

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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*“For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit.”
Luke 6:43*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 29:1-2,4,11*

Leader: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

All: May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Leader: Attribute to the LORD, O heavenly beings, attribute to the LORD glory and strength.

All: Attribute to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

***JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE**

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began;
father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us upward in the triumph song of life.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***OH 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.

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

- Monday – Elder Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the church
- Tuesday – Leadership Class, 7:00 p.m. at the church
- Wednesday – 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, 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, March 31 – Leadership Class, 7:00 p.m. at the church
 - Friday, April 3 – Good Friday Service, 7:00 p.m. at the church
 - Sunday, April 5 – No Sunday school
 - EASTER SUNDAY:
 - 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
 - 9:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast
 - 11:15 a.m. Worship Service
 - Tuesday, April 7 – Leadership Class, 7:00 p.m. at the church
 - 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

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.

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)..... Doug & Jeri Brown
USHERS/GREETERS (11:15 AM)..... Sandy & Gloria Johnson
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)..... Bennetts
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants)..... Tinkhams
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... K. Brown/Hernandez
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Glenda Quick & Julie Thompson
COMMUNION PREP..... Carolyn Duncan
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Donelle Holderbaum

NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 29

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM)..... Doug & Jeri Brown
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..... Jenaé Schmautz & Patti Albert
COMMUNION PREP..... Carol Martin
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Jeanie Brenneman

***BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE**

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on his hands, My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
*One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Ephesians 5:3-6*

But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

All: O King and Father, your Son died and was raised in power. Now enable us to die to our sin in repentance so we may rise to new life in Him. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our reluctance to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have. Forgive us of our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life, so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalm 25:8-10*

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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)*

JESUS LOVER OF MY SOUL

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to your bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, 'til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone, support and comfort me.
All my trust on You is stayed, all help from You I bring;
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Your wing.

You, O Christ, are all I want, here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Your Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; You are truth and grace.

Lavish grace with You is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
The fount of life You are, let me drink of Thee;
Spring up within my heart; for all eternity.

SERMON – *Know Yourself* – Luke 6:39-45

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Trinity Church (PCA),
Bozeman, Pastors Bryan Clark and Jeff Hamling

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for Tim & Emily Herset and Young Life Montana. Young Life is about sharing the truth of God's love with adolescents, reaching out to middle school, high school and college students in friendship and hope.

EASTER LILIES CAN BE PURCHASED in honor or memory of your loved ones. Your dedication will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. 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), no later than Sunday, March 29. Lilies will be displayed on Easter Sunday and you are welcome to take them home after the worship service.

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.

BAKERS WANTED: The fellowship committee is still looking for a few good bakers ... or just available kitchen helpers! Many hands make light work as they bake treats to have on hand for the fellowship/coffee time between services. Ingredients are provided, and you can bake at home or at the church. Contact Dar (249-6589 or darwassink@gmail.com) to get on the list or for more details.

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).

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).

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.

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).

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

“Know thyself” – Socrates

“The essence of knowledge is self-knowledge” – Plato

*“There are three things extremely hard, steel, a diamond,
and to know one’s self.” – Benjamin Franklin*

*“The first reason for man’s inner slavery is his ignorance of himself.
Without self-knowledge, man cannot be free, he cannot govern himself
and he will always remain a slave. This is why in all ancient teachings
the first demand at the beginning of the way to liberation was:
‘Know thyself’.” – George Gurdjieff*

1. How well do you know yourself?

2. Do you know what blinds you?

3. How do you handle someone criticizing you?

4. How does Jesus deal with hypocrisy?

5. What do you see when Jesus holds a mirror up to your heart?

***O THE BLOOD**

O the blood, crimson love, price of life’s demand;
Shameful sin placed on him, the hope of ev’ry man.

(Chorus)

*O, the blood of Jesus washes me; O, the blood of Jesus shed for me;
What a sacrifice that saved my life; Yes, the blood it is my victory.*

Savior, Son, Holy One, slain so I can live;
O, see the Lamb, the great I Am, who takes away my sin.

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

O, the blood of the Lamb; O, the blood of the Lamb;
What a sacrifice that saved my life; Yes the blood it is my victory.

O, what love, no greater love; Grace, how can it be
that in my sin, yes, even then, he shed his blood for me.

(Chorus)

What a sacrifice that saved my life; Yes, the blood, it is my victory.

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, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN**

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee;
destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I’ve sought or hoped or known;
yet how rich is my condition, God and heav’n are still my own.

Take, my soul, thy full salvation, rise o’er sin and fear and care;
joy to find in every station something still to do or bear;
think what Spirit dwells within thee, what a Father’s smile is thine,
what a Savior died to win thee: child of heav’n, shouldst thou repine?

Hasten on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;
heav’n’s eternal day’s before thee, God’s own hand shall guide thee there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, swift shall pass thy pilgrim days;
hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight and prayer to praise.

***BENEDICTION**

SERMON OUTLINE

March 22, 2015

Sermon: Pastor Aaron Scott

Sermon Series: Facing Jerusalem - Luke

Sermon Title: *Know Yourself*

I. How well do you know yourself?

II. How many hypocrites are there in the room?

III. How does Jesus deal with hypocrisy?

SERMON TEXT

Luke 6:39-45 (ESV)

³⁹ He also told them a parable: “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰ A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. ⁴¹ Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴² How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother’s eye.

⁴³ “For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, ⁴⁴ for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. ⁴⁵ The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.