, 2015

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Sermon Series: Facing Jerusalem - Luke
Sermon Title: *Authority to Forgive*

I. Healing of Body

II. Healing of Soul

SERMON TEXT

Luke 5:12-26 (ESV)

¹² While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” ¹³ And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately the leprosy left him. ¹⁴ And he charged him to tell no one, but “go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a proof to them.” ¹⁵ But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. ¹⁶ But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.

¹⁷ On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal. ¹⁸ And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, ¹⁹ but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus. ²⁰ And when he saw their faith, he said, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.” ²¹ And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ²² When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, “Why do you question in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? ²⁴ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the man who was paralyzed—“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.” ²⁵ And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. ²⁶ And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, “We have seen extraordinary things today.”