

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

April 28, 2013

*“I too will have my say; I too will tell what I know.
For I am full of words, and the spirit within me compels me.”
Job 32:17-18*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 147, Revelation 4**

Leader: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

All: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!

Leader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

All: Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

***ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS’ NAME! – Hymn #296; vs. 1,3,5,6**

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

***BEAUTIFUL ONE**

Wonderful, so wonderful is your unfailing love.
Your cross has spoken mercy over me.
No eye has seen no ear has heard, no heart could fully know
how glorious, how beautiful you are.

(Chorus)

*Beautiful one I love, beautiful one I adore.
Beautiful one, my soul must sing!*

Powerful, so powerful your glory fills the skies,
your mighty works displayed for all to see.
The beauty of your majesty awakes my heart to sing
how marvelous, how wonderful you are.

(Chorus 2x)

(Bridge 2x)

*You opened my eyes to your wonders anew;
you captured my heart with this love,
'cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as you!*

(Chorus 2x)

Beautiful one, my soul must sing!

***MORE THAN AMAZING**

You're the one who walked on water and you calmed the raging seas.
You command the highest mountains to fall upon their knees.
You're the one who welcomed sinners and you opened blinded eyes.
You restored the broken-hearted and you brought the dead to life.
Forgetting all our sins, you remember all your promises.

You are amazing, more than amazing.

Forever our God, you're more than enough, you are amazing.

With authority you've spoken and you've set the captive free.
You're the King who came to serve and you're the God who washed our feet.
You're the one who took our burdens and you bled upon the cross.
In your kindness and your mercy you became the way for us.
Forgetting all our sins, you remember all your promises.

You are amazing, more than amazing.

Forever our God, you're more than enough.

(Repeat)

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CALENDAR

TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
- 10:45 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship
- 11:15 a.m. – Sunday school for all ages
- 6:00 p.m. – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK

- Tuesday – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross' home
– Elder meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hal
– 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 – Ladies' Pre-Summer Pedicure Party, 7:00 p.m. at the church

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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- Tuesday, May 7 – Trustees' meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church
 - Thursday, May 9 – Community Kitchen: Feeding the Flathead
 - Fri-Sat, May 10-11 – Men's Retreat at Bend Guard Station
 - Saturday, May 11 – Appreciation Dinner for Sunday school teachers, 6:00 p.m.
 - Sunday, May 12 – Last Sunday school until September
 - Tuesday, May 14 – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross' home
– Women's Ministry Committee meeting, 4:00 p.m.
– Fellowship Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, May 18 – Baby Shower for Nicole Waldron, details to follow
 - Tuesday, May 21 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 - Sunday, May 26 – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday, May 28 – Elizabeth Women, noon at Jo Anne Ross' home
 - Tuesday, June 4 – Trustees' meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

NOTE FROM CLARISSE & ANDRY: Clarisse and Andry, whose Christian education in Madagascar we support with our Sunday School offerings, recently wrote a note to practice their English. They wrote: *“How are you all doing? We are fine. A few weeks ago we had a party on Easter and Easter Monday. On Easter we had two big parties because it was our grandma’s birthday and we celebrated them together. On Easter Monday we went to the beach and stayed there until evening and then went home. It was such a fun two weeks vacation in our city of Mahajanga. Now we’re starting school again in Tana.”* They also ask for prayer for Clarisse as she takes the SAT test on June 1 and considers the possibility of attending college in the USA.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next month on **Thursday, May 9** at Central Christian Church. If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmutz.

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.

APRIL MINISTRIES

DEACON OF THE MONTH Micah Hill
NURSERY M.O.M. (Mom of the Month)..... Leah Wiersma
NURSERY COORDINATOR..... Darcy Hearn
Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 270-8933.

