

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet,
as the Son of God is stricken;
then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet,
for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away
and Christ emerges from the grave,
this vict'ry march continues till the day
ev'ry eye and heart shall see him.

So Spirit come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
that we may run with faith to win the prize
of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
retelling triumphs of his grace,
*we hear their calls and hunger for the day
when with Christ we stand in glory.*

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 – Pastor

****I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY*** – Hymn #478

***BENEDICTION**

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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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*“Even though princes sit plotting against me,
your servant will meditate on your statutes.”
Psalm 119:23*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 95:1-3*

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of
praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a
great King above all gods.**

****PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY*** – Hymn #53

*(*Indicates when to stand)
We ask that you please turn off cell phones during the worship service. Thank you.*

**SING ALLELUIA – words included*
All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing.
Sun, moon and stars rejoice on high;
praise to the Lord of light divine.

(Chorus)
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia,
praise the Father above, sing alleluia.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia,
for his infinite love, sing alleluia.

Praise to the giver of good things,
merciful Father, holy King.
Join with the angels, sing out loud,
praise him who reigns above the clouds.
(Chorus 2x)

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***SCRIPTURE OF PRAISE:** *Isaiah 12:2*
All: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

****THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD***
– Hymn #253 (v. 3 men; v. 4 women)

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Judges 2:7,10-11*
And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua,
and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had
seen all the great work that the LORD had done for Israel.
And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers.
And there arose another generation after them who did not
know the LORD or the work that he had done for Israel.
And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the
LORD and served the Baals.

All: O most merciful God, since you have given your only-begotten Son to die for me, have mercy on me, and for his sake grant me remission of all my sins; and by your Holy Spirit, keep me from forgetting all your mighty works in my life, increase in me true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your Word, and to not do evil in your sight; and that by your grace I may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 Samuel 2:7-9*
The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts. He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the LORD’s, and on them he has set the world. He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail.

****MY HEART IS FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS***
– words included

My heart is filled with thankfulness
to him who bore my pain;
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
and gave me life again;
who crushed my curse of sinfulness
and clothed me in his light
and wrote his law of righteousness
with pow’r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness
to him who walks beside;
who floods my weaknesses with strength
and causes fears to fly;
whose ev’ry promise is enough
for ev’ry step I take,
sustaining me with arms of love
and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness
to him who reigns above,
whose wisdom is my perfect peace,
whose ev’ry thought is love.
For ev’ry day I have on earth
is given by the King;
So I will give my life, my all,
to love and follow him.

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)

****DOXOLOGY*** – *Hymn #733*

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response
Sermon: Pastor Shane Waldron
Sermon Series: Tales from the North
Sermon Title: *Of Desires, Decrees and Dictators*
Sermon Text: 1 Kings 21

****O CHURCH, ARISE*** – *words included*
O Church, arise and put your armor on;
hear the call of Christ our captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong
in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
we’ll stand against the devil’s lies;
an army bold, whose battle cry is love,
reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
but to rage against the captor;
and with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev’ry side,
we know the outcome is secure,
and Christ will have the prize for which he died:
an inheritance of nations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:
St. Peter Lutheran Church, Whitefish, Pastor James Maxwell.

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:
David & Ulrike Byle and their 5 children, missionaries to Istanbul, Turkey. (They are currently in the United States and will be at Faith Covenant on July 22.)

HURRY! THE KING IS COMING! PRE-REGISTER TODAY!
Our Vacation Bible School welcomes ages 3 yrs old to those entering 5th grade. Invite your friends and neighbors! Join us on Monday, July 23 thru Thursday, July 26 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. for a program showing God pursuing a relationship with his people through all of Scripture. Registration forms can be found on tables in the foyer and the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are still needed. If you will help, please contact Co-Directors Donelle Holderbaum 212-9715 or Joni Jenks 257-3560.

COMMUNICANT’S CLASS – If you are interested in your child attending a Communicant’s Class, please sign them up on the sheet in the foyer. Class starts tomorrow, July 9 and will continue through Thursday, July 12 from 2:00 p.m–2:45 p.m. at the church. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Lloyd or the office.

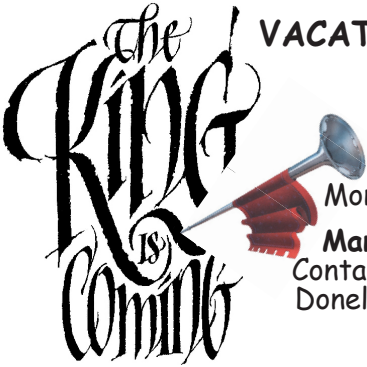
MADAGASCAR SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING REMINDER:
There is a container on the window sill in the foyer for your Clarisse and Andry offerings. Offerings may also be put in the offerings bags, please make a note designating them to Madagascar.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR GUITAR PLAYERS who would like to join our music team for Sunday morning worship. Contact Joyce Schmautz at 756-6325 if interested.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER or finding out more about Faith Covenant Church? Our **“Just Looking”** class is being held in the Overflow Room off the foyer each Sunday in July (5 wks) from 11:15 a.m.–12:00 noon. Childcare will be provided. Membership is not required after taking the class, but the class *is* required for membership.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU JUNE 30:
Targeted Budget = \$118,250.94; Offerings received = \$122,602.16

