

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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*“I could strengthen you with my mouth;
comfort from my lips would bring you relief.”
Job 16:5*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY - Men's Fraternity

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 12:3-6**

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

All: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

Leader: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

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

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

***PRAISE THE FATHER, PRAISE THE SON**

O Sov'reign God, O matchless King, the saints adore, the angels sing,
and fall before the throne of grace; to you belong the highest praise.

These sufferings, this passing tide, under your wings I will abide,
and ev'ry enemy shall flee; you are my hope and victory.

(Chorus)

*Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one;
clothed in power and in grace, the name above all other names.*

To the valley, for my soul; thy great descent has made me whole!
Your word my heart has welcomed home; now peace like water ever flows.

(Chorus 2x)

(Bridge 2x)

Yours is the kingdom, yours is the power, yours is the glory forever!

(Chorus)

the name above all other names.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***I HAVE BEEN REDEEMED**

When I am lost, when I am all alone,
burdened by my sin and shame, there's one place I can go.
I look towards the cross where my Savior died,
suffered in my place, the perfect sacrifice, for me, so I can know.

(Chorus)

*Now I am forgiven, I have been set free.
Through the blood of Jesus I have been made clean.
Now I know of his mercy because he died for me.
I have been redeemed.
(Repeat all; chorus 2x)*

CALENDAR

TODAY

8:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
9:45 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship
10:30 a.m.– WORSHIP SERVICE

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)

Tuesday, Sept. 1 – Trustees Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Friday-Monday, Sept. 4-7 – FCC Family Camp at Middle Thompson Lake

Sunday, Sept. 6 – **One Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. at the church**
Sunday, Sept. 6 – Senior High Youth Group Kick Off at Family Camp
Tuesday, Sept. 8 – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross' home
Thursday, Sept. 10 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church
Saturday, Sept. 12 – Beth Moore Simulcast 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Easthaven

Sunday, Sept. 13 – **Fall Worship Service Times begin at 8:15 & 11 a.m.**
Sunday, Sept. 13 – Sunday School Resumes for all ages at 10 a.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 15 – Elder/Deacon Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
Wednesday, Sept. 16 – Sr. & Jr. High Youth Groups resume, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 22 – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross' home
Tuesday, Sept. 22 – Men's Fraternity Year One Begins, 6 a.m. at the church

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU AUGUST 17:

Targeted Budget = \$211,640.42; Offerings received = \$213,873.74

BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP (BSF) Classes resume this fall in Kalispell for the new study of the book of Revelation. For information please contact the following:

Men's Evening Class meets Monday, Sept 14 at 6:55 p.m. at Central Bible Church.

Student program for grades 1-12. Contact Bruce Tulloch 270-7320.

Women's Evening Class meets Monday, Sept 14 at 6:55 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church.

Student program for grades 1 -12. Contact Benni Tulloch 755-4550

Women's Day Class meets Tuesday, Sept 15 at 9:10 a.m. at Easthaven Baptist Church.

Children's program from Infants through Kindergarten. Contact Ellen Rowe 249-9770.

Go online at bsfinternational.org for more information about BSF.

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.

AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

DEACON OF THE MONTH Ike Eisentraut

NURSERY COORDINATOR..... Darcy Hearn

Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 270-8933.

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM).....Lloyd & Eileen Pierson

USHERS/GREETERS (10:30 AM)..... Nick & Avery Hanson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (10:30 AM service only)..... Sharon Salyer

First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM infants)..... Uzzis

First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Hearn

Second WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM infants)..... H. Hansons

Second WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Lancasters

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Glenda Quick & Tami Jentz

COMMUNION PREP..... Amy Bennett

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Diane Nugent

NEXT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 6 - ONE SERVICE @ 10:30 AM

USHERS/GREETERS (10:30 AM).....Lloyd & Eileen Pierson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (10:30 AM)..... Sharon Salyer

WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM) Jentzs

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Audrey Goodell & Carolyn Duncan

COMMUNION PREP..... Carolyn Duncan

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Theresa Paolini

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Ezekiel 18:30-31*

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel?

All: O gracious and gentle God, Father of mercy, God of all comfort: I confess before you the evil of my heart; I know that I am inclined to anger, jealousy, and revenge, to selfish ambition and pride. I put my desires above others. Lord I have offended and grieved you by my transgressions. Forgive me my sins and cleanse me from all unrighteousness, for the sake of your Holy Son. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Isaiah 12:1-2*

You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."

