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 13, 2015

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

Genesis 1:27

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY - Men's Fraternity

*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 99:1-5

Leader: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

All: Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

Leader: The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

All: Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

(*Indicates when to stand)

*HE WHO BRINGS THE MORNING

High this mountain, broad this sea, still, my sin ran deeper Grave offense my soul did wreak, against creation's keeper But see what power so fell and fair, has stayed his holy justice God Himself all hell did bear, how great his love for us is

(Chorus)

O serve Him, Only serve Him, He who brings the morning (2x)

Every hour is a precious boon, every breath is a mercy
Every glimpse of yonder moon, a balm upon this journey
How vast the heavens above this place, so small beneath His glory
Still He stooped and showed His face and poured His mercy o'er me
(Chorus)

Jesus, our Messiah King, for those who don't deserve Him Conquered death all life to bring, so seek His face and serve Him (Chorus 2x)

*GOD OF WONDERS

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky. The heavens are your tabernacle; glory to the Lord on high.

(Chorus)

God of wonders beyond our galaxy you are holy, holy. The universe declares your majesty; you are holy, holy. Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness, I will call your name by night.
(Chorus)

(Bridge)

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth. (x3) You are holy, holy.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy you are holy, holy.
Precious Lord reveal your heart to me; you are holy, holy.
The universe declares your majesty; you are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.

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., 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)

Sunday, Sept. 13 – Fall Worship Service Times begin at 8:15 & 11 a.m.

Sunday, Sept. 13

Tuesday, Sept. 15

Wednesday, Sept. 16

Tuesday, Sept. 22

Tuesday, Sept. 22

Sunday School Resumes for all ages at 10 a.m.

Elder/Deacon Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church

Sr. & Jr. High Youth Groups resume, 7 p.m.

Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross' home

Men's Fraternity Year One Begins, 6 a.m. at the church

Saturday, Sept. 26 — Habitat for Humanity Work Day 8-3 p.m. 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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

HOPE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN RESULTS: Remember all those baby bottles you took home and filled up for Hope Pregnancy Ministries last June? Sixty-two churches contributed to that campaign for a total of \$49,000, and Faith Covenant collected \$1,043 - way to go! Hope Pregnancy Ministries thanks all of you!

KALISPELL COMPLINE CHOIR: The community is invited to a new monthly event, a compline service. Begun around the 5th or 6th century, this service of chant, readings and musical offerings ends the day of devotions in monasteries and churches around the world. The inaugural service, presented by area musicians, is Sunday evening, Sept.13, at 9 p.m. at Christ Church Episcopal, 215 3rd Ave. East, Kalispell.

JOURNEY OF THE HEART CONFERENCE: Women who have experienced the loss of a child are invited to a special conference Sept. 19 in Whitefish. Contact Mary Noble (270-1140) for details. Registration is \$25 and includes breakfast, lunch and materials.

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.

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

DEACON OF THE MONTH	Doug Brown
NURSERY COORDINATOR	
Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at	t 270-8933.
TODAY	
USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM)	John & Marty Mullins
USHERS/GREETERS (10:30 AM)	Scott & Sue Richardson
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (10:30 AM service only)	.Dar Wassink & Nilla Swenson
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM infants)	Motleys
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs).	Hearns
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM infants)	Tinkhams
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM toddlers thru 3y	rrs) Brown/Hernandez
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTSK	ate Anderson & Eileen Pierson
COMMUNION PREP	Carolyn Duncan
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP	Mark Rice
NEXT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 20	
USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM)	
USHERS/GREETERS (10:30 AM)	
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (10:30 AM service only)	
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM infants)	
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Second WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM infants)	
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM toddlers thru 3y	
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTSSue Rie	
COMMUNION PREP	
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP	Lori Vander Ark

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

*WEARY OF EARTH, MYSELF AND SIN

Weary of earth, myself and sin, dear Jesus set me free, And to Your glory take me in, for there I long to be.

(Chorus)

Let a poor laborer here below, when from his toil set free; To rest and peace eternal go; for there I long to be.

