

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

March 10, 2013

“And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.” Matthew 18:9

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 18**

Leader: I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised.

All: For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?

Leader: The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation.

All: I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations, and sing to your name.

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

***I WILL CALL UPON THE LORD**

(Men lead/women echo)

I will call upon the Lord *(echo)*
who is worthy to be praised. *(echo)*
So shall I be saved from my enemies. *(echo)*
I will call upon the Lord. *(together)*
(Repeat)

The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock,
and may the God of my salvation be exalted.
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and may the God of my salvation be exalted.
(Repeat)

***SING ALLELUIA**

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 AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** – Hymn #100

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalm 51:5-6, 16-17*

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart... For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

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’
– Women’s Ministries meeting, 4:00 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 Pierson’s home,
30 Chip Ct. in Kalispell
Thursday – Community Kitchen: Feeding the Flathead
Friday – 40 Days for Life

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, March 19 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 24 – No Sunday school
Tuesday, March 26 – Elizabeth Women, noon at Jo Anne Ross’
Friday, March 29 – Good Friday Service, 7:30 p.m.
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.
Tuesday, April 2 – Women’s Ministries meeting, 4:00 p.m.
– Trustees’ meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 9 – 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.

**CONTACT INFORMATION
CHURCH OFFICE: 752-2400**

“Serving One Another in Love” Galatians 5:13

SENIOR PASTOR: Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D
ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Shane Waldron
OFFICE STAFF: Kristin Bay
BOOKKEEPER: Carlynn Stahlberg
CUSTODIAN: Kelly Brown
SR. HIGH YOUTH LEADER: Trent Neumann

ELDERS

Grady Bennett.....	314-4207	Don Olmsted.....	250-7915
Dave Hanson.....	249-8893	Matt Riley.....	756-8913
Tom Jentz.....	755-2029	Steve Thompson.....	857-3326
Duane Martin.....	756-6026	Jan Wassink.....	249-6590

DEACONS

Buford Bennett.....	261-7124	Micah Hill.....	890-2058
Doug Brown.....	890-0760	Mike Stahlberg.....	on sabbatical
Ike Eisentraut.....	257-2222	Bruce Tulloch.....	755-4550
Bill Gamble.....	249-0152		

BUILDING TRUSTEES

Brian Bay.....	752-9087	Nick Hanson.....	253-4668
Donnie Burns.....	261-9830	Matt Vander Ark.....	871-0615
Russ Hadley (lead).....	752-3661		

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..... Sharon & Zane Salyer
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants)..... Ellen Rowe & Annalise Pierson
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Carlsons
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Patti Albert & Julie Thompson
COMMUNION PREP..... Gary & Barb Fenner
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP..... Gloria Hanson

NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 17

USHERS/GREETERS..... Matt & Elenie King
CHILDREN’S CHURCH..... Dar Wassink & Annalise Pierson
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants)..... Wiersmas
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Kelly Brown & Yvonne Hernandez
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Cathy Hanson & Darcy Hearn
COMMUNION PREP..... Carolyn Duncan
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP..... Hanni Hanson

All: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. (Psalm 51:1-4, 10)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: Psalm 23:1-4

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

***PSALM 23**

The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters.
His goodness restores my soul.

(Chorus)

*And I will trust in you alone, and I will trust in you alone;
for your endless mercy follows me, your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil;
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.

(Chorus)

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one;
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

(Chorus 2x)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

– *The Heidelberg Catechism, Question #32*

Leader: Why are you called a Christian?

All: Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

(The Heidelberg Catechism originated in Germany in 1562 for guiding ministers and teachers in instructing people in the Christian faith.)

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)*

***MY HEART IS FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS**

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 FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Guest Speaker: Bruce Clark, Ph.D.

Sermon Title: *Jesus' Ultimatum*

Sermon Text: Matthew 18:1-9

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

CLARISSE and ANDY Sunday school offering status:

Monthly goal = \$100; March-to-date amount: \$35.34

COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve this week on **Thursday, March 14** at **Central Christian Church**. If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmutz.

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. Sign up in the foyer. For questions or details, contact Sharon Thompson (253-3238) or Joyce Schmutz (249-6370).

SALVATION ARMY FOOD PICKUP: The Salvation Army needs volunteers to help pick up food from local grocery stores on Saturdays. A two-person team drives the Salvation Army van for the two-hour route. Contact Merry Svenson at the Salvation Army (257-4357) if you can volunteer once a month or more.

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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Grace Church, Kalispell,
Pastor Chris Miller

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.

LADIES SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Ladies are invited to finish the remaining four
sessions of the retreat study on Living the Gospel as a Sunday School class **TODAY**,
March 17, April 7 and April 14 in Pastor Shane's office.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Faith Covenant's 24 hour prayer vigil commitment will be
this coming **Friday, March 15** (Thursday midnight to Friday midnight) outside All
Families Healthcare located at 1060 N. Meridian Rd. in Kalispell. You can sign up for
one hour time slots (3 people per hour desired) on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall. It
is requested that each person who signs up also signs the Statement of Peace that can
be found next to the schedule. Men are needed to sign up for the late night time slots.
To get more information contact Ken Miller (250-2383) or visit the campaign website:
www.40daysforlife.com/Kalispell. All are welcome!

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES HELD on March 24 or March
31. All classes will resume meeting on Sunday, April 7 at 11:15 a.m.

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), no later than
Sunday, March 24. Lilies will be displayed on Easter Sunday and you are welcome to
take them home after the worship service.

Please join us on 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.

DIRECTORY UPDATE:

Vern & Carol Stewart, 40 Claremont St., Apt. 235D, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-752-8062

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU FEBRUARY 28:

Targeted Budget = \$44,166.15; Offerings received = \$52,668.01

MEAL COORDINATORS NEEDED: One more volunteer is needed to help head up
coordinating the meals ministry that provides new moms and others (as needed) with
meals. Thank you to Kelly Swenson for volunteering to be one coordinator. Contact
our current coordinators, Jane Turner (257-8799) or Amy Uzzi (407-6167) for more
information on what is involved.

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.

**ALL FOR JESUS – Hymn #565*

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 – Pastor Lloyd Pierson

***ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS I STAND**

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day.
There God, the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.

(Chorus)

*I am bound, I am bound,
I am bound for the Promised Land.*

(Repeat)

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
sickness, sorrow, pain, and death are felt and feared no more.

(Chorus)

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face, and in his bosom rest?

(Chorus 2x)

***BENEDICTION**

SERMON OUTLINE

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Guest Speaker: Bruce Clark, Ph.D.

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SERMON TEXT

Matthew 18:1-9 (ESV)

I. America – a culture of almost endless choice.

II. What are the odds that one will use this “endless choice” in the best way?

III. What kind of change does Jesus demand?

IV. What does this change “look like?”

V. What is the motivation for this change?

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”² And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them³ and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.⁴ Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵ “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me,⁶ but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷ “Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes!⁸ And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire.⁹ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.