

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,
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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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"Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand." 1 Corinthians 15:1

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

All: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

All: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

***CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY – Hymn #277**

***UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE – Hymn #276**

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

(*Indicates when to stand)

We ask that you please turn off cell phones during the worship service. Thank you.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.
(See FCC Observance information below.)*

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

– Elder Tom Jentz

***LIFT HIGH THE CROSS** – Hymn #263

***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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***AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)**

– words included

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

(Chorus)

*My chains are gone. I've been set free,
my God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood his mercy rains
unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.

(Chorus 2x)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow;
the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine, will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

***ALL: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will
come again!**

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Romans 6*

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?... If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires... Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.

All: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. Yet we confess that we remain captive to doubt and to fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to your call to peace. Father, forgive us for hearts that are unmoved by your mercy, for hearts that avoid dying with Christ. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Romans 5:8-10*

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

*COMMON CONFESSION OF FAITH:

The Apostles' Creed – Hymnal page 845

*HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

– words included

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure.
That he should give his only Son and make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns his face away.
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
*Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom.*

PRAYER, OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.

*10:30 Service Only: Children ages 4-6 are excused for Children's Church
(held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall)*

***I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES–
GLORY, HALLELUJAH!** – Hymn #281 (v.2 women; v.3 men)

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Easter Sunday

Sermon Title: *The Right Story*

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 15:1-9

*IN CHRIST ALONE – words included

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 dies,
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.

(song continued on next page)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:

Grace Church, Kalispell, Pastor Chris Miller.

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:

Sam and Dawn Wills have completed French Language School and are planning to leave for the Democratic Republic of Congo to begin their ministry with Mission Aviation Fellowship.

THE EASTER LILIES are displayed in the sanctuary today in honor or memory of loved ones (please refer to the bulletin insert). If you purchased a lily, you are welcome to take them home after the worship service.

There will be **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** classes today. All classes will resume meeting next week, Sunday, April 15.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN—FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve this week on **Thursday, April 12** at **Central Christian Church** (across the alley from the county library). If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmutz.

LADIES: A combined baby shower for Nicole Fisher and Wendy Putzler is coming up on Saturday, **April 28**, 2:00 p.m. at Kate Anderson's house, 134 Stillwater Ln. in Kalispell. Come join us as we celebrate the coming of these two little ones into our church family. Instead of individual gifts, money is being collected for group gifts for each mom. Contact Julie Thompson (253-5038) or Hanni Hanson (253-4612) if you would like to donate to the group gifts.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU MARCH 31:
Targeted Budget = \$59,125.47; Offerings received = \$59,506.41

DIRECTORY UPDATES:

Joni, Josh & Anna Jenks, **443 Mountain Vista Way**, Kalispell, 59901

Bud Salyer, ~~212-1757~~, cell: 871-9418

Will & Jenaé Schmutz, ~~756-6308~~ **no longer in service**

Mike & Carlynn Stahlberg, ~~756-8490~~ **no longer in service**,
50 Helena Flats Ct., Kalispell, MT 59901

A BIBLICAL TOUR OF ISRAEL & JORDAN: October 15-25, 2012.
An experience of a lifetime! A complete tour of Israel & Jordan plus many extras such as a cruise on the Sea of Galilee, going up to Mount Nebo where Moses died, Petra and much more! Arrangements can be made for departure from any airport. Darold Reiner, Pastor of The Church at Creston, is hosting this tour. Contact him at 406-890-1149 or reiner@centurytel.net for a full brochure.

FLATHEAD FOOD BANK'S Second Helpings Thrift Store is now open next to the Food Bank. **ITEMS OF THE MONTH:** Furniture & appliances. They accept donations Tuesday-Saturdays from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. **FOODS OF THE MONTH:** Ramen noodles, jelly & rice may be dropped at the food bank, 1203 Hwy 2 W., Ste. 2 in Kalispell or left in the containers in the church kitchen.

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.

APRIL MINISTRIES

DEACON OF THE MONTHMicah Hill
NURSERY M.O.M. (Mom of the Month)..... Karen Hunnicutt
NURSERY COORDINATOR.....Darcy Hearn
Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 471-9770.

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS..... Donnie Burns & Micah Tinkham

8:00 a.m. SERVICE:

CHILDREN'S CHURCHNo Children's Church
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) T & T Stahlberg
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Neumanns
COMMUNION PREP Lucille Eisenhart
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Lori Vander Ark

9:15 a.m. BREAKFAST:

BREAKFAST HOSTS..... Elders & Deacons

10:30 a.m. SERVICE:

CHILDREN'S CHURCH Dar Wassink & Annalise Pierson
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Uzzis
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Will Schmutz?
COMMUNION PREP Gary & Barb Fenner
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Jeanie Brenneman

NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 15

USHERS/GREETERS..... Donnie Burns & Micah Tinkham
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Tamie & Kathryn Jentz
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Motleys
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Nick Hansons
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Darcy Hearn & Laura Pierson
COMMUNION PREP Donelle Holderbaum
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Gloria Hanson

CALENDAR

TODAY

8:00 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
9:15 a.m. – Breakfast served in the Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
11:15 a.m. – NO Sunday School today

THIS WEEK

Tuesday – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross'
– Women's Ministries meeting, 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
– Junior High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
– Sr. High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. at the Bennett's, 513 Crestview Rd, Kalispell
Thursday – Community Kitchen: Feeding the Flathead

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesdays – Music practice, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesdays – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m.
– Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups (Sept.-May)
– Adult Small Groups (Sept.-May)
Sundays – Diaconal Offering
1st Sundays – Elder home visits
1st Tuesdays – Elders/Deacons' meeting, 7:00 p.m.
3rd Tuesdays – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross' home, (Sept.-May)
2nd & 4th Tuesdays – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
Last Sunday of month

Tuesday, April 17 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 24 – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross'
Saturday, April 28 – Fisher/Putzler Baby Shower, 2:00 p.m. at Kate Anderson's home
Sunday, April 29 – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 1 – Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m.
– Elder home visits, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 6 – Ladies' Spring Tea, 3:00-4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, May 8 – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross'
– Women's Ministries meeting, 4:00 p.m.
– Fellowship Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m.

SERMON OUTLINE

April 8, 2012

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Sermon Title: *The Right Story*

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 15:1-9

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¹ Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you--unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

I. A story received

II. A story believed

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. What does “gospel” mean?
2. Consider: *“The resurrection is the very heart of the Christian faith, and yet, in the real life of contemporary Christianity and Christians, faith in the resurrection has very little place. This faith has become clouded, so that today’s Christian, unaware that this is happening and without denying the resurrection, manages somehow to avoid it; he has ceased to live by the resurrection as the early Christians did.”*—Alexander Schmemmann
3. Consider: Christianity is above all the belief that Christ did not remain in the grave, that the light of life erupted out of death, and that in Christ’s resurrection the absolute, all-encompassing and uncompromising law of mortality and death has been torn apart and overthrown from within.
4. Tim Keller points out: *“Hidden beneath this feeling [of not having any need for God] is the very modern American belief that the existence of God is a matter of indifference unless it intersects with my emotional needs. [They] are betting their life that no God exists who would hold them accountable for your beliefs and behavior if you didn’t feel the need for him.”*
5. Why does Paul remind the Corinthian Christians of these basic truths of their faith?
6. What is the importance of Christ’s appearing to many?