

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

October 4, 2015

*“Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked.
And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.”
Genesis 3:7*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Psalm 113 (Responsive reading) - Hymnal page 826

***O WORSHIP THE KING - Hymn #2**

***JESUS MESSIAH**

He became sin who knew no sin,
that we might become his righteousness.
He humbled himself and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, love so amazing!

(song continued on next page)

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

***JESUS MESSIAH, continued**

(Chorus)

Jesus Messiah, name above all names;

Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.

The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven,

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, his blood the wine,

broken and poured out all for love.

The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn.

Love so amazing, love so amazing!

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

All our hope is in you, all our hope is in you.

All the glory to you, God, the Light of the world.

(Chorus)

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***THOU LOVELY SOURCE OF TRUE DELIGHT**

Thou lovely source of true delight whom I unseen adore;

unveil thy beauties to my sight that I might love thee more,

Oh that I might love thee more.

Thy glory o'er creation shines but in thy sacred word

I read, in fairer, brighter lines, my bleeding dying Lord,

see my bleeding, dying Lord.

'Tis here, whene'er my comforts droop and sin and sorrow rise,

thy love with cheering beams of hope my fainting heart supplies,

Oh, my fainting heart's supplied.

But ah! too soon the pleasing scene is clouded o'er with pain.

My gloomy fears rise dark between and I again complain,

Oh, and I again complain.

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light, Oh come with blissful ray;

break radiant through the shades of night and chase my fears away,

won't you chase my fears away.

Then shall my soul with rapture trace the wonders of thy love;

but the full glories of thy face are only known above,

they are only known above.

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)

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

Sunday, Nov. 22 – Thanks Dinner, 4:00 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.

OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

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

TODAY

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)..... Neumanns
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

NEXT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 11

USHERS/GREETERS (8:15 AM)..... Lloyd & Eileen Pierson
USHERS/GREETERS (11:00 AM)..... Josh & Marlo Lancaster
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11:00 AM service only)..... Niam Moody & Zephy Hanson
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:15 AM infants) Uzzis
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Hearn
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:00 AM infants)..... H. Hanson
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:00 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... C. Hanson
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Laura Pierson & Sharon Salyer
COMMUNION PREP..... Barb Makowski
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Gloria Hanson

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalm 37:3-5, 8-9*

Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil. For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

All: Give ear to my words, O LORD; the sound of my cry, for you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. Yet, my heart is often filled with wicked and lustful thoughts, and I delight in my desires and not yours. The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. Yet, I am proud and haughty. You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man. Yet, I have a deceitful tongue and savor thoughts of vengeance and wrath. My King and my God, for to you do I pray. Forgive me my sins, cleanse me of the filth of my transgressions. Through the abundance of your steadfast love, will I enter your house. Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness for the sake of your beloved Son. Amen. *(adapted from Psalm 5)*

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Romans 8:1-2*

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

***CONFESSION OF CHRIST'S GRACE:** *Heidelberg Catechism Q1*

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

Leader: He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

All: Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

***JESUS LOVER OF MY SOUL**

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to your bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, 'til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone, support and comfort me.
All my trust on You is stayed, all help from You I bring;
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Your wing.

You, O Christ, are all I want, here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Your Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; You are truth and grace.

Lavish grace with You is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
The fount of life You are, let me drink of Thee;
Spring up within my heart; for all eternity.

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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Cornerstone Community Church, Kalispell, Pastor Luke Knoll

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.

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.

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!

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.

LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY: Flathead ProLife invites you to gather Sunday, Oct. 4 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the intersection of Highway 93 and Highway 2 (Main and Idaho) to pray for an end to legalized abortion and to pray that life will be held sacred in our country from conception to natural death.

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.

ONLINE GIVING: You may now give your offerings through the church website at www.faithcov.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.

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

- 1. Because of the speech of the serpent, God has become a barrier to be gotten around. His boundary is no longer for their safety, but it is seen as an impediment to their growth and pleasure. How is this attitude seen throughout our society now?**
- 2. Fear has entered into the relationship of Man toward God. Whenever we cannot trust the goodness of God and be willing submit to his wisdom, fear is the result. Compare Gen 3:10 (Adam); 20:11 (Abraham); and 26:9 (Isaac). How has this been seen in your own life?**
- 3. Adam and Eve are unable to deal with their shame, but the Lord can. What does clothing them foreshadow?**
- 4. Consider: “Our is mistake is to pursue autonomous freedom. Freedom which does not discern the boundaries of human life leave us anxious. The attempts to resolve anxiety in our culture are largely psychological, economic, cosmetic. They are bound to fail because the do not approach the causes.” — W. Bruegemann**
- 5. Consider: “Shame reduces sex from a personal communion to mere sensation. Because of shame, people engage in sex without self-giving, they “give” and withhold themselves simultaneously.” — P. Leithart**
- 6. In the consequences of the fall, Adam turned from being a protector of Eve to being her accuser. The human body, rather than being a communicator of spiritual reality, is now a source of resistance to the spirit. Man is fractured at his core level between Body and spirit. How does Jesus restore this rupture?**
- 7. In looking at the rest of Genesis, how has the fall played itself out in terms of human sexual sin?**

SERMON – A Shamed Identity – Genesis 3:6-19
(See pages 6-8 for sermon outline and text)

***SING TO JESUS**

Come and see, look on this mystery
The Lord of the universe, nailed to a tree
Christ our God, spilling His holy blood
Bowing in anguish, His sacred head

Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame
Lord of our sinful hearts, He is our great redeemer
Sing to Jesus, honor His name
Sing of His faithfulness, pouring his life out unto death

Come, you weary, and He will give you rest
Come you who mourn, lay on his breast
Christ who died, risen in paradise
Giver of mercy, giver of life

Sing to Jesus, His is the throne
Now and forever, He is the King of Heaven
Sing to Jesus, we are His own
Now and forever, sing for the love, our God has shown

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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

***IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL - Hymn #691**

***BENEDICTION**

SERMON OUTLINE

October 4, 2015

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Human Sexuality

Sermon Title: *A Shamed Identity*

I. Alone once more

II. Atoned once for all

SERMON TEXT

Genesis 3:6-19 (ESV)

⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰ And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹ He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹² The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

¹⁶ To the woman he said,

“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷ And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”