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

June 7, 2015

"He said to them, "Where is your faith?"

And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another,
"Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water,
and they obey him?"

Luke 8:25

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 98

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

All: The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Leader: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

All: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Leader: For the LORD comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

(*Indicates when to stand)

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*THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD - Hymn #111

*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY

All who are thirsty, all who are weak, come to the fountain dip your heart in the stream of life.

Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away in the waves of his mercy, as deep cries out to deep.

Come, Lord Jesus, come. (3x)

Lord we are thirsty, Lord we are weak, so we come to your fountain; dip our hearts in the stream of life.

Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away in the waves of your mercy, as deep cries out to deep.

Come, Lord Jesus, come. (3x) Holy Spirit, come. (3x)

CALL TO CONFESSION

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: Rom. 3:20, 23; 6:23

For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

All: My God and my Creator, I have sinned against you, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, hatred, malice and other sinful affections. I repent of these things, and I am sorry for them, and ask you for mercy, for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: Nahum 1:7

The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him.

CALENDAR

TODAY

8:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE

9:45 a.m. - Coffee & Fellowship - Graduation Sunday

10:30 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)

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

Sunday, June 14 — Moment for Missions, Sam & Dawn Wills 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 — 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

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 fover 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.

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.

JUNE

DEACON OF THE MONTH			
NURSERY COORDINATOR			
Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 270-8933.			
TODAY			
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		
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM infants)	Uzzis		
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)	Hearns		
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants)			
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs).			
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Donelle H	lolderbaum & Kelly Brown		
COMMUNION PREP	Eileen Pierson		
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP	Hanni Hanson		
<u>NEXT SUNDAY – JUNE 14</u>			
USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM)	Nick & Hanni Hanson		
USHERS/GREETERS (11:15 AM)			
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11:15 AM service only) Care	ol Van Duyne & Maria Bay		
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM infants)	Hearns		
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)	Russells		
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants)	Jentzs		
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)	Andersons		
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTSGlend	a Quick & Jenaé Schmautz		
COMMUNION PREP	Carol Martin		
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP	Yvonne Hernandez		

*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)

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

Diaconal Offering today: Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.

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)

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song; This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save; Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied For ev'ry sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain; Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!

And as he stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me, for I am his and he is mine bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand. Till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

SERMON – Where is Your Faith? – Luke 8:22-25

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

*YOUR LOVE, OH LORD

Your love, oh Lord, reaches to the heavens. Your faithfulness stretches to the sky. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains. Your justice flows like the ocean's tide.

I will lift my voice to worship you, my King. I will find my strength in the shadow of your wings. (Repeat all)

Your love, oh Lord, reaches to the heavens.
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains.
Your justice flows like the ocean's tide.

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 4)

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

*I WILL SING OF MY REDEEMER - Hymn #650

*BENEDICTION

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Hope Church, Kalispell, Pastor Lance Dannic

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Please pray for Jim and Jill Hadlock as they labor for the Lord in The Jesus Film Project, managing the production of translations for the people in the Southern and Eastern African nations of South Sudan, Zambia, Zimbabwe (including the Nambya people), and Uganda.

DIACONAL OFFERING: This morning we share in worshipping through our diaconal offering for those needing assistance in our church and community. Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.

GRADUATION SUNDAY! Come celebrate all of our recent graduates with cake and coffee in the fellowship hall today between worship services.

MISSION MEALS 2015: Join the mission committee for the first of several Mission Meals this summer on Sunday, June 14, after the second service. Sam and Dawn Wills will share about their experience serving with Mission Aviation Fellowship in the Congo in Africa. Please RSVP by signing up in the foyer today or contacting the church office by June 12 (office@faithcov.com).

FATHER'S DAY LUNCH: Everyone is invited for a potluck lunch Sunday, June 21, following the second service. The Fellowship Committee will provide the main course of pulled pork and baked chicken. Please bring a salad (last names A-K) or a pie (last names L-Z).

The King is Coming! Vacation Bible School June 22-26, 6-8:15 p.m.

You're invited to celebrate the King!

Come to Vacation Bible School and learn about Jesus
and His great sacrifice and promise to all of us!

Children ages 3 to those going into fifth grade are invited
for five evenings of faith building fun!

Register online at http://bit.do/faithvbs2015 or fill out a card in the foyer
or contact the church office (752-2400).

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 for their last class of this session on Tuesday, June 9, at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

(Announcements continued on next page)

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

- 1. Jesus rebukes demonic spirits, diseases, and natural forces. How is Jesus similar to the great OT prophets? How is he dissimilar?
- 2. Jesus question about their faith can be put into a statement: "You should be more trusting." What does that look like in the midst of a difficult trial? How might it have looked in the boat for these disciples if the had more faith in the Lord?
- 3. Consider: "Fear and wonder are a normal response when one becomes aware that God is at work." [Darrel Bock] Have there been times when you can remember this in your own life?
- 4. How does Luke use these events to speak to us in an indirect way about the identity of Jesus? How would you answer the charge that this is a later myth made up by Jesus' disciples?
- 5. In trials, Jesus often delivers his people through the trial instead of removing the trial. How has this been a stretch of you faith? What often happens when the trial is not removed and we must go through it?
- 6. Horatio Spafford wrote the famous hymn, "It is well with my soul," after his four daughters dies when an ocean liner sank in the Atlantic. Consider: "When peace, like a river, attendeth my soul, When sorrows like a seas billows roll— Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul."

CONTACT INFORMATION

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FCC MINISTRIES & COMMITTEES:

There are many opportunities to serve at Faith Covenant both in the church and out in the community. Contact the following leaders about their ministry:

Children's Church: Dar Wassink (249-6589) **Community Kitchen:** Joyce Schmautz (249-6370) **Fellowship:** Donelle Holderbaum (212-9715) **Meals Ministry:** Jenny Heyboer (616-901-7742) **Missions:** Joe Swenson (871-5273) Pastor Aaron Scott (730-3052) Music: **Nursery:** Darcy Hearn (270-8933) The Refuge: Church Office (752-2400) **Small Groups:** Pastor Shane Waldron (752-2400)

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SERMON OUTLINE June 7, 2015

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D. Sermon Title: Where Is Your Faith?

I. Where is your faith?

II. Who is this man?

SERMON TEXT Luke 8:22-25 (ESV)

²² One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they set out, ²³ and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger. ²⁴ And they went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵ He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?"