***SCRIPTURAL CONFESSION OF FAITH:** *Colossians 1:15-20*

All: Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

***YOUR LOVE O 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.

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)*

***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

SERMON – Affirmation – Proverbs 16:24, Job 16:5

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Central Bible Church, Kalispell, Pastor Peter Barber

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Please pray for Matt and Becky Allhands with Reformed University Fellowship currently at Covenant Seminary.

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE SEPTEMBER 6: Due to Family Camp Labor Day weekend there will only be one worship service here in town that Sunday morning, Sept. 6, at 10:30 a.m. Fall worship services will start at 8:15 and 11 a.m. starting Sept. 13.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF: High school students are invited to kick off the school year with a night at family camp Sunday, Sept. 6. Come for the day or stay overnight. For those not already at family camp, cost will be \$3 for food and carpool will meet after church at 11:45 in the church parking lot. Contact Trent and Becky Neumann for details (212-7664).

FCC FAMILY CAMP: We can always make room for one more if you would like to attend FCC Family Camp Sept. 4-7. Contact the office ASAP if you would like to join us at Middle Thompson Lake! Cost is \$80/family or \$40/individual.

LIVING PROOF LIVE SIMULCAST: Ladies are invited to the national Living Proof Live simulcast with Beth Moore Saturday, Sept. 12, at Easthaven 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for the seminar and lunch with an additional \$15 to preorder Moore's new book. Please purchase tickets by Aug. 30 at the church office or Sundays in the fellowship hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPT. 13: Sunday School classes for all ages will begin Sunday, Sept. 13, at 10 a.m. between the two worship services. Classes for adults include *Christ in the Old Testament* with Pastor Aaron Scott and *The Reason for Our Hope: Christian Apologetics* with Pastor Lloyd Pierson. Sign up for adult classes in the foyer.

SMALL GROUPS RESUME: Small groups will begin meeting again the week of September 13. If you are interested in joining a small group, or if you would like to change groups, please sign up at the table in the foyer. There is no need to sign up if you were in a small group last year and you would like to remain in the same group.

ELIZABETH WOMEN GROUP will begin meeting Tuesday, Sept. 8. All ladies of the church are invited! Meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at noon for a sack lunch at the home of JoAnne Ross, 15 Primrose Crt. Ladies will pray for the needs of the church and learn from Nancy Guthrie's book *Discovering Jesus in the Old Testament*. For details, call JoAnne (755 3516).

MEN'S FRATERNITY: Men's Fraternity "The Quest for Authentic Manhood," a 24-week course that helps men (18 and older) understand their masculine identity as defined in scripture will begin Tuesday mornings at the church at 6-7:30 a.m. starting Sept. 22. Sessions include: Season's of a Man's Life, Defining Manhood, Deepening the Marriage Relationship, Raising Sons and Daughters, and Developing a Manhood Plan for Life. *Sign up in the foyer!* For those who have already completed year one of this program, a year two class will start October 14.

(Announcements continued on next page)

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. **How are appreciation and affirmation different? Why is affirmation harder?**
2. **Where have you see the power of affirmation in your life?**
3. **How does God's truth keep us from flattery? How does His truth help us ride out our emotional storms?**
4. **What has hindered you from encouraging others or building them up? How does the gospel enable you to step beyond these obstacles?**
5. **Who are three people you can actively affirm in Christ this week? (Remember the blessing of pen and ink)**

***BEHOLD OUR GOD**

Who has held the oceans in his hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice. All creation rises to rejoice.

(Chorus)

*Behold our God, seated on his throne. Come let us adore him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare. Come let us adore him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach the one who knows all things? Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

(Chorus)

Who has felt the nails upon his hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave, Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

(Chorus)

You will reign forever, you will reign forever! (2x)

(Chorus)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

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

***BENEDICTION**

SERMON OUTLINE

August 30, 2015

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Summer Psalms and Proverbs

Sermon Title: *Affirmation*

I. The Power of Affirmation

II. The Hinderances to Affirmation

III. The Christ of Affirmation

SERMON TEXT

(ESV)

Proverbs 16:24

Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.

Proverbs 10:11

The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.

Proverbs 12:15

Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad.

Psalm 94:17-19

If the LORD had not been my help, my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence. ¹⁸ When I thought, "My foot slips," your steadfast love, O LORD, held me up. ¹⁹ When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul.

Psalm 10:17

O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear

Job 16:5

I could strengthen you with my mouth; comfort from my lips would bring you relief.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Acts 20:32

And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.