

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 15, 2015

*“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”
Luke 6:36*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 103:1-5, 8*

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

All: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

Leader: Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

All: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

***ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE**

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
the bleeding sacrifice, on my behalf appears.
Before the throne my surety stands,
before the throne my surety stands,
my name is written on his hands.

(Chorus)

*Arise, arise, arise. Arise, my soul, arise.
Arise, arise, arise. Arise, my soul, arise;
shake off your guilty fears and rise.*

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;
his all redeeming love, his precious blood, to plead;
his blood atoned for every race,
his blood atoned for every race,
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

(Chorus)

Five bleeding wounds he bears; received on Calvary;
they pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Don’t let that ransomed sinner die!”

(Chorus)

My God is reconciled; his pardoning voice I hear;
he owns me for his child; I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh,
with confidence I now draw nigh,
and “Father, Abba, Father!” cry.

(Chorus)

***BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
give my praise to the fountain of delights;
for in my helplessness you heard my cry,
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer;
I will sing of the blood that never fails,
of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,
of death defeated and life without end.

(song continued on next page)

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. – St. Patrick’s Baked Potato Potluck

THIS WEEK

- Tuesday – Deacon’s Meeting, 7 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, March 24 – Elizabeth Women’s Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross’ home
 - 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
 - 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

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) Motleys
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Hearn
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants)..... Jentz
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Andersons
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus
COMMUNION PREP..... Dar Wassink
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Lori Vander Ark

NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 22

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM)..... Doug & Jeri Brown
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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

**BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR, continued*

(Chorus)

*Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor,
clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
you're the Way, the Truth, the Life.
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,
you're the Risen One, heaven's champion,
and you reign, you reign over all!*

I long to be where the praise is never ending;
yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,
where countless worshipers will share one song,
and cries of "worthy" will honor the Lamb!

(Chorus 2x)

**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)

CALL TO CONFESSION

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 Corinthians 10:13*

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

All: Lord, too often I am easily overtaken by my temptations. I do not take you at your word by looking for a way of escape. I do not struggle enough against my sins, and I seldom try to endure against them with any real effort. Righteous Father, you are faithful and merciful. Forgive me my sins for the sake of your Son Jesus. Grant to me new and fresh obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalm 25:6-7*

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

– *The Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Question 32*

Minister: Why are you called a Christian?

All: Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

***FAIREST LORD JESUS** – *Hymn #170*

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)*

THY MERCY MY GOD IS THE THEME OF MY SONG

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
the joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
hath won my affection and bound my soul fast.

Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
sin would reduce me to utter despair;
but through thy free goodness my spirits revive,
and he that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
dissolved by thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
and weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, thy goodness I own,
and the covenant love of thy crucified Son.
*All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine,
seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Grace Church, Mt Vernon, Washington, Pastor Dave Klein

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.

SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: New spring quarter Sunday School classes for adults started Sunday, March 8. Pastor Aaron Scott will teach a class on the Seven Deadly Sins in the sanctuary and Marty Mullins will teach a class for women entitled "Heroines of the Faith: Learning from Godly Women Through the Ages" in the fellowship hall.

BAKED POTATO POTLUCK: Join us for a St. Patrick's Potato Potluck TODAY. The fellowship committee will provide the baked potatoes and salad — you provide the toppings and dessert.

BAKING OPPORTUNITY: We will begin baking cookies, breads, etc. for fellowship time in the near future. Right now we're getting together a list of people willing to assist us in baking goodies to be frozen for use by the fellowship hosts. A few specifics: ingredients will be provided, can bake at home or at church on your own time schedule or can get together as a group for a baking time at church. Contact Dar (249-6589 or darwassink@gmail.com) to get on the list or for more details. Remember -- many hands make light work. Looking forward to your help! ~The Fellowship Committee

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 cook and serve breakfast between the two services at 9:45 a.m. There will be no Sunday School classes that day.

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.

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, March 21, from 10:30-noon at the church. You are welcome to join in at any meeting - contact Chany Ockert with questions (260-3221).

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. Do you have any enemies? If so, who? If there is no one you would consider an enemy, what are some instances where other people have sinned against you?

2. What is your typical response when someone sins against you?

3. Review your answer to question 1. Have you sinned in a similar way against God? If so, how?

4. How does the grace and forgiveness that you have received from God enable you to love and forgive others?

5. Think of a recent situation in which you were wronged in some way. Rather than responding in kind, what would it look like for you to treat the other person the way you want to be treated?

SERMON – Extraordinary Love – *Luke 6:27-38*

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

***OFT IN SORROW**

Oft in sorrow, oft in woe, onward, Christian, onward go.
Fight the fight, maintain the strife, strengthened with the Bread of life.

Let your drooping hearts be glad, march in heavenly armor clad.
Fight, nor think the battle long, victory soon shall be your song.

Let not sorrow dim your eye, soon shall every tear be dry.
Let not fears your course impede, great your strength, if great your need.

Onward then in battle move, more than conquerors ye shall prove.
Though opposed by many a foe, Christian soldiers onward go.

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**

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SERMON OUTLINE

March 15, 2015

Sermon: Pastor Shane Waldron
Sermon Series: Facing Jerusalem - Luke
Sermon Title: *Extraordinary Love*

We must treat our enemies the way God treats us.

I. By Loving Them

II. By Doing Good to Them

III. By Giving to Them

IV. By Forgiving Them

SERMON TEXT

Luke 6:27-38 (ESV)

²⁷ “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹ And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

³² “If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵ But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶ Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ “Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”