

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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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory



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*“Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”
Matthew 21:9*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 24:7-10*

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! Be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

All: Who is this King of glory?

Leader: The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! Lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

All: Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

***THE KING OF GLORY COMES** – *Hymn #240*

***ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR** – *Hymn #235*

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

****IN THE CROSS ALONE I GLORY***

In the cross alone I glory, recognition laying down.
Greatest treasures count as worthless standing next to heaven’s crowns,
standing next to heaven’s crowns.

In the cross alone I glory, ever reaching for the prize.
Pressing on and laying hold of that for which my Savior died,
that for which my Savior died.

(Chorus)

*In the cross alone I glory; nothing of my own to give.
Only that which Christ has offered for my soul that I may live,
for my soul that I may live.*

In the cross alone I glory, holding fast the word of life.
Toiling not in vain but being poured out as a sacrifice,
poured out as a sacrifice.

Never will I seek the glory that was never meant for me.
Always heaven-ward reflecting, all to Jesus to receive,
all to Jesus to receive.

(Chorus 2x)

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: 1 Peter 1:14-16

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

Leader: For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.

All: Father, cleanse us, for our secret thoughts savor our lusts and our wicked desires.

Leader: The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.

All: Almighty God, forgive us, for in our pride we despise humility and submission to others, and do not consider others before ourselves.

Leader: You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

All: Father we confess that our hearts are filled with deceit, and that we often treat the truth with indifference.

(adapted from Psalm 5:4-6)

CALENDAR

TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
- 10:45 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship
- 11:15 a.m. – No Sunday school TODAY

THIS WEEK

- Tuesday – Elizabeth Women, noon at Jo Anne Ross’
- 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 Pierson’s home, 30 Chip Ct. in Kalispell
- Friday – Good Friday Service, 7:30 p.m.

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, March 31 – No Sunday school
 - EASTER SUNDAY:
 - 8:00 a.m. Worship Service
 - 9:15 a.m. Easter Breakfast
 - 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 - Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
 - Monday, April 1 – Women’s Retreat videos, 4:45 p.m. at the church
 - Tuesday, April 2 – Trustees’ meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 - Thursday, April 4 – Women’s Retreat videos, 4:45 p.m. at the church
 - Tuesday, April 9 – Women’s Ministries meeting, 4:00 p.m.
 - Elizabeth Women, noon at Jo Anne Ross’
 - Thursday, April 11 – Community Kitchen: Feeding the Flathead
 - Tuesday, April 16 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday, April 23 – Elizabeth Women, noon at Jo Anne Ross’
 - Sunday, April 28 – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

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

On an on-going basis, **FAMILY HOME VISITS** are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month. Two Elders come to your home at 7:00 p.m. for an informal visit and to encourage you. This is also an appropriate time to raise any questions or concerns you may have. If you require a different time or day, we will try to accommodate your schedule. The office will make calls the prior month to arrange *your* visit. We look forward to seeing you!

~~Faith Covenant Church Elders

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.

MARCH MINISTRIES

DEACON OF THE MONTH Ike Eisentraut
NURSERY M.O.M. (Mom of the Month)..... Sharon Riley
NURSERY COORDINATOR..... Darcy Hearn
Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 270-8933.

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS Matt & Elenie King
CHILDREN’S CHURCH Dar Wassink & Annalise Pierson
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Zack Millers
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Salyers
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Jenea Schmautz & Cathy Hanson
COMMUNION PREP Carolyn Duncan
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Yvonne Hernandez

EASTER SUNDAY – MARCH 31

USHERS/GREETERS Matt & Elenie King
CHILDREN’S CHURCH (10:30 service only)..... Tamie & Kathryn Jentz
8:00 a.m. WORSHIP NURSERY Hills
10:30 a.m. WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Kings
10:30 a.m. WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Leah Wiersma
9:15 EASTER BREAKFAST Deacons & Elders
8:00 a.m. COMMUNION PREP Carol Martin
8:00 a.m. COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Diane Nugent
10:30 a.m. COMMUNION PREP Christy Heath
10:30 a.m. COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Theresa Paolini

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: 1 Corinthians 1:8-9

God will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

***HOSANNA**

I see the King of Glory coming on the clouds with fire;
the whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes.

I see his love and mercy washing over all our sin;
the people sing, the people sing.

(Chorus)

*Hosanna, hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna, hosanna. Hosanna in the highest!*

I see a generation rising up to take their place;
with selfless faith, with selfless faith.

I see a near revival stirring as we pray and seek;
we’re on our knees, we’re on our knees.

