

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

*“Serving One Another in Love”
Galatians 5:13*

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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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November 11, 2012

*“But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior,
the Lord Jesus Christ.” Philippians 3:20*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 47:1-4*

Leader: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**All: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth. He subdued
peoples under us, and nations under our feet.**

Leader: He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

***REJOICE, ALL PEOPLE, HOMAGE GIVE** – *Hymn #73*

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

***GOD OF WONDERS** – words included

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky.

The heavens are your tabernacle; glory to the Lord on high.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy you are holy, holy.

The universe declares your majesty; you are holy, holy.

Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.

When I stumble in the darkness, I will call your name by night.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy you are holy, holy.

The universe declares your majesty; you are holy, holy.

(Bridge)

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.

You are holy, holy.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy you are holy, holy.

Precious Lord reveal your heart to me; you are holy, holy.

The universe declares your majesty; you are holy, holy.

Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.

***SCRIPTURE OF PRAISE:** *Lamentations 3:22-23,25*

All: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

***LOVE OF GOD** – music in pew racks

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Mark 12:30-31*

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

All: Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and great in mercy. Restore to us the joy of our salvation; bind that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest for our souls for the sake of your Son, our Savior-Jesus. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Zephaniah 3:17*

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

***I HAVE BEEN REDEEMED** – music in pew racks

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)*

***GIVE THANKS** – words included

Give thanks with a grateful heart.

Give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his son.

(Repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong."

Let the poor say, "I am rich

because of what the Lord has done for us."

(Repeat)

Give thanks. Give thanks.

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Shane Waldron

Sermon Series: Philippians

Sermon Title: Embracing Your Dual Citizenship

Sermon Text: Philippians 3:20-4:7

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

***THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD** – Hymn #111

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 on the back page.)

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

– Pastor Lloyd Pierson

***TO GOD BE THE GLORY** – Hymn #55

***BENEDICTION**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:
Calvary Lutheran Church, Kalispell, Pastor Kurt Rau.

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:
Pray for the persecuted church in Nigeria.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to our **ANNUAL THANKS DINNER** that will be held **NEXT SUNDAY** at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our Thanksgiving Dinner is served family-style and it’s always a great time of fellowship and thanksgiving for all God has provided for us. We’d love to have you join us. **There are sign-up sheets in the foyer and downstairs in the Fellowship Hall** for what you can bring or if you can help clean up (also very needed). Thanks in advance for signing up!

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES HELD ON NOVEMBER 25. Classes will resume meeting on December 2.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU OCTOBER 31:
Targeted Budget = \$200,116.98; Offerings received = \$215,044.40

THERE ARE EXTRA COPIES available for purchase of the book, *The Crescent Through the Eyes of the Cross* for \$10 each. Contact the church office if interested.

CLARISSE and ANDY Sunday school offering status:
Monthly goal = \$100; November-to-date amount: \$15.42

WE WILL BE COLLECTING OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD gift-filled shoeboxes to bring joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world. Brochures, labels and instructions are available on the table in the foyer. ***Boxes need to be returned to the church no later than Sunday, November 18.***

COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next month on **Thursday, December 13** at ***Central Christian Church***. If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmautz.

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS KETTLE NEEDS: Would you like to be a”Bell Ringer”? Join your friends and family at one of the 19 sites in the valley starting Friday 11/16/12 through Christmas Eve day. Would you like to be a “Kettle Driver”? We need a person in Kalispell and in Columbia Falls that would be willing to start “Bell Ringers”, by dropping kettles off and picking them up at the end of their shift at the various ring sites. Please contact Bob Blake at 257-4357 Ext. 236 if you can volunteer.



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.

NOVEMBER 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 Paul Hobus & Alyssa Hadley
CHILDREN’S CHURCH Sharon & Zane Salyer
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Paolinis
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Andersons
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS.....Cathy Hanson & Jenaé Schmautz
COMMUNION PREPCarlynn Stahlberg
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Lori Vander Ark

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FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS.....Darcy Hearn & Julie Thompson
COMMUNION PREP Gary & Barb Fenner
COMMUNION CLEAN-UPJeanie Brenneman

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’
– Elder home visits, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday – Men’s Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
– Jr. High Youth Group, 7:00–8:30 p.m. at the church
– Sr. High Youth Group, 7:00–9:00 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.

Sunday, November 18 – Annual Thanks Dinner, 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 20– Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Thurs., November 22 – Thanksgiving Day
Sunday, November 25 – No Sunday school
– Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 27– Elizabeth Women, noon at Jo Anne Ross’
– Cancer Support group, 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 4 – Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m.
– Elder home visits, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 11 – Elizabeth Women, noon at Jo Anne Ross’
Thursday. December 13 –Women’s Ministries meeting, 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 18 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 23 – No Sunday school
Monday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Service, time to follow

SERMON OUTLINE

November 11, 2012

Sermon: Pastor Shane Waldron

Sermon Series: Philippians

Sermon Title: *Embracing Your Dual Citizenship*

Sermon Text: Philippians 3:20-4:7

Introduction: We are citizens of heaven.

I. Our conflicts

II. Our circumstances

SERMON TEXT: Philippians 3:20- 4:7 (ESV)

3:20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

4:1 Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved. ² I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. ³ Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. In what ways are you tempted to place your hope in this world?
2. Have you ever been in a conflict with someone else because you were only focusing on the things of this world? If so, describe it.
3. How do the truths of our citizenship in heaven and our hope in the world to come speak to us in the midst of conflict?
4. Do you think American Christians put too much hope in American power and prosperity, and not enough hope in God? If so, where do you see the evidence of this? Do you struggle with this? How?
5. Read Philippians 4:4-7. In light of last week's election, which of these commands stick out to you the most? How does remembering our heavenly citizenship enable us to fulfill that command?
6. What would it look like for us to live as American citizens who are ultimately citizens of heaven? In other words, how can we live out our heavenly citizenship in our American context?