

## 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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*“As it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.” Philippians 1:20*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### His Calling and Our Praise

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 68:32-35*

Leader: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

**All: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.**

Leader: Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.

**All: Blessed be God!**

(\*Indicates when to stand)

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

## 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 #732

**\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### His Word and Our Response

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

**Sermon Series: Philippians**

**Sermon Title: Paul’s Ministry Motives**

**Sermon Text: Philippians 1:15-26**

*(See pages 8-10 for sermon outline, text and questions)*

**\*TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE** – Hymn #585

## 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

– Elder Tom Jentz

**\*MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS** – Hymn #521

**\*BENEDICTION**

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**\*LET ALL THE EARTH** – words included

Let all the earth break forth and sing his praises! (women echo)

Let all the earth break forth and shout for joy! (women echo)

(Repeat)

(Together)

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! Shout for joy!

(Repeat)

(Repeat all)

**\*SING TO THE KING** – words included

Sing to the King who is coming to reign.

Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain.

Life and salvation his empire shall bring,  
and joy to the nations, when Jesus is King.

(Chorus)

*Come, let us sing a song,*

*a song declaring that we belong to Jesus;*

*he is all we need. Lift up a heart of praise.*

*Sing now with voices raised to Jesus; sing to the King.*

For his returning we watch and we pray;

we will be ready the dawn of that day.

We'll join in singing with all the redeemed,

'cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King.

(Chorus 2x)

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*COME YE SINNERS** – words included

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.

(song continued on next page)

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.

## His Renewal and Our Hope

### COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

#### SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: Micah 6:6-8

With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself  
before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt  
offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased  
with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of  
my body for the sin of my soul? He has told you, O man,  
what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but  
to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with  
your God?

**All: Almighty and most merciful Father, we are  
thankful that your mercy is higher than the  
heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than  
all our sin. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward  
life, our callousness toward the suffering of others,  
our envy of those who have more than us, our  
obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure,  
our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our  
neglect of your wise and gracious law. Transform  
us by your Spirit, that we may desire what is good,  
love what you love, and do what you command,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

### SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### DECLARATION OF GRACE: Micah 7:7-9

But as for me, I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the  
God of my salvation; my God will hear me. Rejoice not  
over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit  
in darkness, the LORD will be a light to me. I will bear  
the indignation of the LORD because I have sinned against  
him, until he pleads my cause and executes judgment for  
me. He will bring me out to the light; I shall look upon his  
vindication.

### \*COMMON CONFESSION OF FAITH:

*The Apostles' Creed – Hymnal page 845*

### \*AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS – words included

At the foot of the cross where grace and suffering meet,  
you have shown me your love  
through the judgment you received;  
and you've won my heart,  
and you've won my heart.

(Chorus)

*Now I can trade these ashes in for beauty,*

*and wear forgiveness like a crown;*

*Coming to kiss the feet of mercy,*

*I lay ev'ry burden down at the foot of the cross.*

At the foot of the cross where I am made complete,

you have given me life

through the death you bore for me;

and you've won my heart,

and you've won my heart.

(Chorus)

*Trade these ashes in for beauty*

*and wear forgiveness like a crown.*

*Coming to kiss the feet of mercy,*

*I lay ev'ry burden down; I lay ev'ry burden down*

*at the foot of the cross.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:**

Trinity Church (PCA), Bozeman, Pastors Bryan Clark and Jeff Hamling.

### **MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:**

Mission to the World (PCA).

**PRAYER & WORSHIP SERVICE:** Plan to join us next Sunday, September 30 from 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. for our monthly evening service. Childcare will be provided.

**JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP (GRADES 6-8)** is scheduled to begin meeting weekly starting Wednesday, October 3 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the church.

### **IF YOU ARE NEW TO FAITH COVENANT OR JUST VISITING,**

we invite you to attend our Sunday school classes that are offered for all ages, babies through adults. Signs directing you to classrooms can be found hanging throughout the church or just ask the person next to you for help.

**THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE** would like to thank our children for their encouragement of Clarisse and Andy, the youth we support in Madagascar with our Sunday School offerings. We will continue taking the offerings in our classes beginning this week. If you want a reminder slip to post at home, help yourself to one from the missions' table in the Fellowship Hall.

**THE SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP IS LOOKING** for volunteers who would be willing to periodically provide snacks for their group. If you can help or have questions, please contact Annalise Pierson at 756-6465.

**ELIZABETH WOMEN'S GROUP** will meet at noon on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at Jo Anne Ross', 15 Primrose Ct. in Kalispell. Ladies, bring a sack lunch and join us, we will be studying Nancy Guthrie's book: *"Discovering Jesus in the Old Testament"*. We eat lunch together, fellowship, pray for the needs of others and study our book. We'd love to have you join us! For further details call Jo Anne at 755 3516.