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

Heal my heart and make it clean.
Open up my eyes to the things unseen.
Show me how to love like you have loved me.

Break my heart for what breaks yours.
Everything I am, for your kingdom’s cause,
as I walk from earth into eternity.

(Chorus 2x)

Hosanna in the highest!

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)*

***GLORIA PATRI – Hymn #735**

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Shane Waldron

Sermon Series: Palm Sunday

Sermon Title: *Have It Your Way!*

Sermon Text: Matthew 21: 1-11

(See pages 6-8 for sermon outline and text)

***COME THOU FOUNT, COME THOU KING**

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

I was lost in utter darkness 'til you came and rescued me.
I was bound by all my sin when your love came and set me free.
Now my soul can sing a new song; now my heart has found a home.
Now your grace is always with me and I'll never be alone.

(Chorus)

*Come, thou Fount, come thou King, come thou precious Prince of Peace.
Hear your bride, to you we sing. Come, thou Fount of our blessing.
Come, thou Fount, come thou King, come thou precious Prince of Peace.
Hear your bride, to you we sing. Come, thou Fount of our blessing.*

O to grace, how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be.
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

(Chorus)

***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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Family Life Christian Church, Kalispell, Pastor Frank Mack

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Seth, Rachel & Wyatt Park with Pioneers serving in Turkey. Pray for opportunities for the gospel, and for boldness in those opportunities to share the faith, for conversions and opportunities to disciple new converts. Pray their spiritual lives will be healthy and growing.

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY or next Sunday, March 31. All classes will resume meeting on Sunday, April 7 at 11:15 a.m.

Please join us this coming Friday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. for our **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**. On Sunday, March 31, in celebration of our Risen Savior, there will be two **EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES** – 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Faith Covenant Elders and Deacons will cook and serve breakfast between the two services at 9:15 a.m.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH will be only offered during the 10:30 service on Easter morning.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY EASTER LILIES CAN BE PURCHASED in honor or memory of your loved ones. Your dedication will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Forms are available on the table in the foyer or Fellowship Hall for you to fill out and leave in the box provided or you may return them to the church office along with \$10.00 (per lily). Lilies will be displayed on Easter Sunday and you are welcome to take them home after the worship service.

LADIES RETREAT VIDEOS: Ladies are invited to finish the remaining sessions of the retreat study on Living the Gospel as a Sunday School class April 7 and April 14 in Pastor Shane's office. If you can't go to Sunday School, the videos will be shown at the church April 1 and 4 at 4:45 p.m. (2 videos each evening) with childcare provided (RSVP to Becky Neumann 212-7664).

RECYCLE YOUR BULLETIN: We will recycle your bulletin for you – you can help by returning it to the basket in the foyer at the entrance to the sanctuary.

CLARISSE and ANDY Sunday school offering status:

Monthly goal = \$100; March-to-date amount: \$73.68

FEED THE FLATHEAD VOLUNTEERS: The Feed the Flathead committee is recruiting volunteers. They provide and serve a meal the second Thursday of each month. They serve a main dish along with fresh fruit, a salad or vegetable, bread, juice and milk. If you would like to sign up to bring something, come and serve the meal, help with clean up or make a monetary contribution any time through this next year, please sign up in the foyer. The committee will put together two teams of workers and alternate months. You can sign up to be a regular volunteer, or you can sign up to help once or twice and let us know which months are best for you. For questions or details, contact Sharon Thompson (253-3238) or Joyce Schmautz (249-6370).

(Announcements continued on next page)

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. **How have you assumed your agenda was God's agenda? How have you only received Jesus as the kind of king you want, rather than the kind of King you need?**

2. **How would you finish this sentence: "Lord, save me from _____"?**

3. **How is Jesus sovereignly working in your life to challenge your agenda and get you on board with his?**

4. **Read Matt. 20:20-28.**
 - **How does Jesus subvert the traditional concept of what it means to be a king?**
 - **In what practical ways can you emulate our servant King by humbly serving others?**

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 page 9)*

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION – Elder Matt Riley

***SING TO THE KING**

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)

***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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SERMON OUTLINE

March 24, 2013

Sermon: Pastor Shane Waldron
Sermon Series: Palm Sunday
Sermon Title: *Have it Your Way!*
Sermon Text: Matthew 21:1-11

I. The Kind of King We Want

II. The Kind of King We Need

1. Sovereign and Omniscient
2. Gentle and Peaceful
3. Righteous and Having Salvation

SERMON TEXT Matthew 21:1-11 (ESV)

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵ “Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’ ”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹ And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”