

## 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*

**March 29, 2015**



*“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”  
Luke 19:38*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 24:7-10*

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! Be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**All: Who is this King of glory?**

Leader: The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! Lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**All: Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

**\*ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR** - *Hymn #235*

**\*THE KING OF GLORY COMES** - *Hymn #240*

*(\*Indicates when to stand)*

## \*PRAYER OF PRAISE

\**THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD* - Hymn #111

### CALL TO CONFESSION

**SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION:** *1 Peter 1:14-16*

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.'

Leader: For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.

**All: Father cleanse us, for our secret thoughts savor our lusts and our wicked desires.**

Leader: The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.

**All: Almighty God forgive us, for in our pride we despise humility and submission to others, and do not consider others before ourselves.**

Leader: You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

**All: Father we confess that our hearts are filled with deceit, and that we often treat the truth with indifference.**

*(adapted from Psalm 5:4-6)*

### SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

**DECLARATION OF GRACE:** *1 Corinthians 1:8-9*

God will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### \**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!*

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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 – Leadership Class, 7:00 p.m. at the church
- Wednesday – No Youth Group Meetings for Spring Break
- Friday – Good Friday Service, 7:00 p.m. 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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- Sunday, April 5 – EASTER SUNDAY (No Sunday school)
  - 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
  - 9:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast
  - 11:15 a.m. Worship Service
  - Tuesday, April 7 – Trustees Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the church
  - Saturday, April 11 – Baby Shower for Andrea Vander Ark, 2 p.m. at the church
  - Tuesday, April 14 – Elizabeth Women's Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross' home
  - Saturday, April 18 – Helping Survivors of Domestic Abuse Seminar, 9 a.m - 3 p.m.
  - Saturday, April 18 – Women's Bible Study, 10:30-12, at the church
  - Tuesday, April 21 – Elders/Deacons' meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
  - Tuesday, April 28 – Elizabeth Women's Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross' home
  - Friday, May 1-2 – Men's Retreat, Bend Guard Station, details to come
  - Sunday, May 3 – Ladies' Spring Tea, 2 p.m. at the church

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on **Thursday, April 9**, at Central Christian Church. If you have questions, contact Joyce Schmautz (249-6370).

**LOST AND FOUND:** Please check out the lost and found items in the fellowship hall. Items not claimed in the next few weeks will be donated to the thrift store.

*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](mailto:office@faithcov.com).*

### MARCH

DEACON OF THE MONTH ..... Buford Bennett  
NURSERY COORDINATOR..... Darcy Hearn  
*Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 270-8933.*

### TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM)..... Russ Hadley & Carolyn Duncan  
USHERS/GREETERS (11:15 AM)..... Sandy & Gloria Johnson  
CHILDREN’S CHURCH (11:15 AM service only)..... Carol Van Duyne & Maria Bay  
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM infants) ..... J. Thompson  
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Hearn  
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants)..... Waldron/A. Pierson  
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Putzler  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS ..... Kristin Bay & Patti Albert  
COMMUNION PREP..... Carol Martin  
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Jeanie Brenneman  
GOOD FRIDAY NURSERY (infants/toddlers)..... Neumanns/Salyer

### NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 5

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM)..... Paul & Alyssa Hobus  
USHERS/GREETERS (11:15 AM)..... Nick & Hanni Hanson  
CHILDREN’S CHURCH (11:15 AM service only)..... Carol Van Duyne & Maria Bay  
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM infants) ..... Hearn  
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Uzzi  
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants)..... Chelcie Miller  
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Cathy Hanson  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS ..... Deacons’ Breakfast  
COMMUNION PREP..... Terry & Judy Fosberry  
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Hanni Hanson

### *\*HOSANNA, continued*

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!*

### **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)*

### **MAN OF SORROWS! WHAT A NAME - Hymn #246**

### **SERMON – *That’s Not the Plan* – Luke 19:28-40**

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

### **\*SING TO JESUS**

Come and see, look on this mystery  
The Lord of the universe, nailed to a tree  
Christ our God, spilling His holy blood  
Bowing in anguish, His sacred head

Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame  
Lord of our sinful hearts, He is our great redeemer  
Sing to Jesus, honor His name  
Sing of His faithfulness, pouring his life out unto death

Come, you weary, and He will give you rest  
Come you who mourn, lay on his breast  
Christ who died, risen in paradise  
Giver of mercy, giver of life

*(song continued on next page)*

**\*SING TO JESUS, continued**

Sing to Jesus, His is the throne  
Now and forever, He is the King of Heaven  
Sing to Jesus, we are His own  
Now and forever, sing for the love, our God has shown

Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame  
Lord of our sinful hearts  
He is our great redeemer  
Sing to Jesus, honor His name

Sing to Jesus, His is the throne  
Now and forever, He is the King of Heaven  
Sing to Jesus, we are His own  
Now and forever, sing for the love our God has shown

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

**All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is indeed good, right, and our delight that we should at all times  
and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father,  
Almighty, Everlasting God.

