

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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“Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.” John 17:24

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Psalm 67 (Responsive reading) – Hymnal page 808

***LET ALL THE EARTH**

Let all the earth break forth and sing his praises!

Let all the earth break forth and shout for joy!

(Repeat)

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! Shout for joy!

(Repeat)

(Repeat all)

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

***ROCK OF MY SALVATION**

Though storms of strife assail me without warning,
and though they try to steal my joy away;
I will find rest in knowing you have saved me,
Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.

Though times I stumble and fall short of your standard,
I'll rest assured there is love enough for me;
for I find strength in knowing you have saved me,
Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.

(Chorus)

*Oh, my Jesus, Rock of my salvation
who bore the weight of Calvary's wood and shame;
and cleansed my sin in the crimson flow of mercy,
Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.*

Though times I stumble and fall short of your standard,
I'll rest assured there is love enough for me;
for I find strength in knowing you have saved me,
Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.

(Chorus 2x)

*Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.
Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.*

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***TRINITARIAN CONFESSION:**

All: Blessed is the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and unto all ages. Amen.

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** – Hymn #100

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: 1 John 3:16-18

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

CALENDAR

TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
- 10:45 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship
- 6:00 p.m. – Prayer & Worship Service

THIS WEEK

- Tuesday – Elizabeth Women, noon at Jo Anne Ross' home
- 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 Kalispel

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, June 2 – Potluck for Zack and Chelcie, 11:30 a.m. at Lawrence Park
 - Tuesday, June 4 – Trustees' meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church
 - Wednesday, June 5 – Women's Summer Study, 6:30 p.m. at the church
 - Sunday, June 9 – Bridal Shower for Dawn Cole, 7:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday, June 11 – Fellowship Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 - Wednesday, June 12 – Women's Summer Study, 6:30 p.m. at the church
 - Thursday, June 13 – Community Kitchen: Feeding the Flathead
 - Sunday, June 16 – Father's Day
 - Tuesday, June 18 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 - Wednesday, June 19 – Women's Summer Study, 6:30 p.m. at the church
 - Thursday, June 20 – Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Dinner, 6:30 p.m.
 - June 22-29 – Missions trip to Washington state
 - Sunday, June 23 – All Church BBQ, watch Announcements for details
 - Wednesday, June 26 – Women's Summer Study, 6:30 p.m. at the church
 - Saturday, June 29 – Baby Shower for Reegan Gaines, details to come
 - Sunday, June 30 – 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, June 13** at Central Christian Church. If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmautz.

THREE DETAILED BIBLE READING PLANS are available to you on the table in the Fellowship Hall to help you read through the Bible in a year.

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.

MAY MINISTRIES

DEACON OF THE MONTH Buford Bennett
NURSERY M.O.M. (Mom of the Month)..... Jeri Brown
NURSERY COORDINATOR..... Darcy Hearn
Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 270-8933.

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS Russ & Carolyn Hadley
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Leah & Breanna Wiersma
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Zack Millers
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs) Hanni Hanson
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Ellen Rowe & Sharon Thompson
COMMUNION PREP Donelle Holderbaum
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Diane Nugent

NEXT SUNDAY – JUNE 2

USHERS/GREETERS Kyle & Michael Hanson
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Leah & Breanna Wiersma
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Annalise Pierson & Ellen Rowe
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs) Kelly Brown & Yvonne Hernandez
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Kate Anderson & Judy Fosbery
COMMUNION PREP Carol Martin
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Theresa Paolini

All: Almighty Father, God of gods and Lord of lords, Father to the fatherless, Husband to the widow, Defender of the helpless, Judge of all the earth, have mercy on us. We have not sought freedom for the oppressed, even though you freed us. We have not bound up the broken even though you healed us. We have not forgiven others even though you freely forgave us. We withhold kindness from the needy even though you freely gave us your own son. We are without excuse, but not without hope. By your power and grace, account our sins to Jesus' bloody death and amend our ways by the power of his glorious resurrection.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: 1 John 3:19-20

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.

