

## 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*

**May 31, 2015**



*“God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God,  
and God abides in him.”*

*1 John 4:16*

## **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)*

*\*BLESSED ASSURANCE - Hymn #693*

*\*IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE - Hymn #38*

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*TRINITARIAN CONFESSION:**

**All: Blessed is the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and unto all ages. Amen.**

*\*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!*

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!*

## 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
- Trustees Meeting, 5:30 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'

### LOOKING AHEAD

- Tuesdays – Music practice, 5:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays – 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, June 7 – Summer Worship Service times begin, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.
  - Sunday, June 7 – Graduation Sunday
  - Tuesday, June 9 – Leadership Class, 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall
  - Thursday, June 11 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church
  - Tuesday, June 16 – Elder/Deacon Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
  - Sunday, June 21 – Father's Day Potluck, 12:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall
  - June 22-26 – Vacation Bible School - Save the Date! 6-8:15 p.m.
  - Tuesday, July 7 – Trustees Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the church
  - Thursday, July 9 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church
  - Tuesday, July 21 – Elder/Deacon Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
  - Friday-Monday, Sept. 4-7 – FCC Church Camp at Middle Thompson Lake

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

### MAY

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

### TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM)..... Mike & Julie Thompson  
USHERS/GREETERS (11:15 AM)..... Phil & Carol Van Duyne  
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)..... Motleys  
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants)..... Russells  
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Cathy Hanson  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS.....Laura Pierson & Kristin Bay  
COMMUNION PREP..... Terry & Judy Fosbery  
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Jeanie Brenneman

### NEXT SUNDAY – JUNE 7

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM).....Nick & Hanni Hanson  
USHERS/GREETERS (11:15 AM)..... Tim & Kate Anderson  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11:15 AM service only)..... Carol Van Duyne & Maria Bay  
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM infants) ..... Uzzis  
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Hearn  
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants)..... H. Hanson  
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Lancaster  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS.....Donelle Holderbaum & Kelly Brown  
COMMUNION PREP..... Eileen Pierson  
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP .....Hanni Hanson

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 John 3:16-18*

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

**All: Almighty Father, God of gods and Lord of lords, Father to the fatherless, Husband to the widow, Defender of the helpless, Judge of all the earth, have mercy on us. We have not sought freedom for the oppressed, even though you freed us. We have not bound up the broken even though you healed us. We have not forgiven others even though you freely forgave us. We withhold kindness from the needy even though you freely gave us your own son. We are without excuse, but not without hope. By your power and grace, account our sins to Jesus' bloody death and amend our ways by the power of his glorious resurrection.**

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 John 3:19-20*

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.

### \*COMMON CONFESSION OF FAITH:

*The Nicene Creed – Hymnal page 846*

### \**JESUS PAID IT ALL* - Hymn #308

### PUBLIC RECEPTION OF MEMBERS:

*Cassie Shields  
Tom & Niam Moody*

### 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)*

## ***WHOM SHALL I FEAR (GOD OF ANGEL ARMIES)***

You hear me when I call, you are my morning song.  
Though darkness fills the night it cannot hide the light.  
Whom shall I fear? You crush the enemy underneath my feet.  
You are my sword and shield though troubles linger still.  
Whom shall I fear?

*(Chorus)*

*I know who goes before me; I know who stands behind;  
the God of angel armies is always by my side.  
The one who reigns forever, he is a friend of mine;  
the God of angel armies is always by my side.*

My strength is in your name for you alone can save.

You will deliver me, yours is the victory.

Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?

*(Chorus)*

*(Bridge)*

And nothing formed against me shall stand.  
You hold the whole world in your hands.  
I'm holding on to your promises; you are faithful, you are faithful.  
You are faithful.

*(Chorus 2x)*

*the God of angel armies is always by my side.*

## **SERMON – *The Trinity—A Call To Love* – 1 John 4:7-16**

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

## **\*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.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Columbia Falls, Pastor Matthew Nelson

**MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Petition the Lord for Kevin Johnson and his students and associate faculty and their students and families and United World Mission at Biblical Seminary of Colombia, Medellín, Colombia.

**SUMMER SERVICE TIMES:** Our two worship services will continue through the summer but the times will change starting Sunday, June 7. First service will still be 8:30 a.m. and second service will start at 10:30 a.m.

**THE KING IS COMING! VBS JUNE 22-26:** Mark your calendars now for a great week of VBS June 22-26 from 6-8:15 p.m. **Register early online at <http://bit.do/faithvbs2015>!** Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to make this a great week! If you still want to help, there is a need for a few more hands in the kitchen – contact Joni Jenks at [cascade.jenks@gmail.com](mailto:cascade.jenks@gmail.com) or call/text 257-3560 for information!

**GRADUATION SUNDAY!** If you or someone you know is graduating (grade school to graduate school) please fill out the card in your bulletin and put it in the offering or you may also turn it in to the office. We will honor our graduates during the Fellowship Coffee hour on Sunday, June 7.

**FCC CHURCH CAMP - SAVE THE DATE:** Mark your calendar now for FCC Church Camp Labor Day weekend Sept. 4-7, 2015. Plan to celebrate the end of summer with a weekend together with your church family! Watch for details over the summer!

**LEADERSHIP CLASS:** Leadership Training Class meets again Tuesday, June 2, at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This class, *The Bible: The Text and Transmission of Scripture*, will meet until June 9.

**CHILD BRIDGE FOSTER/ADOPTIVE CARE INFORMATIONAL MEETING:** Families interested in foster/adoptive care and anyone interesting in supporting foster/adoptive care are invited to an informational seminar Tuesday, June 16, at Hope Church (536 Birch Grove Rd.) Dinner will be served at 5:30 with the meeting starting at 6 p.m. Come learn more about the issues and hear from foster/adoptive parents who are in the midst of the journey. RSVP to 837-2247 (*childcare not provided*).

**HOPE BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER:** Please return your baby bottles in the church foyer by Father's Day to help Hope Pregnancy Ministries during their Baby Bottle Fundraiser! 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.

## *Questions for Reflection and Discussion*

- 1. When we think of other religions, how does the Trinity free us from either the non-relational Allah of Islam or the struggling chaos of the gods of Hinduism?**
- 2. In what way does having God's Spirit free us to receive from someone or to give to someone even when we might be at odds with them?**
- 3. Consider: "God is love. Love always implies a communion between persons. The Father loves the Son in the communion of the Spirit. God has his being-in-communion." — James Torrance**
- 4. The Holy Spirit brings us into this relationship of love. We are now a part of Christ's body. How does that enable us to be an invitation for others to enter into the Church?**
- 5. How would you explain to a non-Christian what it means for you to abide in Christ?**

### *Westminster Larger Catechism*

**Q8: Are there more Gods than one?**

**A: There is but one only, the living and true God.**

**Q9: How many persons are there in the Godhead?**

**A: There be three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one true, eternal God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory; although distinguished by their personal properties.**

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 5)*

### **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**

**May 31, 2015**

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

**Sermon Title: *The Trinity—A Call To Love***

**I. Who is God—The Nature of God’s Love**

**II. How do we Abide in Him—The Nature of Our Life In Him**

**SERMON TEXT**

**1 John 4:7-16 (ESV)**

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup> So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

