

## 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*

**April 26, 2015**

*“Young man, I say to you, arise.”  
Luke 7:14*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 147, Revelation 4*

Leader: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

**All: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!**

Leader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

**All: Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.**

*(\*Indicates when to stand)*

**\*BY THY MERCY**

Jesus, Lord of life and glory, bend from heaven thy gracious ear;  
While our waiting souls adore thee, friend of helpless sinners, hear:  
From the depth of nature's blindness, from the hardening power of sin,  
From all malice and unkindness, from the pride that lurks within,

*(Chorus)*

*By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord  
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.*

When temptation sorely presses, in the day of Satan's power,  
In our times of deep distresses, in each dark and trying hour.  
When the world around is smiling, in the time of wealth and ease,  
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling, in the day of health and peace.

*(Chorus)*

In the weary hours of sickness, in the times of grief and pain,  
When we feel our mortal weakness, when all human help is vain.  
In the solemn hour of dying, in the awful judgment day,  
May our souls, on thee relying, find thee still our Rock and Stay.

*(Chorus)*

**\*SING TO THE KING**

Sing to the King who is coming to reign.  
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain.  
Life and salvation his empire shall bring,  
and joy to the nations, when Jesus is King.

*(Chorus)*

*Come, let us sing a song,  
a song declaring that we belong to Jesus;  
he's all we need. Lift up a heart of praise.  
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus; sing to the King.*

For his returning we watch and we pray;  
we will be ready the dawn of that day.  
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed,  
'cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King.

*(Chorus 2x)*

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING - Hymn #115 vs. 1-3, 5**

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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 – Jr. High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. at the church  
– Sr. High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. at the Neumanns'
- Friday/Saturday – Men's Retreat, Bend Guard Station
- Sunday – Ladies' SimpliciTea, 2 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, May 5 – Trustees Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the church
  - Monday, May 11-14 – Communicants' Class, details TBA
  - Thursday, May 14 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church
  - Tuesday, May 12 – Elizabeth Women's Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross' home
  - Sunday, May 17 – Baby Shower for Rachel Hunter & Alyssa Hobus,  
2 p.m. in the fellowship hall
  - Tuesday, May 19 – Elders/Deacons' meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
  - Tuesday, May 26 – Elizabeth Women's Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross' home
  - Sunday, May 31 – Last day of Sunday School
  - Tuesday, June 2 – Trustees Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the church

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

### GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU APRIL 12:

Targeted Budget = \$96,200.19 ; Offerings received = \$96,238.90

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN—FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on **Thursday, May 14** at **Central Christian Church**. If you have questions, contact Joyce Schmautz (249-6370).

**Please pick up a baby bottle in the foyer TODAY** to help Hope Pregnancy Ministries during their Baby Bottle Fundraiser! Between Mother's Day and Father's Day, fill your baby bottle with loose change, bills or a check and bring your bottle back to church on or before Father's Day. Hope Pregnancy Ministries serves women experiencing unplanned pregnancy by providing free pregnancy testing and ultrasound with options counseling, as well as mentorship and material needs for young moms! Get involved today by filling and returning a baby bottle! Questions? Call 257-5700.

**LOST AND FOUND:** Remember to check the lost and found in the fellowship hall if you are missing dishes or any other items — unclaimed items will be donated to charity!

*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).*

### APRIL

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

### TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM)..... Paul & Alyssa Hobus  
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) ..... Bennetts  
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Hearn  
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants)..... Putzler  
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Lancasters  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Sara Motley & Kelly Brown  
COMMUNION PREP..... Carol Martin  
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Theresa Paolini

### NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 3

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM)..... Mike & Julie Thompson  
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)..... Jentzs  
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Andersons  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Sue Richardson & Barbara Makowski  
COMMUNION PREP..... Dar Wassink  
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Mark Rice

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *James 1:19-22*

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

**All: O blessed Jesus, you know the impurity of our affection, the narrowness of our sympathy, and the coldness of our love; take possession of our souls and fill our minds with the image of yourself; break the stubbornness of our selfish wills and mold us in the likeness of your unchanging love. O you who alone can do this, our Savior, our Lord, and our God. Amen. (William Temple, 1910)**

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Colossians 2:13-14*

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

### **\*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.

## 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)*

### HE WHO BRINGS THE MORNING

High this mountain, broad this sea, still, my sin ran deeper  
Grave offense my soul did wreak, against creation's keeper  
But see what power so fell and fair, has stayed his holy justice  
God Himself all hell did bear, how great his love for us is

*(Chorus)*

*O serve Him, Only serve Him, He who brings the morning (2x)*

Every hour is a precious boon, every breath is a mercy  
Every glimpse of yonder moon, a balm upon this journey  
How vast the heavens above this place, so small beneath His glory  
Still He stooped and showed His face and poured His mercy o'er me

*(Chorus)*

Jesus, our Messiah King, for those who don't deserve Him  
Conquered death all life to bring, so seek His face and serve Him

*(Chorus 2x)*

### SERMON – *Good News to the Poor* – Luke 7:11-17

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

### **\*WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS** - Hymn #252

### **\*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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Rocky Mountain Community Church, Billings, PCA, Pastor Alfred Poirier and Pastor Jason Barrie

**MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Pray for Jamie and Alissa Shattenberg (and children) as they minister in Mahajanga, Madagascar via several venues: World Ventures "Restoring Health, Forests, and Hope in Christ," the Sarobidy Maternity Center, Eden Reforestation Projects and Women's Artisan projects.