**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 5)*

**PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION**

**\*THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD - Hymn #253**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Samaritan House, Kalispell

**MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Bishop Eliudi & Lucy Issangya and the International Evangelism Centre in Sakila, Tanzania. Each year the Centre trains and sends approximately 200 pastors, teachers and evangelists into the seven nations of Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Zaire and Mozambique. To date, over 900 churches have been planted in these countries by graduates of the Centre.

**CHURCH OF THE CROSS DONATIONS:** If you would like to make a financial contribution to the Whitefish church plant with Pastor Aaron Scott, please make your check out to "Church of the Cross" and mail to P.O. Box 1012, Whitefish, MT 59937.

**EASTER LILIES CAN BE PURCHASED** in honor or memory of your loved ones. Forms are available on the table in the foyer for you to fill out and leave in the box provided or you may return them to the church office along with \$10.00 (per lily), by **TODAY**, Sunday, March 29. Lilies will be displayed on Easter Sunday and you are welcome to take them home after the worship services.

Please join us on Friday, April 3, at 7:00 p.m. for our **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**. On **EASTER SUNDAY**, April 5, Faith Covenant Elders and Deacons will serve breakfast between the two services at 9:45 a.m. There will be no Sunday School classes that day.

**BABY SHOWER:** Ladies are invited to a baby shower for Andrea Vander Ark Saturday, April 11, at 2 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Come join us as we celebrate the upcoming arrival of this little one into our church family. If you would like to contribute to a group gift card, contact Kristin Bay in the church office (752-2400).

**BAKING DAY:** There will be a baking day for fellowship time goodies on Saturday, April 25, at 9:30 a.m. for two to three hours -- not sure how long we'll need so this one is our trial run to figure it out. It will be a great time and is open for whoever can help, for as long as you can, to get a stash of goodies in our freezer! Please let Dar (249-6589 or darwassink@gmail.com) or the office know if you'll be there. Thank you to all who have come forward to say you'll help with baking! You are a sweet blessing! ~ The Fellowship Committee

**LADIES' BIBLE STUDY - JOY:** 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 next class will be Saturday, April 18, from 10:30-noon at the church. You are welcome to join any meeting - contact Chany Ockert with questions (260-3221).

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU MARCH 15:  
Targeted Budget = \$76,960.15; Offerings received = \$67,542.51

**HELPING SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE — SEMINAR:** Mark your calendars for a free seminar Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church. Pastor Shane will teach about the dynamics of domestic abuse and how to support survivors. If you would like to learn how to help abusive families or just want to learn more about the Refuge, please attend. Refreshments provided. Contact the church office at 752-2400 to register or for more information.

*Questions and thoughts for discussion:*

1. **How does Jesus intentionally provoke the religious leaders?**
  
2. **Why is the glory of Jesus so easy for people to miss? Knowing this, what should we be looking for if we don't want to miss him? What are obstacles we will face in doing this?**
  
3. **Speaking of Jesus as God, Augustine says of the triumphal entry: "He does not lose his divinity when he teaches us humility." In what way is the glory of God revealed in Jesus' humble entrance into Jerusalem?**
  
4. **Consider: "In the foregoing chapters we observed Christ as he stood in the vestibule of the house of sorrows. Now we shall see him put his own hand on the latch of the door that leads into the temple proper." — Klaas Schilder**
  
5. **Disappointments are hard to take by anyone; yet the Lord calls us to trust him in the midst of them — to walk by faith and not by sight. What has helped you with this in your own life? In what ways do you still struggle?**
  
6. **Where have you struggled with not liking the plan of your life? How have you responded to the Lord for this?**
  
7. **Does Jesus' invitation to death keep you at arms length or do you step forward (by his grace) to die to something with the hope of resurrection before you?**

**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.

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**CONTACT INFORMATION**

*"Serving One Another in Love" Galatians 5:13*

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**BOOKKEEPER:** Carlynn Stahlberg

**CUSTODIAN:** Kelly Brown

**ELDERS**

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Tom Jentz .....	755-2029	Micah Tinkham .....	471-0080
Duane Martin.....	sabbatical	Steve Thompson.....	857-3326
Don Olmsted .....	250-7915	Jan Wassink.....	249-6590

**DEACONS**

Buford Bennett .....	261-7124	Micah Hill .....	270-7940
Doug Brown .....	890-0760	Mike Stahlberg.....	270-2509
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Bill Gamble .....	249-0152		

**BUILDING TRUSTEES**

Brian Bay.....	752-9087	Nick Hanson.....	253-4668
Paul Hobus .....	270-5434	Russ Hadley (lead).....	752-3661
Josh Turner .....	212-9617	Matt Vander Ark.....	871-0615

## SERMON OUTLINE

March 29, 2015

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Palm Sunday

Sermon Title: *That's Not the Plan*

### I. Increased Exposure — Leading towards truth

### II. Increased Sorrow — Leading towards death

## SERMON TEXT

Luke 19:28-40 (ESV)

<sup>28</sup> And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup> And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” <sup>35</sup> And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was drawing near--already on the way down the Mount of Olives--the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” <sup>39</sup> And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” <sup>40</sup> He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

Mark 9:31-32 (ESV)

<sup>31</sup> for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.