WE ARE IN NEED OF 2–3 MORE VOLUNTEERS to help run our Sound System on Sunday mornings. No experience is necessary–you will be trained and put on a rotating schedule with other volunteers. Please contact the church office if you can help or for more information.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SOUND THE TRUMPETS>>>
The King is Coming

Mon. July 23 - Thurs. July 26

Many volunteers are needed!!!
Contact Joni Jenks (257-3560) or Donelle Holderbaum (212-9715) if you would like to help!

FAITH COVENANT HAS A SOFTBALL TEAM and is looking for players. If you would like to play softball this summer, contact Matt King at 260-6381 or Terry Falk at 270-1308.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve this week on **Thursday, July 12** at **Central Christian Church**. If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmautz.

JULY MINISTRIES

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

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS Vern & Carol Stewart
CHILDREN’S CHURCH Tamie & Kathryn Jentz
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Uzzis
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Will Schmautz’
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Penelopé Bennett & Ellen Rowe
COMMUNION PREP Carol Martin
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Theresa Paolini

NEXT SUNDAY – JULY 15

USHERS/GREETERS Vern & Carol Stewart
CHILDREN’S CHURCH Tamie & Kathryn Jentz
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Motleys
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Nick Hansons
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Cathy Hanson & Leah Wiersma
COMMUNION PREP Donelle Holderbaum
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Benni Tulloch

CALENDAR

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
10:45 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship
11:15 a.m. – Just Looking class

THIS WEEK

Monday – Communicant’s Class, 2:00-2:45
Tuesday – Communicant’s Class, 2:00-2:45
Wednesday – Men’s Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
– Communicant’s Class, 2:00-2:45
Thursday – Communicant’s Class, 2:00-2:45
– 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)
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.

Sunday, July 15 – Just Looking class, 11:15-12:00 noon
Tuesday, July 17 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 22 – Just Looking class, 11:15-12:00 noon
– Visiting missionary presentation
Mon-Thurs, July 23-26 – Vacation Bible School, 6:00-8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 24 – Cancer & chronic illness support group, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 29 – Just Looking class, 11:15-12:00 noon
– Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 7 – Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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.

SERMON OUTLINE

July 8, 2012

Sermon: Pastor Shane Waldron

Sermon Series: Tales from the North

Sermon Title: *Of Desires, Decrees and Dictators*

Sermon Text: 1 Kings 21

Introduction

God's decrees should be our desires.

I. Naboth: desiring what God decrees

II. Ahab: desires trumping God's decrees

III. God: decreeing judgment, desiring repentance

SERMON TEXT: 1 Kings 21 (ESV)

¹ Now Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard in Jezreel, beside the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. ² And after this Ahab said to Naboth, "Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near my house, and I will give you a better vineyard for it; or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its value in money." ³ But Naboth said to Ahab, "The LORD forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers." ⁴ And Ahab went into his house vexed and sullen because of what Naboth the Jezreelite had said to him, for he had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." And he lay down on his bed and turned away his face and would eat no food. ⁵ But Jezebel his wife came to him and said to him, "Why is your spirit so vexed that you eat no food?" ⁶ And he said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for money, or else, if it please you, I will give you another vineyard for it.' And he answered, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'" ⁷ And Jezebel his wife said to him, "Do you now govern Israel? Arise and eat bread and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite." ⁸ So she wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with his seal, and she sent the letters to the elders and the leaders who lived with Naboth in his city. ⁹ And she wrote in the letters, "Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth at the head of the people." ¹⁰ And set two worthless men opposite him, and let them bring a charge against him, saying, 'You have cursed God and the king.' Then take him out and stone him to death." ¹¹ And the men of his city, the elders and the leaders who lived in his city, did as Jezebel had sent word to them. As it was written in the letters that she had sent to them, ¹² they proclaimed a fast and set Naboth at the head of the people. ¹³ And the two worthless men came in and sat opposite him. And the worthless men brought a charge against Naboth in the presence of the people, saying, "Naboth cursed God and the king." So they took him outside the city and stoned him to death with stones. ¹⁴ Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, "Naboth has been stoned; he is dead." ¹⁵ As soon as Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, Jezebel said to Ahab, "Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money, for Naboth is not alive, but dead." ¹⁶ And as soon as Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, Ahab arose to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. Describe a time when you put your desires ahead of God's decrees.
2. Describe a time when you put God's decrees ahead of your desires.
3. What desires of yours most easily turn into idols that you worship instead of God?
4. How could you help your spouse or another loved one grow in their walk with the Lord? Be specific.
5. Is there a prevailing sin in your life that God is calling you to repent of? How might that sin impact other people?
6. Close your time by praying through Psalm 51. Praise God that there is no sin too great for the cross of Christ.