**VBS SAVE THE DATE - THE KING IS COMING! JUNE 22-26:** Mark your calendars now for a great week of VBS June 22-26 from 6-8 p.m. As we begin to plan and prepare for sharing our joy in the King, please pray how you can be involved—many opportunities are available from teaching, music, prayer, snacks, crafts, recreation, food, drama and more ... and pray also for many children to come! Contact Joni Jenks at [cascade.jenks@gmail.com](mailto:cascade.jenks@gmail.com) or call/text 257-3560 to volunteer today!

**SOUND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** There is an ongoing need for more help with running the sound board during the worship services. Volunteers serve for just one worship service on an as-needed basis. Please contact the office (752-2400), if interested.

**USHER SCHEDULE:** Ushers are needed for the summer months. Please sign up in the foyer for the month and service of your choice.

**LEADERSHIP CLASS:** Leadership Training Class will resume Tuesday, April 28, at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This class will meet for until June 9.

**MEN'S RETREAT MAY 1-2:** *Men are invited to the Annual Men's Retreat* at the Bend Guard Station west of Kalispell on the Thompson River Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2. The retreat begins Friday afternoon/evening with dinner and ends Saturday afternoon. Bring a sleeping bag, pillow and personal items. Sign up in the foyer so they can plan for meals. Cost for food will be divided among those attending. Contact the office (752-2400) for more information.

**LADIES' SIMPLICITEA MAY 3:** Ladies of all ages are invited to tea on **Sunday, May 3**, at 2:00 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. **Please bring your own tea cup and saucer!** Please RSVP by signing up in the foyer.

**COMMUNICANT'S CLASS MAY 11-14:** If you are interested in your child attending a Communicant's Class this spring, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer. The class consists of four sessions May 11-14 at the church at 3:30-4:15 p.m.

**BABY SHOWER:** Faith Covenant ladies are invited to a baby shower for Rachel Hunter and Alyssa Hobus Sunday, May 17, at 2:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Come join us as we celebrate the upcoming arrival of these little ones into our church family. If you would like to contribute to a group gift, 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, May 16, from 10:30-noon at the church. You are welcome to join any meeting - contact Chany Ockert with questions (260-3221).

*Questions for Reflection and Discussion*

1. How did this widow epitomize Jesus message of good news for the poor?

2. Unlike the previous miracle, Jesus initiated the action. In what way does this highlight the work of God’s saving grace in the lives of sinners?

3. In the OT, both Elijah and Elisha were used by God to restore life to two people who had died. They both prayed for a long period of time, yet here Jesus just commands. How do we see Jesus going beyond being a “great prophet”?

4. Christian apologist Quadratus wrote (120-130 AD) to Emperor Hadrian saying: *“But the works of our Saviour were always present, for they were genuine: those that were healed, and those that were raised from the dead, who were seen not only when they were healed and when they were raised, but were also always present; and not merely while the Saviour was on earth, but also after his death, they were alive for quite a while, so that some of them lived even to our day.”* It may be easy for some to dismays these miracles today, but what was significant about the public nature of the miracles that made this difficult during the time they were done?

5. When the Way of Life met the way of death, it is clear that death gave way to life. What hope does this carry for us this side of the resurrection of Jesus?

6. We see in the gospels that Jesus is often moved by pity and compassion in human suffering. How does your life share in this ministry of compassion? Is this an area you need to grow in, and if so, what does that look like for you?

7. How are you able to speak of the reality of v-17 today? *“God has visited his people!”*

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

*Wine is located in the two outer rings;juice is located in the center ring.*

**PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION**

*\*IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL - Hymn #691*

**\*BENEDICTION**

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**CONTACT INFORMATION**

*“Serving One Another in Love” Galatians 5:13*

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**SERMON OUTLINE**

**April 26, 2015**

**Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.**

**Sermon Title: *Good News to the Poor***

**SERMON TEXT**

**Luke 7:11-17 (ESV)**

**I. A Savior who can feel your pain**

<sup>11</sup> Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. <sup>12</sup> As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. <sup>13</sup> And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” <sup>14</sup> Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” <sup>15</sup> And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. <sup>16</sup> Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” <sup>17</sup> And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

**II. A Savior who can do something about it**