

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

July 26, 2015

*But Jesus ... said to them,
“Whoever receives this child in my name receives me,
and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.
For he who is least among you all is the one who is great.”
Luke 9:48*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 95:6-7*

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker.

All: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

***O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL-** *Hymn #194 vs. 1, 3, 4*

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

***O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO**

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH**

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore (2x)

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar; lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield. (2x)

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee (2x)

Land me safe on Canaan's side, bid my anxious fears goodbye (4x)
Goodbye

CALL TO CONFESSION

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 Samuel 15:22-23*

Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry.

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CALENDAR

TODAY

- 8:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
- 9:45 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship
- 10:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
- 11:45 a.m. – Mission Meal

LOOKING AHEAD

- Tuesdays – Music practice, 5:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays – Men's Fraternity Study, 6-7:30 a.m., at the church (Sept.-April)
- 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, July 26 – Mission Meal, 11:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall
 - Tuesday, Aug. 4 – Trustees Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the church
 - Sunday, Aug. 9 – Mission Meal, 11:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall
 - Thursday, Aug. 13 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church
 - Tuesday, Aug. 18 – Elder/Deacon Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
 - Friday-Monday, Sept. 4-7 – FCC Family Camp at Middle Thompson Lake
 - Sunday, Sept. 13 – Sunday School Resumes for all ages

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.

JULY VOLUNTEERS

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

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM) Nick & Hanni Hanson
 USHERS/GREETERS (10:30 AM) Nick & Hanni Hanson
 CHILDREN'S CHURCH (10:30 AM service only) Tamie Jentz & Annie Hill
 First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM infants) Hearn
 First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Neumanns
 Second WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM infants) Tinkhams
 Second WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Andersons
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Laura Pierson & Paula Saldamando
 COMMUNION PREP Carol Martin
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Donelle Holderbaum

NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 2

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM) Lloyd & Eileen Pierson
 USHERS/GREETERS (10:30 AM) Nick & Hanni Hanson
 CHILDREN'S CHURCH (10:30 AM service only) Niam Moody & Zephy Hanson
 First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM infants) Motleys
 First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Hearn
 Second WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM infants) Jentz
 Second WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Brown/Hernandez
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Gloria Hanson & Joni Jenks
 COMMUNION PREP Dar Wassink
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Gloria Hanson

All: Have mercy on us Lord. We often choose sacrifice over obedience. We presume upon your grace, and delight in our show of faith; yet our hearts can be far from you. Forgive us of our disobedience, when we have chosen to love our sin more than to love you. Forgive us of our rebellion, when we have willingly walked away from your commands, in order to pursue the sins of our flesh. Keep us from self-worship, disguised as true religion. Purify and cleanse us by the blood of our Savior Jesus. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Exodus 34:6-7*

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

*COMMON CONFESSION OF FAITH:

The Apostles' Creed – Hymnal page 845

*10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

(Chorus)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul, worship his holy name.
 Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
 it's time to sing your song again.
 Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, –
 let me be singing when the evening comes.
(Chorus)

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
 Your name is great and your heart is kind.
 For all your goodness I will keep on singing; –
 Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
(Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing,
 the end draws near and my time has come;
 still my soul will sing your praise unending, –
 ten thousand years and then forevermore!
(Chorus)

I'll worship your holy name; I'll worship your holy name.

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.
10:30 a.m. Service: Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church (downstairs)*

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty.
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

(Chorus)

How great is our God, sing with me.
How great is our God, and all will see
how great, how great is our God.

Age to age he stands and time is in his hands.
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end;
the Godhead three in one: Father, Spirit, Son.
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

(Chorus)

(Bridge 2x)

Name above all names, you are worthy of our praise
and my heart will sing how great is our God.

(Chorus 2x)

SERMON – *Glorious Failure* – Luke 9:37-50

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

***NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS** - Hymn #307 vs. 1-4

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

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

***BENEDICTION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Easthaven Baptist Church, Kalispell, Pastor Daniel Lambert

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Please pray for the LORD to bless, empower and expand for the sake of the Gospel of His Son, the design and construction and long-term use of Battambang Christian University in all of Cambodia. This Christian university is being expanded into a new 13 acre site by Youth With A Mission with the help of 100 Fold Studio.