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS Chad Heath & Christy Heath
CHILDREN’S CHURCH Leah & Breanna Wiersma
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Hunnicutts
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs) Andersons
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Laura Pierson
COMMUNION PREP Carolyn Duncan
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Jeanie Brenneman

NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 5

USHERS/GREETERS Kyle & Michael Hanson
CHILDREN’S CHURCH Leah & Breanna Wiersma
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Joyce Schmutz
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs) Neumanns
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Kelly Brown & Vivienne Montague
COMMUNION PREP Dar Wassink
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Carlynn Stahlberg

(Bridge)

Oh how marvelous, oh how wonderful, oh how glorious, you are amazing.

Oh how marvelous, oh how wonderful, oh how glorious you are.

You are amazing, more than amazing.

Forever our God, you’re more than enough.

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *James 1:19-22*

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

All: O blessed Jesus, you know the impurity of our affection, the narrowness of our sympathy, and the coldness of our love; take possession of our souls and fill our minds with the image of yourself; break the stubbornness of our selfish wills and mold us in the likeness of your unchanging love, O you who alone can do this, our Savior, our Lord, and our God. Amen *(William Temple, 1910)*

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Colossians 2:13-14*

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

SCRIPTURAL CONFESSION: *Colossians 1:15-20*

All: Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

***GLORY BE/AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world;
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us.

(Repeat)

(Chorus)

Glory be to the Father, Amen.

Glory be to the Son, Amen.

Glory be to the Spirit, Amen, Amen.

Son of God, set me free from all that I own;
Son of God, capture me and make me your own;
have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us.

(Chorus 2x)

Amen, Amen.

PRAYER, OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*Diaconal Offering today: Please use the
Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.*

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 Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Job

Sermon Title: *What To Do With Elihu?*

Sermon Text: Job 32-37

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

***MY FAITH HAS FOUND A RESTING PLACE** – Hymn #468

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 5)*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: New Covenant Church, Kalispell, Pastor Craig Dyson

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Sam & Dawn Wills with Mission Aviation Fellowship in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Pray for their fourth baby due this summer; pray for their physical safety during political unrest; and pray for God to help them navigate cultural issues and build relationships.

PRAYER & WORSHIP SERVICE: Please join us tonight from 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. for our monthly evening service. Childcare will be provided.

MOTHER'S DAY PRO-LIFE ADVERTISEMENT: Flathead Pro-life is sponsoring a Mother's Day advertisement in the Daily Interlake on Sunday May 12 with the names of those who would like to honor mothers. If you would like to sign your name to this ad, sign up in the foyer by TODAY. There is a suggested donation of \$3/name or \$5/family.

LADIES PRE-SUMMER PEDI PARTY! Ladies are invited for some pre-summer pampering with pedicures provided by the Women's Ministry Committee Friday, May 3, at 7 p.m. at the church. Bring your favorite beach towel and a treat for dipping in the chocolate fountain! Sign up in the foyer and we'll see you there!

MEN'S RETREAT: Men are invited to the Annual Men's Retreat at the Bend Guard Station west of Kalispell on May 10 and 11. Sign up in the foyer so they can plan for meals. Cost for food will be divided among those attending.

COMMUNICANT'S CLASS: If you are interested in your child attending a Communicant's Class May 13-16, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

BABY SHOWER FOR NICOLE WALDRON: Ladies are invited to a baby shower for Nicole Waldron on Saturday, May 18, at 2 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Come join us as we celebrate the coming of this little one into our church family. If you would like to contribute to a group gift, you may contact Julie Thompson (253-3238) or the church office.

WASHINGTON MISSION TRIP: Faith Covenant has a great opportunity this summer for a short term mission trip to Colville, Wash., June 22-29 with Mission to the World (MTW) on an outreach to the native people in Nespelem. Ministry opportunities will include VBS, music, crafts and construction projects along side other churches from across the country. There are many positions to fill on this outreach from high school age on up, so please prayerfully consider your part in this trip and sign up in the foyer if you would like to find out more. Registration must be completed by May 22. Contact Joe or Kelly Swenson for details (890-2248).

