

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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*“Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven--for she loved much.
But he who is forgiven little, loves little.”
Luke 7:47*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Micah 4:1-2; Psalm 86:9-10*

Leader: It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, and many nations shall come, and say:

All: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.”

Leader: All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

All: For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

CALENDAR

TODAY

***COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING** - Hymn #302

***COME, YE SINNERS**

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore.
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity joined with power.
He is able, he is able; he is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome; God's free bounty glorify:
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall.
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of his blood.
Venture on him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***TO THEE I COME**

To Thee I come a sinner poor, and wait for mercy at Thy door
Indeed I've nowhere else to flee, O God be merciful to me
To Thee I come a sinner weak, and scarce know how to pray or speak
From fear and weakness set me free, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner vile, upon me Lord vouchsafe to smile
Mercy through blood I make my plea, O God be merciful to me
To Thee I come a sinner great, and well Thou knowest all my state
Yet full forgiveness is with Thee, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner lost, nor have I aught wherein to trust
But where Thou art Lord I would be, O God be merciful to me
To glory bring me Lord at last, and there when all my sins are past
With all the saints I'll then agree, *God was merciful to me*

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'
Thursday – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian 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)

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
Sunday, June 7 – Summer Worship Service times begin, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, June 7 – Graduation Sunday
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
June 22-26 – Vacation Bible School - Save the Date! 6-8 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.

MAY

DEACON OF THE MONTHBruce 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)..... Tamie Jentz & Annie Hill
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM infants)Neumanns
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)..... Brown/Hernandez
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Judy Fosberry & Sharon Thompson
COMMUNION PREP..... Barbara Makowski
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP..... Benni Tulloch

NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 17

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First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Uzzis
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants)..... Tinkhams
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Motleys
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Paula Saldamando & Donelle Holderbaum
COMMUNION PREP..... Carolyn Duncan
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Lori Vander Ark

CALL TO CONFESSION

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *James 2:10*

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

Leader: You shall have no other gods before me.

All: But I often place other things on the throne of my heart above you.

Leader: You shall not make for yourself a carved image... You shall not bow down to them or serve them.

All: But I make you into who I want you to be.

Leader: You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

All: But I treat your name lightly and do not bring honor to you.

Leader: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work.

All: But I make excuses for spending the day pursuing my own pleasures with little thought on how I can set apart the Sabbath to you.

Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

All: But I spurn authority and set my own rules.

Leader: You shall not murder.

All: But I often hate my brother in my heart.

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

All: But my thought life is often x-rated and my heart filled with lust.

Leader: You shall not steal.

All: But I devote my life to pursue convenience and consumption.

Leader: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

All: But I often speak against my neighbors and run them down to others.

Leader: You shall not covet.

All: But I desire and chase after far more than I need and I am not content with what I have.

All: Forgive us, O God. Put to death our sinful inclinations and practices through the power of your Holy Spirit. Renew us in the image of your Son, our Savior-Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Adapted from the Ten Commandments- Exodus 20)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECLARATION OF GRACE: Psalm 30:1-5

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

BEAUTIFUL LORD

When the storm is raging all around me,
you are the peace that calms my troubled sea.
When the cares of this world darken my day,
you are the light that shines, and shows me the way.
Oh the beauty of your majesty,
on the cross you showed your love for me.

(Chorus)

*Beautiful Lord, awesome and mighty,
I'm captured by this love I see.
Beautiful Lord, tender and holy,
your mercy brings me to my knees.
It's your mercy that has made me free, beautiful Lord.*

When my sin is all that I can see,
your grace remains the shelter that I seek.
And when my weakness is all I can give,
your gentle Spirit gives me strength again.
Oh the beauty of your majesty,
on the cross you showed your love for me.

(Chorus 2x)

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)*

***'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS - Hymn #679**

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Glacier Church, Kalispell,
Pastor Jamie Woods

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for Dan & Naomi Emerson and their five children as they serve the Uzbeks and Tajiks in the border area of Tajikistan with Uzbekistan. As the Emersons help the local people start and operate small businesses, intercede that the relationships developed and the lives shared would glorify God and lead many into salvation in Christ Jesus.

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 or call/text 257-3560 to volunteer today!

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 in the church office (752-2400).

MISSION COMMITTEE SEEKING NEW VOLUNTEERS: Excited about global and local missions? Several openings are available on the Faith Covenant mission team including Media Team, Short-Term Coordinator, and Treasurer. Contact Joe Swenson 406-871-5273 for more info.

LEADERSHIP CLASS: Leadership Training Class meets again Tuesday, May 12, at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This class, *The Bible: The Text and Transmission of Scripture*, will meet until June 9.

MEALS MINISTRY: We will have a number of joyfully expected babies joining families in our congregation in May and June. If you would like to bless those families with a homemade meal when their babies arrive, contact Jenny Heyboer (616-901-7742) and make sure the office has your current email address.

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.

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 Schmutz (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.

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

- 1. This text shows us the difference between how Jesus and the Pharisees related to real sinners. It is incredibly easy to look down on those Pharisees who did not like “sinners” even while we do the same thing. What is the danger of ‘under’ identifying with sinners? What is the danger of ‘over’ identifying with sinners (i.e. acknowledging brokenness but not calling for repentance)?**
- 2. Luke’s anointing passage is a different event than a similar one described by the other gospel writers (Matt 26:6-13; Mk 14:309; Jn 12:1-8). What details from the text shows us this?**
- 3. Simon extended to Jesus an ordinary courtesy (it would be an overstatement to say that he had been rude). The woman extended an extraordinary courtesy. What she did required great humility. Why was this lacking in Simon? What warning do you see for yourself?**
- 4. Consider: “Faith expresses itself in love, gratitude, and devotion. Faith yields the fruit of forgiveness, which leads to the fruit of action.”—Darrel Bock**
- 5. Luke takes us right back to the question: “Who is this Jesus?” Could you answer this question through the eyes of the woman and understand her response?**
- 6. Simon did not have faith, because he did not have love. How are we to combine the intellectual truths of Christ together with our affective response?**

SERMON – *Forgiven Much* – Luke 7:36-50

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

****THOU LOVELY SOURCE OF TRUE DELIGHT***

Thou lovely source of true delight whom I unseen adore;
unveil thy beauties to my sight that I might love thee more,
Oh that I might love thee more.

Thy glory o’er creation shines but in thy sacred word
I read, in fairer, brighter lines, my bleeding dying Lord,
see my bleeding, dying Lord.

‘Tis here, whene’er my comforts droop and sin and sorrow rise,
thy love with cheering beams of hope my fainting heart supplies,
Oh, my fainting heart’s supplied.

But ah! too soon the pleasing scene is clouded o’er with pain.
My gloomy fears rise dark between and I again complain,
Oh, and I again complain.

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light, Oh come with blissful ray;
break radiant through the shades of night and chase my fears away,
won’t you chase my fears away.

Then shall my soul with rapture trace the wonders of thy love;
but the full glories of thy face are only known above,
they are only known above.

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

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

***BENEDICTION**

SERMON OUTLINE
May 10, 2015
Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Sermon Title: *Forgiven Much*

I. An Invitation—Getting more than you wanted

II. An Oversight—Getting less than you deserve

III. An Opportunity—Getting it right

SERMON TEXT
Luke 7:36-50 (ESV)

³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. ³⁷ And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, ³⁸ and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." ⁴⁰ And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

⁴¹ "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

⁴³ Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly."

⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven--for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." ⁴⁸ And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹ Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰ And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."