

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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*“Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them...”
Luke 6:47*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 22:27-31; 21:13*

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

All: For kingship belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations.

Leader: Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

All: Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength! We will sing and praise your power.

***COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING** - *Hymn #457*

***ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS NAME!** - *Hymn #296 vs. 1, 3, 5, 6*

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

**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)

CALL TO CONFESSION

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 Corinthians 6:9-11*

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

All: Our Lord and God, though we have been washed in the name of our Lord Jesus, we confess that we struggle to remain free from the stain of sin. We give in to the desires of our lusts; we see our many possessions and are greedy for more; our hearts are too often factories for idols. Forgive us our sins. Grant to us repentant hearts and wills that desire to strive for new and fresh obedience. May Jesus be glorified in our lives, for it is in his name that we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 20:6-7*

Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving might of his right hand. Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

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

- Wednesday – Jr. High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. at the church
– Sr. High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. at the Neumanns’
- Saturday – Helping Survivors of Domestic Abuse Seminar, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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, April 21 – Elders/Deacons’ meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
 - Saturday, April 25 – Baking Day, 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall
 - Saturday, April 25 – Women’s Bible Study, 10:30-12, 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’ SimpliciTea, 2 p.m. at the church
 - Tuesday, May 5 – Trustees Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the church
 - Tuesday, May 12 – Elizabeth Women’s Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross’ home
 - 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

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.

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)..... Sharon Salyer
 First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM infants) Russells
 First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Hearn
 Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants)..... Carlsons
 Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs).....Jenaé Schmautz
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Kate Anderson & Tami Jentz
 COMMUNION PREP..... Eileen Pierson
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Yvonne Hernandez

NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 19

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM)..... Paul & Alyssa Hobus
 USHERS/GREETERS (11:15 AM).....Nick & Hanni Hanson
 CHILDREN’S CHURCH (11:15 AM service only)..... Sharon Salyer
 First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM infants) Hearn
 First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Motley
 Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants)..... Turners
 Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs).....Paolinis
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS.....Joani Eisentraut & Amy Bennett
 COMMUNION PREP..... Amy Bennett
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Diane Nugent

**AMAZING GRACE! - Hymn #460 vs. 1-4, 6*

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)*

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.

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.*

SERMON – *Obedience Through Grace* – Luke 6:46-49

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

***PSALM 23**

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters. His goodness restores my soul.

(Chorus)

*And I will trust in you alone, and I will trust in you alone;
for your endless mercy follows me, your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness, and he anoints my head with oil;
and my cup, it overflows with joy, I feast on his pure delights.

(Chorus)

And though I walk the darkest path, I will not fear the evil one;
for you are with me, and your rod and staff are the comfort I need to know.

(Chorus 2x)

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

***THE POWER OF THE CROSS**

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then
nailed to a cross of wood.

(Chorus)

*This, the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us;
took the blame, bore the wrath.
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on your face,
bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed
crowning your bloodstained brow.

(Chorus)

(song continued on next page)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Fresh Life Church, Kalispell,
Pastor Levi Lusko

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for J & E (and their baby daughter N), who are now in the Middle East with Arab refugees, teaching the English language there, and then becoming part of a pastoral plant team for the next two years in USA, before leading a new team in an unreached area. Intercede for timing, direction and wisdom during the next seven weeks in regards to friends, contacts and relationships becoming strong in Christ and in the Holy Scriptures, as J & E & N transition home-side in mid-May. Petition that God would use even the terrible events in the region to bring people to Himself!

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.

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

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.

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.

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

- 1. That Jesus speaks of being followed and obeyed tells us something about his own perceived authority. He is called Lord and he expects to be obeyed. How does this inform us about our Christology (our understanding of who Jesus is)?**
- 2. In verse 47, Jesus speaks of three actions of a disciple. They come to Jesus, they hear his words, and then they obey. How then do we speak of someone who speaks of believing in Jesus, but does nothing in his life to follow after Jesus?**
- 3. For the person listening to Jesus, he or she is in a position to withstand and resist the temptations that come in life. How is this an encouragement for you in your present situation?**
- 4. How does this final image summarize Jesus message started back in verse 17?**
- 5. Consider: “Obedience is the only sound evidence of saving faith, and the talk of the lips is worse than useless, if it is not accompanied by sanctification of the life.” — J.C. Ryle**
- 6. How do we keep the tension of salvation by grace and this call to gospel obedience? What role does self-examination have in your life?**

***THE POWER OF THE CROSS, continued**

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath
quakes as its maker bows his head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;
“Finished!” the vict’ry cry.

(Chorus)

*This, the pow’r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us;
took the blame, bore the wrath.
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
for through your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,
won through your selfless love.

*This, the pow’r of the cross:
Son of God, slain for us.
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

***BENEDICTION**

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

SERMON OUTLINE
April 12, 2015
Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Sermon Title: *Obedience Through Grace*

SERMON TEXT
Luke 6:46-49 (ESV)

I. What does it mean to call Jesus Lord?

⁴⁶ “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you? ⁴⁷ Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: ⁴⁸ he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. ⁴⁹ But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”

II. What does building on the foundation of Christ look like?

III. A summary of life and faith