

## 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*

**September 27, 2015**

*“Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother  
and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”  
Genesis 2:24*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 68:32-35*

Leader: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord,  
to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he  
sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

**All: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose  
power is in the skies.**

Leader: Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the  
one who gives power and strength to his people.

**All: Blessed be God!**

**\*JESUS SHALL REIGN** - *Hymn #441 vs. 1-4*

*(\*Indicates when to stand)*

**\*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)*

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven  
Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts  
As we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever. Amen.

**\*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*

**CALENDAR**

**TODAY**

8:15 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE  
9:30 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship  
10:00 a.m. – Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Tuesdays – Music practice, 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays – Men’s Fraternity Study, 6-7:30 a.m. (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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Tuesday, Oct. 2 – Neighbors in Need Lunch, 11-1:30, Northridge Lutheran  
Tuesday, Oct. 6 – Trustees Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the church  
Thursday, Oct. 8 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church  
Sunday, Oct. 11 – Chili Lunch & Corn Maze, 12:30 p.m. at the church/maze  
Tuesday, Oct. 13 – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross’ home  
Wednesday, Oct. 14 – Year Two Men’s Fraternity begins, 6 a.m. at the church  
Tuesday, Oct. 20 – Elder/Deacon Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church  
Tuesday, Oct. 27 – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross’ home  
Tuesday, Nov. 3 – Trustees Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the church  
Tuesday, Nov. 10 – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross’ home  
Thursday, Nov. 12 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church  
Thursday, Nov. 17 – Elder/Deacon Meeting, 7:00 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](mailto:office@faithcov.com).*

## SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

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

## TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS (8:15 AM).....John & Marty Mullins  
USHERS/GREETERS (11:00 AM).....Scott & Sue Richardson  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11:00 AM service only)..... Tamie Jentz & Annie Hill  
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:15 AM infants) ..... J. Thompsons  
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Hearn  
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:00 AM infants)..... C. Miller  
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:00 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Lancasters  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS.....Tamie Jentz & Paula Saldamando  
COMMUNION PREP..... Eileen Pierson  
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP .....Lori Vander Ark

## NEXT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 4

USHERS/GREETERS (8:15 AM).....Lloyd & Eileen Pierson  
USHERS/GREETERS (11:00 AM).....Josh & Marlo Lancaster  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11:00 AM service only)..... Tamie Jentz & Annie Hill  
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:15 AM infants) ..... Hearn  
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Neumann  
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:00 AM infants)..... Carlsons  
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:00 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Buckners  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS.....Marlo Lancaster & Barbara Makowski  
COMMUNION PREP.....Carol Martin  
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP .....Donelle Holderbaum

## COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

**SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION:** *Micah 6:6-8*

With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

**All: Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than us, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Transform us by your Spirit, that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

**DECLARATION OF GRACE:** *Micah 7:7-9*

But as for me, I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me. Rejoice not over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD will be a light to me. I will bear the indignation of the LORD because I have sinned against him, until he pleads my cause and executes judgment for me. He will bring me out to the light; I shall look upon his vindication.

## **\*WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS**

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,

When I was sinking down, sinking down,

When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,

Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,

Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

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***\*WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS, continued***

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on.

**CHRISTIAN BAPTISM OF:**

*Robert Duncan Hobus  
Logan Glenn Waldron*

**OFFERTORY & RESPONSE**

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

***THERE IS A LAND OF PURE DELIGHT***

There is a land of pure delight, where saints, immortal reign.  
Infinite day excludes the night and pleasures banish pain.

*(Chorus)*

*Could we but climb where Moses stood and view the landscape o'er,  
Not Jordan's streams nor death's cold flood should fright us from this shore.*

There everlasting spring abides, and never withering flowers:  
Death, like a narrow sea, divides this heavenly land from ours.

*(Chorus)*

O could we make our doubts remove, those gloomy thoughts that rise,  
And see the Canaan that we love with unobscured eyes!

