

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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Pentecost

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Psalm 67 (Responsive reading) – Hymnal page 808

***HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD – words included**

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.*

(song continued on next page)

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

***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 information below.)*

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

– Elder Matt Riley

***REDEEMED, HOW I LOVE TO PROCLAIM IT!**

– Hymn #701

***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.

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)

How great is our God, sing with me.

*How great is our God, and all will see
how great, how great is our God.*

Bridge (2x)

Name above all names, you are worthy of our praise
and my heart will sing how great is our God.

(Chorus 2x)

****OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART*** – words included

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
open the eyes of my heart,

I want to see you, I want to see you.

(Repeat all)

(Chorus)

*To see you high and lifted up,
shining in the light of your glory.*

*Pour out your power and love
as we sing holy, holy, holy.*

(Repeat all; Chorus 2x)

(Bridge – 2x)

Holy, holy, holy! Holy, holy, holy!

Holy, holy, holy! I want to see you.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***All: Blessed is the kingdom of the Father, and of the
Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and
unto all ages. Amen.**

****FAIREST LORD JESUS*** – Hymn #170

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 John 3:16-18*

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us,
and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if
anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need,
yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide
in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in
deed and in truth.

**All: Almighty Father, God of gods and Lord of lords,
Father to the fatherless, Husband to the widow,
Defender of the helpless, Judge of all the earth,
have mercy on us. We have not sought freedom for
the oppressed, even though you freed us. We have
not bound up the broken even though you healed
us. We have not forgiven others even though you
freely forgave us. We withhold kindness from the
needy even though you freely gave us your own son.
We are without excuse, but not without hope. By
your power and grace, account our sins to Jesus’
bloody death and amend our ways by the power of
his glorious resurrection.**

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 John 3:19-20*

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure
our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us,
God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.

****SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD*** – Hymn #726

PRAYER, OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

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

*Children ages 4-6 are excused for Children’s Church
(held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall)*

****THERE IS A REDEEMER*** – words included

There is a Redeemer – Jesus, God’s own son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

(Chorus)

*Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.

(Chorus)

When I stand in glory, I will see his face;
there I’ll serve my King forever in that holy place.

(Chorus 2x)

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Pentecost

Sermon Title: *A Promise Fulfilled*

Sermon Text: Acts 2:12-24

****GOD OF GRACE*** – words included

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free;
oh, the miracle of mercy; Jesus reaches down to me.
God of grace, I stand in wonder, as my God restores my soul.
His own blood has paid my ransom;
awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me long before the world began;
sent my Savior down from heaven; perfect God and perfect man.

God of grace, I trust in Jesus; I’m accepted as his own.

Every day his grace sustains me,
as I lean on him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed, forgiven and secure.

All my fears are now confounded and my hope is ever sure.

God of grace, now crowned in glory,

where one day I’ll see your face;

and forever I’ll adore you in your everlasting grace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:

Kalispell Foursquare Church, Pastor Ron Ruf.

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:

Jamie and Alissa Shattenberg and their 3 children serve with World Venture in Madagascar. Pray for the successful passing of Alissa’s midwifery board exams in August.

PRAYER & WORSHIP SERVICE:

Plan to join us **TONIGHT** from 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. for our monthly evening service. Childcare will be provided.

JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP’S LAST MEETING UNTIL FALL

will be on Wednesday, May 30.

SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP’S LAST MEETING UNTIL FALL

will be on Wednesday, June 13.

LADIES’ SUMMER BIBLE STUDY:

A 4-week Bible study on different women of the Bible will be held Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m., starting June 6. The study will be at the church and will be led each week by a different lady from our congregation. Come join us even if it is only for one week. Sign up at the table in the foyer.

USHERS NEEDED:

We are in need of two ushers for each of the months August-October and December-January. We are asking for a commitment of one month at a time. If you would like more information on expected responsibilities or are willing to volunteer, please contact Head Usher Nick Hanson or the church office.

MADAGASCAR SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING REMINDER:

There is a container on the window sill in the foyer for your Clarisse and Andry offerings. Offerings may also be put in the offerings bags (please make a note designating them to Madagascar).