**REMINDER to PARENTS** with young children in Sunday School: Please remember to pick up your child immediately following your SS class so the teachers can clean up and head home to spend time with their own families as soon as possible. **Thank You!**

## **A CHILI LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT**

**NEIGHBORS IN NEED** will be held on Friday, October 5. The cost per lunch is \$10.00. To order a homemade chili lunch (includes corn muffin, salad, pie) that will be delivered to your office between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., call ahead (752-7266) or pick up an order form off the table in the foyer. **Volunteers are needed** to help make pies, to put the lunches together and to deliver the lunches. Contact Sharon Salyer if you are able to help.

## **40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL WILL BE HELD**

**SEPTEMBER 26 THRU NOVEMBER 4.** Rather than committing to pray on a particular day as a church, we encourage you to look at their website [www.vigilcalendar.com/kalispell](http://www.vigilcalendar.com/kalispell) and fill in some of the gaps that are needed. You may also contact Campaign Director, Karen Trierweiler at 890-2297 or by email [kals40dfl@gmail.com](mailto:kals40dfl@gmail.com).

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next month on **Thursday, October 11** at **Central Christian Church**. If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmutz.

## SEPTEMBER MINISTRIES

DEACON OF THE MONTH ..... Bill Gamble  
NURSERY M.O.M. (Mom of the Month).....Leah Wiersma  
NURSERY COORDINATOR.....Darcy Hearn  
*Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 471-9770.*

## TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS..... Matt & Elenie King  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH..... Rose Ann & Aaron Clark  
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants).....Nick Hansons  
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Wiersmas  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS.....Judy Fosbery & Paula Saldamando  
COMMUNION PREP .....Carlynn Stahlberg  
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP .....Jeanie Brennehan

## NEXT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 30

USHERS/GREETERS..... Matt & Elenie King  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH..... Tamie & Kathryn Jentz  
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) ..... Will Schmutz?  
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs).....Kyle Hansons  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS. Jenny Heyboer & Sharon Thompson  
COMMUNION PREP ..... Gary & Barb Fenner  
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP .....Gloria Hanson

## CALENDAR

### TODAY

9:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE  
10:45 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship  
11:15 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages

### THIS WEEK

Tuesday – Elizabeth Women, noon at Jo Anne Ross'  
– Cancer Support group, 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
– Sr. High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. at the Bennett home, 513 Crestview Rd. in 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.

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Sunday, September 30 – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, October 2 – Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, October 3 – Jr. High Youth Group begins, 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, October 9 – Elizabeth Women, noon at Jo Anne Ross'  
– Women's Ministries meeting, 4:00 p.m.  
– Fellowship Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
Thursday, October 11 – Community Kitchen: Feeding the Flathead  
Tuesday, October 16 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, October 23 – Elizabeth Women, noon at Jo Anne Ross'  
– Cancer Support group, 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday, October 27 – Annual Harvest Party

*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](mailto:office@faithcov.com).*



## SERMON OUTLINE

September 23, 2012

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
Sermon Series: Philippians  
Sermon Title: *Paul's Ministry Motives*  
Sermon Text: Philippians 1:15-26

### I. Envy

### II. Exaltation

### III. Encouragement

## SERMON TEXT: Philippians 1:15-26 (ESV)

**1:15** Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. <sup>16</sup> The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. <sup>17</sup> The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. <sup>18</sup> What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice, <sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup> as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.

<sup>21</sup> For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup> I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup> But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup> so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

## *Questions and thoughts for discussion:*

1. How do our motives mar our best efforts? What is encouraging about Paul's attitude in dealing with these fellow Christians?
2. How does Paul's shift of thought in v-18 provide an antidote to any personal annoyance he might have felt from those who disliked him?
3. Paul's view of death is seen within the context of Christ's exaltation. How does this affect his motives for both death and life?
4. In what way does a healthy gospel attitude keep us from being afraid of death on one hand and morose or morbid on the other? Paul's deliverance does not depend on whether he lives or dies. In what way does this help us too?
5. In v-19, what role does the Holy Spirit have in Paul's encouragement? What about the prayer of others?
6. Being able to focus on the lives of others even when we are struggling encourages them in their circumstance and helps us to see our own trouble in a different way. Why is this so difficult? Are you a source of encouragement to others even when you struggle?
7. Consider: *"The more you are with Jesus here, the more you will crave to be closer to him, to know him better, to see him more clearly, to be with him the way the saints are with him after they die. The way to Paul's mind about life and death is the way of communion with Christ. Seek him and find him in your daily life and the prospect of seeing him on the other side will make death seem like little more than a door through which a happy man passes to still more wonderful things."* –Dr. Rayburn