

## 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 6, 2015**

*“Hope deferred makes the heart sick,  
but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life.”  
Proverbs 13:12*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 96:1-4*

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

**All: Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

**All: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.**

**\*PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY** - *Hymn #53*

**\*ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING** - *Hymn #115*

*(\*Indicates when to stand)*

**\*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.

**\*COME YE SINNERS**

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore.  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity joined with power.  
He is able, he is able; he is willing; doubt no more.  
  
Come ye needy, come and welcome; God’s free bounty glorify:  
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.  
  
Come ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall.  
If you tarry till you’re better, you will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.  
  
Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream.  
All the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.  
This he gives you, this he gives you, ‘tis the Spirit’s rising beam.  
  
Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of his blood.  
Venture on him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.

**COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN**

**SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Isaiah 29:13-14***

And the Lord said: Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden.  
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**CALENDAR**

**TODAY**

10:00 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)
  - Adult Small Groups (Sept.-May)
  - Weekly – Diaconal Offering
  - 1st Sundays – Trustee Meeting
  - 1st Tuesdays – Elders/Deacons’ meeting, 7:00 p.m.
  - 3rd Tuesdays – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross’ home, (Sept.-May)
  - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays
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- 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
  - Saturday, Sept. 26 – Habitat for Humanity Work Day 8-3 p.m.

## 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.

**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.

**LOST AND FOUND:** Check out the lost and found items on the table in the fellowship hall for anything that might belong to you. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

*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.....Darcy Hearn

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

### TODAY

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.....Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus

COMMUNION PREP.....Fenners

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP.....Theresa Paolin

### NEXT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 13

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)..... Hearn

Second WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM infants)..... Tinkhams

Second WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) ..... Brown/Hernandez

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Kate Anderson & Eileen Pierson

COMMUNION PREP..... Carolyn Duncan

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP .....Mark Rice

**All: O Lord, forgive us our failure to keep your commandments.**

**We confess that we often cleanse the outside of our lives, yet do nothing about the inside of our hearts. Outside we look righteous, moral and upright, yet inside we are filled with anger, lust, greed and idolatry. Outwardly we go to church, give money and read your Word, yet inwardly we neglect justice, purity, love, encouraging speech and mercy. Lord, we should have done the latter without neglecting the others. We have thrust ourselves into the best positions, because we thought we deserved them, yet the truth is we are unworthy of any blessing. Have mercy on us for being like the Pharisees. May you cleanse us—all of us and all of who we are—from the inside out.** *(Adapted from Luke 11:37-52)*

### SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

**DECLARATION OF GRACE:** *Joel 2:12-13*

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

### **\*ROCK OF MY SALVATION**

Though storms of strife assail me without warning,  
and though they try to steal my joy away;  
I will find rest in knowing you have saved me,  
Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.

Though times I stumble and fall short of your standard,  
I'll rest assured there is love enough for me;  
for I find strength in knowing you have saved me,  
Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.

*(Chorus)*

*Oh, my Jesus, Rock of my salvation  
who bore the weight of Calvary's wood and shame;  
and cleansed my sin in the crimson flow of mercy,  
Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.*

Though times I stumble and fall short of your standard,  
I'll rest assured there is love enough for me;  
for I find strength in knowing you have saved me,  
Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.

*(Chorus 2x)*

*Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.*

*Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.*

## 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.*

*10:30 a.m. Service: Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church (downstairs)*

**\*COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING - Hymn #457**

**SERMON – A Heart of Hope: Dealing with Disappointments – Prov. 13:12**

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

**\*OFT IN SORROW**

Oft in sorrow, oft in woe, onward, Christian, onward go.

Fight the fight, maintain the strife, strengthened with the Bread of life.

Let your drooping hearts be glad, march in heavenly armor clad.

Fight, nor think the battle long, victory soon shall be your song.

Let not sorrow dim your eye, soon shall every tear be dry.

Let not fears your course impede, great your strength, if great your need.

Onward then in battle move, more than conquerors ye shall prove.

Though opposed by many a foe, Christian soldiers onward go.

**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 5)*

**PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION**

**\*OH, THE BLESSED CONDESCENSION**

Oh, the blessed condescension, Christ to us the sinful came

Truth and power, all authority vested in a helpless babe

Strange and lowly, infant holy bears salvation to the world

To the banished hope is given through the faith of a virgin girl

On the cross see Christ our savior, many wounds which mar his skin

See the cost of our redemption; he is given for our sin

Oh the cruel price of salvation, God's own son placed in the grave

See the scandal turned to glory; he is risen we are saved

Into heaven he ascended, where our Lord is justly praised

All the hosts of heaven singing, to the King of all our days

On the earth, all life is calling, all are yearning for the groom

as God's kingdom comes with power and our hearts prepare him room

*(song continued on next page)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Chaplain Darren Schwartz, Kalispell Regional Medical Center

**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.

**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.

**FALL WORSHIP SERVICES SEPTEMBER 13:** Fall worship services will start at 8:15 and 11 a.m. starting Sept. 13. Sunday school will be 10-10:45 a.m. with fellowship and coffee at 9:30 a.m.

**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 *Christian Apologetics: The Reason for Our Hope* with Pastor Lloyd Pierson. Sign up for adult classes in the foyer.

**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).

**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.

**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.

*(Announcements continued on next page)*

*Questions and thoughts for discussion:*

- 1. God is not mentioned in these verses, but how is he behind every word here?**
- 2. In what ways have you been the cause of another's hope to be deferred or have you trifled with their longings? How have you sought to change that?**
- 3. When our unbelieving hearts are confronted with the truth of God's Word, what are we to do with the emotions and hurts that make believing so difficult?**
- 4. Scripture gives us no room for having a double allegiance, yet we struggle with it all the same. Where does a grace empowered obedience fit into this struggle?**
- 5. Disappointment is universal to humanity. Walking by faith and not by sight certainly is harder when our longings are postponed. How does the gospel speak into those disappointments?**

***\*OH, THE BLESSED CONDESCENSION, continued***

We now witness to the coming of his Kingdom on the earth  
Here in part, not yet in fullness, we endure the pains of birth  
May we never cease in singing of the love our God has shown  
*For his love is everflowing; by our love he is made known*  
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**\*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.

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**SERMON OUTLINE**

**September 6, 2015**

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

**Sermon Series: Summer Psalms and Proverbs**

**Sermon Title: *A Heart of Hope: Dealing with Disappointments***

**I. A Frustrated Heart**

**II. A Fulfilled Soul**

**SERMON TEXT**

**(ESV)**

**Proverbs 13:12, 19**

**<sup>12</sup> Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life.**

**<sup>19</sup> A desire fulfilled is sweet to the soul, but to turn away from evil is an abomination to fools.**

**Proverbs 10:28**

**The hope of the righteous brings joy, but the expectation of the wicked will perish.**

**Proverbs 3:28**

**Do not say to your neighbor, “Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it”--when you have it with you.**

**Proverbs 14:10**

**The heart knows its own bitterness, and no stranger shares its joy.**