MISSION MEAL JULY 26: Join us TODAY for a Mission Meal after the second service with Garrett and Sarah Morrison who just returned from several months working on a YWAM university campus in Battambang, Cambodia, with 100 Fold Studio. And on August 9, J & E, MTW missionaries in the Middle East, will join us for the summer's last Mission Meal.



FCC FAMILY CAMP: Register now for FCC Family Camp Labor Day weekend Sept. 4-7, 2015. Plan to celebrate the end of summer with a weekend together at Middle Thompson Lake with your church family! Registration forms are available in the foyer. Lodging includes bunk rooms, tent or RV sites. Total cost is \$80/family or \$40/individual - payment due when you arrive. *Please register by Sunday, Aug. 16, to help with planning.*

JEWEL BASIN HIKE: If you would like to hike to Mt. Aeneas and Picnic Lakes in the Jewel Basin, on Tuesday, July 28, join Sandy Johnson and others at 8 a.m. in the church parking lot. Please call Sandy at 471-6220 to let him know if you'd like to go. Families with kids are encouraged to come.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN—FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on **Thursday, August 13**, at **Central Christian Church**. If you have questions, contact Joyce Schmautz at 249-6370.

SALVATION ARMY SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS: The Salvation Army provided 400 backpacks of school supplies for needy children last year. Supplies are collected all summer and distributed August 24. If you can donate backpacks and/or school supplies of any kind, take them to the Salvation Army office at 110 Bountiful Dr., Kalispell.

ONLINE GIVING: You may now give your offerings through the church website at www.faihcov.com. Click on the "launch secure giving" button and follow the simple directions to set up an account. Contact the office (752-2400) if you have questions.

PRAYER CARDS are available in the pew racks for your prayer requests. According to how you mark your request, prayers can be for the Elders only, shared with the Deacons or put on the prayer chain. Place your request in the offering bag or give to any Elder or Pastor.

For Prayer Chain requests or to be added to the prayer chain, please contact the church office at 752-2400 or email to office@faihcov.com.

Questions for Reflection & Discussion

1. Jesus does not blame the boy or his father for their lack of faith, but on the ones trying to heal him. How different this is from many of the so-called faith healers who blame any failure to heal on the lack of faith in the person wanting to be healed. Consider: “The disciples did not fail for lack of effort, but due to their lack of faith.”— Philip Ryken

2. It seems that the disciples ran into a difficulty in the healing and then things went downhill fast. Where have you seen in your own life a tendency to either give up or panic when you’ve sought the Lord for something and it doesn’t immediately come about? How does Jesus encourage you to press in to Him?

3. Jesus speaks of his suffering and the disciples block it out immediately due to fear. How has your own fear kept you from pushing in closer to the Lord? How has the passage of time helped you to look back and see what God was doing in certain parts of your life?

4. We use comparison to others to measure our greatness. Jesus defines greatness as knowing and following him. Where does the gospel challenge you personally with the sin of comparison?

5. In Numbers 11:24-30, there is a similar account to what is taking place with the disciples not wanting others to share in their ministry. How has this problem plagued the church? How are we to keep standards and yet not constrict the Lord’s ministry?

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

**Worship
Outreach
Relationship
Discipleship**

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“Serving One Another in Love” Galatians 5:13

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SERMON OUTLINE
July 26, 2015
Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Sermon Title: *Glorious Failure*

I. No Faith—Trusting God in all areas of our life

II. No Suffering—Keeping our eyes on the cross

III. No Humility—Receiving the kingdom as a child

IV. No Sharing—Making room for others

SERMON TEXT
Luke 9:37-50 (ESV)

³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸ And behold, a man from the crowd cried out, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. ³⁹ And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out. It convulses him so that he foams at the mouth, and shatters him, and will hardly leave him. ⁴⁰ And I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” ⁴¹ Jesus answered, “O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” ⁴² While he was coming, the demon threw him to the ground and convulsed him. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ⁴³ And all were astonished at the majesty of God.

But while they were all marveling at everything he was doing, Jesus said to his disciples, ⁴⁴ “Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men.” ⁴⁵ But they did not understand this saying, and it was concealed from them, so that they might not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

⁴⁶ An argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest. ⁴⁷ But Jesus, knowing the reasoning of their hearts, took a child and put him by his side ⁴⁸ and said to them, “Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. For he who is least among you all is the one who is great.”

⁴⁹ John answered, “Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he does not follow with us.” ⁵⁰ But Jesus said to him, “Do not stop him, for the one who is not against you is for you.”