Burdened, dejected and oppressed, ah! Where shall I flee, But to Your arms for peace and rest? For there I long to be. (Chorus)

Empty, polluted, dark and vain, is all this world to me; May I the better world obtain; for there I long to be. (Chorus 2x)

Weary of earth, myself and sin, dear Jesus set me free.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN 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.

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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

DECLARATION OF GRACE: 1 John 2:1-3

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.

*CORNERSTONE

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

(Repeat)

(Chorus)

Christ alone, Cornerstone; weak made strong in the Savior's love; through the storm he is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil; (Chorus)

When he shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless stand before the throne. (Chorus 2x)

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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Area schools including Kalispell and county schools, Stillwater Christian School, Trinity Lutheran School, St. Matthew's School

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Please pray for Garrett & Sara Morrison with 100 Fold Studio Architects, YWAM, and for the University of the Nations Campus in Cambodia, Battambang.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPT. 13: Sunday School classes for all ages will begin Sunday, Sept. 13, at 10 to 10:45 a.m. between the two worship services. Classes for adults include *Christ in the Old Testament* with Pastor Aaron Scott in the fellowship hall and *Christian Apologetics: The Reason for Our Hope* with Pastor Lloyd Pierson in the sanctuary. Classes for youth are in the following rooms:

Babies: Infant Nursery 2's & 3's: Toddler Nursery

4's & 5's: Sanctuary Classroom
3rd & 4th Grades: Carriage Room

1st & 2nd Grades: Overflow Room 2
5th & 6th Grades: Overflow Room 1

7th & 8th Grades: Balcony Room High School: Library

LOST AND FOUND: Please check out the lost and found items in the fellowship hall. There are a number of things left from family camp and a bunch of dishes were returned from those who shared meals this summer. Items will eventually be donated to charity.

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.

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.

HABITAT WORK DAY: Faith Covenant is signed up as a church to help Habitat for Humanity on a building project in Kalispell on Saturday, Sept. 26, from 7:45 am to 4:00 pm. Those helping need to be at least 15 years old and will be asked to have parents sign a waiver of liability and insurance. If you or your teenagers would like to help, please sign up in the foyer or contact Joe Swenson (871-5273). Lunch is provided.

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.

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

- 1. Why is it foundational for Christians to understand the "theology" of Man before we consider the biology of Man.
- 2. Consider: "Man stands in the center of the world and unifies it in his act of blessing God, of both receiving the world from God and offering it to God."—Alexander Schmemann
- 3. Consider: Jewish theologian David Novak responding to the Bruce Jenner issue: "Jews would not recognize Jenner as a woman; Torah forbids castration. Castration doesn't turn a man into a woman. It only leaves him a damaged man."
- 4. Consider: "I realized how many evangelicals have moved from discussing sexual behavior as a fruit and outworking of being made in the image of God and Christian holiness, to focusing on sexual purity commitments as the core of our identity, our own sexual orientation that dictates how we walk the dog in the morning, stir our pots of soup for lunch, and take out the garbage at night. We have moved sexuality from verb to noun as well, from practice to people."—Aimee Byrd
- 5. Consider: If marriage is nothing more than a licensed sexual playground, without any sense of sin attached to ... any act, then under what intellectually coherent scheme can one refuse to others the opportunity for the same behavior? —Joseph Bottom
- 6. Consider: "Jesus is the man whose whole existence is his life for others."—Karl Barth

*A WONDERFUL SAVIOR IS JESUS MY LORD - Hymn #175 vs. 1, 2, 4

SERMON – Male and Female He Created Them – Genesis 1:26-28 (See pages 6-8 for sermon outline and text)

*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.

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

*GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS - Hymn #32

*BENEDICTION

SERMON OUTLINE

September 13, 2015

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D. Sermon Series: Human Sexuality Sermon Title: *Male and Female He Created Them*

I. Man—More Than Biology

II. Man—Sacramental Presence

SERMON TEXT

Genesis 1:26-28 (ESV)

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Matthew 19:4 (ESV)

⁴ [Jesus] answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female,