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU MARCH 31:

Targeted Budget = \$71,770.00; Offerings received = \$82,216.67

CLARISSE and ANDRY Sunday school offering status:

Monthly goal = \$100; April-to-date amount: \$75.93

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. Modern scholars largely dismiss Elihu's contribution to the debate. What purpose then does Elihu's four speeches serve at the end of the book?
2. *"In his person is represented a class of teachers, who are faithful, but yet arrogant."* – Gregory the Great, 6th cent. Why have most early church commentators considered Elihu a proud young man who is full of himself?
3. Like the other three friends of Job, Elihu does say some things that are true in general, yet still misses the mark specifically regarding Job. How does this help instruct us in giving counsel to others?
4. There is a sense that Elihu considers his speech to be under Divine inspiration (like the three friends). What lesson in humility is learned here?
5. Elihu is not mentioned by anyone else in the book at any point. When we consider that the Lord did not include Satan or Elihu in his rebuke, what might this tell us?
6. At the end of all the speeches, the Lord himself comes forward to speak in chapters 38-42. Where has all of this talk gotten these five participants?
7. Why is it good to tell others that we do not know the answers? Rational propositions do not have to be in conflict with relational presence; yet wisdom will place a priority of one over the other depending on circumstances. Why are we often uncomfortable with this?

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION – Elder Matt Riley

****WHOM SHALL I FEAR (GOD OF ANGEL ARMIES)***

You hear me when I call, you are my morning song.
Though darkness fills the night it cannot hide the light.
Whom shall I fear? You crush the enemy underneath my feet.
You are my sword and shield though troubles linger still.
Whom shall I fear?

(Chorus)

*I know who goes before me; I know who stands behind;
the God of angel armies is always by my side.
The one who reigns forever, he is a friend of mine;
the God of angel armies is always by my side.*

My strength is in your name for you alone can save.
You will deliver me, yours is the victory.
Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

And nothing formed against me shall stand.
You hold the whole world in your hands.
I'm holding on to your promises; you are faithful, you are faithful.

You are faithful.

(Chorus 2x)

the God of angel armies is always by my side.

***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.

SERMON OUTLINE

April 28, 2013

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Job

Sermon Title: *What To Do With Elihu?*

Sermon Text: Job 32-37

I. I have all the answers! (in my humble opinion)

II. “I don’t know!”

SERMON TEXT

Job 32-37 (NIV)

32:1 So these three men stopped answering Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes. ² But Elihu son of Barakel the Buzite, of the family of Ram, became very angry with Job for justifying himself rather than God. ³ He was also angry with the three friends, because they had found no way to refute Job, and yet had condemned him. ⁴ Now Elihu had waited before speaking to Job because they were older than he. ⁵ But when he saw that the three men had nothing more to say, his anger was aroused. ⁶ So Elihu son of Barakel the Buzite said: “I am young in years, and you are old; that is why I was fearful, not daring to tell you what I know. ⁷ I thought, ‘Age should speak; advanced years should teach wisdom.’ ⁸ But it is the spirit in a person, the breath of the Almighty, that gives them understanding. ⁹ It is not only the old who are wise, not only the aged who understand what is right.

32:16 Must I wait, now that they are silent, now that they stand there with no reply? ¹⁷ I too will have my say; I too will tell what I know. ¹⁸ For I am full of words, and the spirit within me compels me.

33:8 “But you have said in my hearing – I heard the very words – ⁹ ‘I am pure, I have done no wrong; I am clean and free from sin...’ ¹² “But I tell you, in this you are not right, for God is greater than any mortal... ¹⁹ Or someone may be chastened on a bed of pain with constant distress in their bones,

33:31 “Pay attention, Job, and listen to me; be silent, and I will speak. ³² If you have anything to say, answer me; speak up, for I want to vindicate you. ³³ But if not, then listen to me; be silent, and I will teach you wisdom.”

34:10 “So listen to me, you men of understanding. Far be it from God to do evil, from the Almighty to do wrong. ¹¹ He repays everyone for what they have done; he brings on them what their conduct deserves... ¹² He does not answer when people cry out because of the arrogance of the wicked the Almighty pays no attention to it. ¹⁴ How much less, then, will he listen when you say that you do not see him, that your case is before him and you must wait for him