*(Chorus 2x)*

**SERMON – *The Faces of Marriage* – Genesis 2**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** The Dwelling Place, Kalispell,  
Pastor Dan Sandler

**MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Please petition the Lord on behalf of Jamie and Alissa Shattenberg and their children who are with World Ventures in Mahajanga, Madagascar. Their primary ministry is restoring health, forests and hope in Christ through the Sarobidy Maternity Center, reforestation efforts, women's artisan projects and sharing the heart of Christ with others.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL DETAILS:** For the safety of our youngest children, we ask that a parent (or a designated adult) drop off and pick up all children second grade and under. And when the bell rings to start Sunday School classes, please move quickly to your classroom. If you are not attending Sunday School, please exit the fellowship hall so that the class that is held in the fellowship hall can start on time.

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on **Thursday, Oct. 8** at **Central Christian Church**. Contact Joyce (249-6370) or Jenaé Schmutz (871-6182) with any questions.

**CORN MAZE FALL FUN DAY:** Fall fun for everyone at the Fritz Corn Maze! Join us Sunday, Oct. 11, for a chili lunch at the church after the second service and a trip to the corn maze! Sign up in the foyer so we can plan for food. Maze cost will be paid by the fellowship committee so just bring appropriate weather gear. The maze is on Birch Grove Road East off Hwy 2 and one mile south of Glacier Airport - watch for signs! For more information, contact the church office at (752-2400).

**MEN'S FRATERNITY:** Men's Fraternity Year One is underway on Tuesday mornings - contact Rik Goodell (890-1973) about that course. The Year Two class starts Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 6 a.m. Sign up in the foyer!

**NEIGHBORS IN NEED CHILI LUNCHEON:** Neighbors in Need is holding its annual fall chili luncheon fundraiser Friday, Oct. 2, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.. Lunch will be served at Northridge Lutheran Church OR delivered to your business/office. Volunteers are needed to help bake pies, delivering food and eat lunch! Sign up in the foyer to help. Contact Sharon Salyer at 212-1758 for information.

**THE REFUGE–A SUPPORT GROUP FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE:** If you or someone you know is experiencing physical, verbal or emotional abuse, Faith Covenant Church has a support group that can help. Women with little or no church background are welcome to attend. Contact the church office (752-2400) for more information.

*Questions and thoughts for discussion:*

- 1. How does the creational order of Adam and Eve reflect Trinitarian relationship?**
- 2. Being designed to operate in community carries with it what types of implications for each of us as men and women beyond just marriage?**
- 3. One of the biggest hinderances to hearing a message on marriage is when we hear it for the other person. “If only he would be more like that/if only she would start doing that ... then we would have a better marriage. How does Jesus call you to see your own sin in your marriage?**
- 4. Most couples with young children struggle with the “Face to Face” part of their marriage. What small things can you do in the midst of crazy busyness can you do right now to help with this?**
- 5. What part of your own selfishness do you struggle with when it comes to giving yourself to someone else, or giving yourself to that person’s interests and needs?**
- 6. How is Christ calling you to a renewed and restored vision for your family, for your community, for your church?**

**\*GLORY BE/AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world;  
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us.  
(Repeat)

(Chorus)  
*Glory be to the Father, Amen.*  
*Glory be to the Son, Amen.*  
*Glory be to the Spirit, Amen, Amen.*

Son of God, set me free from all that I own;  
Son of God, capture me and make me your own;  
have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us.  
(Chorus 2x)

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

**All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is indeed good, right, and our delight that we should at all times  
and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father,  
Almighty, Everlasting God.

**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**

**SERMON OUTLINE**

**September 27, 2015**

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

**Sermon Series: Human Sexuality**

**Sermon Title: *The Faces of Marriage***

**I. Side by Side**

**II. Face to Face**

**III. Three Elements of Marriage**

**A. Leaving what was**

**B. Committing to what is**

**C. Uniting to what shall be**

**SERMON TEXT**

**Genesis 2:23-25 (ESV)**

<sup>23</sup> Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones

and flesh of my flesh;

she shall be called Woman,

because she was taken out of Man.”

<sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup> And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

**Hebrews 13:4**

**Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.**

**1 Corinthians 11:8-12**

<sup>8</sup> For man does not originate from woman, but woman from man; <sup>9</sup> for indeed man was not created for the woman’s sake, but woman for the man’s sake. <sup>10</sup> Therefore the woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels. <sup>11</sup> However, in the Lord, neither is woman independent of man, nor is man independent of woman. <sup>12</sup> For as the woman originates from the man, so also the man has his birth through the woman; and all things originate from God.