***COMMON CONFESSION OF FAITH:**

The Nicene Creed – Hymnal page 846

***AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

(Chorus)

*My chains are gone. I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood his mercy rains unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

(Chorus 2x)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow; the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine, will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

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)*

***TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE** – Hymn #585, vs. 1, 4-6

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Trinity Sunday

Sermon Title: *The Trinity: Room to Spare*

Sermon Text: John 17:20-26

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

***JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS** – Hymn #264

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.
(See FCC Observance on page 5)*

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION – Elder Tom Jentz

***BEHOLD OUR GOD** – music in pew racks

***BENEDICTION**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Rocky Mountain Community Church PCA, Billings, Pastors Alfred Poirier and Jason Barrie

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Jamie and Alissa Shattenberg and their three children serve with World Venture in Madagascar. Pray they make connections with key local leaders and that God would continue to break down barriers to the gospel.

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

PICNIC CELEBRATION FOR ZACK AND CHELCIE: Everyone is invited to join us in blessing and celebrating the upcoming marriage of Zack Miller and Chelcie Cunningham with a potluck Sunday, June 2, at Lawrence Park Pavilion (1105 North Main Street) at 11:30 a.m. (after fellowship hour). Bring the family, your own beverage, and a potluck dish to share. Also bring something for the “Bucket of Blessing,” whether a monetary blessing, words of wisdom, or your favorite Bible verse to bless the young couple. If you have questions, contact Nicole Waldron (407-2966) or Hanni Hanson (253-4612).

LADIES' SUMMER BIBLE STUDY: A 4-week Ladies' Bible study on selected Psalms will be held Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the church during the month of June. Each week the study will be led by a different lady from our congregation: June 5 is Yvonne Hernandez – Psalm 84; June 12 is Ladeine Thompson – Psalm 145; June 19 is Sarah Morrison – Songs of Ascent; and June 26 is Kristin Bay – Psalm 104. Come join us even if it is only for one week!

WEDDING SHOWER FOR DAWN COLE: Ladies of the church are invited to celebrate Dawn Cole's upcoming wedding to Micah Tinkham. Join us Sunday evening, June 9, at 7 p.m. at the home of Kate Anderson (134 Stillwater Lane – behind Edgerton School). RSVP to Kate (270-7836) or Laura Pierson (270-3201) by June 3. Dawn and Micah are not doing a registry for their wedding so if you would like to contribute to a group gift, contact Kate or Laura.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION DINNER RESCHEDULED:

The Sunday School Teacher Appreciation dinner has been rescheduled for Thursday, June 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

PRAYER CARDS are available in the pew racks for your prayer requests. According to how you mark your request, prayers can be for the Elders only, shared with the Deacons or put on the prayer chain. Place your request in the offering bag or give to any Elder or Pastor.

Please pick up a baby bottle in the foyer to help Hope Pregnancy Ministries in their Baby Bottle Fundraiser! Fill your bottle with change, bills or a check (made out to Hope Pregnancy) and return it to the church by Father's Day. Hope Pregnancy Ministries provides parenting education, material needs, post abortion recovery, pregnancy testing, ultrasound, options counseling, STD testing and treatment, and the love of Christ with men and women in our community. Get involved today! Questions? Call 257-5700.

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. Consider: “The Trinity is the governing center of all Christian belief, the truth that shapes and beautifies all others. The Trinity is the cockpit of all Christian thinking.” – Michael Reeves, *Delighting in the Trinity*.
2. How does the Trinity help us understand that God did not create because he was lonely?
3. Why do all analogies of the Trinity eventually fall short in their explanation?
4. How is God not a narcissist when he makes all things for his own glory? Consider that it is God’s very nature is found in giving, not in taking.
5. In John 17, what is significant about Jesus praying as the Son?
6. Consider: “God’s glory is his overflowing self-communicating joy. By its very nature it is that which gives joy.” – Karl Barth. How does this help us understand Jesus’ prayer?
7. Consider: “Father, Son, and Spirit are persons whose communal life is God.” – Robert Jenson. “God is love. Love always implies a communion between persons...The Father loves the Son in the communion of the Spirit. God has his being-in-communion.” – James Torrance

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.

SERMON OUTLINE

May 26, 2013

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SERMON TEXT

John 17:20-26 (ESV)

I. Before the foundation of the world.

II. After Jesus departs.

²⁰ “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