HOPE PREGNANCY MINISTRIES

Baby Bottle Fundraiser is at the halfway point. There is still time to pick up a bottle in the foyer, fill it with your monetary donations and return it to the church by Father’s Day, June 17. All donations will be used to further their ministries.

ITEMS REQUESTED:

Neighbors in Need has specifically requested your donations of shampoo, razors and small containers or disks of laundry soap. Items can be left in the basket in the Fellowship Hall.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED SPRING LUNCHEON BUFFET

will be held on Sunday, June 10 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Hampton Inn in Kalispell. Lunch will be catered by Vista Linda Catering for a cost of \$15 adults; \$5 children ages 12 and younger. Tickets are available at the door or by calling 752-7266.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:

Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next month on **Thursday, June 14** at ***Central Christian Church*** (across the alley from the county library). If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmautz.

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH CLOTHES CLOSET:

is open every Thursday from 4:00-6:00 p.m. They offer FREE clothes, shoes, etc. (to fit all ages) to anyone needing a helping hand. They are located at 2200 Hwy 2 East in Kalispell. If you have donations or would like to lend a hand, contact the church at 752-4102.

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.

MAY MINISTRIES

DEACON OF THE MONTH Buford Bennett
NURSERY M.O.M. (Mom of the Month)..... Carol Martin
NURSERY COORDINATOR.....Darcy Hearn
Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 471-9770.

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS Chad Heath & Bruce Tulloch
CHILDREN’S CHURCH Sharon & Zane Salyer
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants)Jentz’
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Paolinis
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Jenny Heyboer & Joni Jenks
COMMUNION PREP Dar Wassink
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Lori Vander Ark

NEXT SUNDAY – JUNE 3

USHERS/GREETERS Russ Hadley & family
CHILDREN’S CHURCH Sharon & Zane Salyer
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Kelly Brown
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Andersons
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS.... Judy Fosbery & Sharon Thompson
COMMUNION PREP Donelle Holderbaum
COMMUNION CLEAN-UPJeanie Brenneman

CALENDAR

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
10:45 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship
6:00 p.m. – Prayer & Worship Service

THIS WEEK

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, last meeting until fall
– Sr. High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. at the Bennett’s, 513 Crestview Rd, Kalispell

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)
Sundays – Adult Small Groups (Sept.-May)
1st Sundays – Diaconal Offering
1st Tuesdays – Elder home visits
3rd Tuesdays – Elders/Deacons’ meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Tuesdays – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross’ home, (Sept.-May)
Last Sunday of month – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 5 – Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 6 – Women’s Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 10 – Welcome reception for the Waldrons
Tuesday, June 12 – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross’
Wednesday, June 13 – Women’s Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 14 – Community Kitchen: Feeding the Flathead
Sunday, June 17 – Father’s Day
Tuesday, June 19 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 20 – Women’s Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 24 – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 26 – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross’
Wednesday, June 27 – Women’s Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

SERMON OUTLINE

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¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ “‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ²² “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know--²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. How does Pentecost launch the ministry of Christ into the mission of the Church?
2. What is significant about Joel’s message that all the people of God receive his Spirit?
3. If Pentecost is about the public declaration of Jesus, why have so many Christians made it about their private, interior experience?
4. The book of Acts does not teach us about an elevation of the interior spiritual life of believers through the Spirit, nor does it teach a ‘second blessing’ of the Spirit given to some but not all believers. What then, is the focus of the book of Acts? What does Jesus tell the disciples the purpose of the outpouring of the Spirit is for in Acts 1:8?
5. Consider: “*The Bible says very explicitly and in a number of places what Pentecost would achieve. The result would be not a qualitative change in the spiritual life of believers but a quantitative change in the influence of the gospel. Pentecost changed the world by empowering the church to take the gospel to the world.*” –Pastor Robert Rayburn
6. Regarding speaking in tongues, Bede remarks: “*The church’s humility recovers the unity of languages which the pride of Babylon had shattered.*” –7th century. What does he mean by this?
7. Consider, according to Gregory the Great, the outward signs of flaming tongues was the sign of the inner change that occurred within the disciples, that they were now inflamed with zeal and skill in words for the proclamation of the gospel.

I. An empowered people

II. An expanding presence