

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

June 9, 2013

*“For the Lord gives wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.”
Proverbs 2:6*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 135:1-5**

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD, give praise, O servants of the LORD, who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God!

All: Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

Leader: For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself, Israel as his own possession.

All: For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. Praise the LORD!

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

***BLESSED BE YOUR NAME**

Blessed be your name, in the land that is plentiful;
where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.
And blessed be your name, when I'm found in the desert place;
though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.

(Pre-chorus)

*Every blessing you pour out, I'll turn back to praise;
when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.*

(Chorus)

*Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.*

Blessed be your name, when the sun's shining down on me;
when the world's "all as it should be," blessed be your name.
And blessed be your name, on the road marked with suffering;
though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name.

(Pre-chorus)

(Chorus)

You give and take away, you give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be your name.

(Repeat)

(Chorus 2x)

***BETTER IS ONE DAY**

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty,
for my soul longs and even faints for you.
For here my heart is satisfied within your presence.
I sing beneath the shadow of your wings.

(Chorus)

*Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in your house,
Better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere.
Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in your house,
Better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere,
than thousands elsewhere.*

One thing I ask, that I would seek: to see your beauty,
to find you in the place your glory dwells.
One thing I ask and I would seek: to see your beauty,
to find you in the place your glory dwells.

(Chorus)

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CALENDAR

TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
- 10:45 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship
- 7:00 p.m. – Bridal Shower for Dawn Cole, 134 Stillwater Lane

THIS WEEK

- Wednesday – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hal
– Women's Summer Study, 6:30 p.m. at the church
– Jr. High Youth Group at the church
- Thursday – Community Kitchen: Feeding the Flathead

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 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, see 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, 2 p.m. at the church
 - Sunday, June 30 – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

The 2013 Hope Pregnancy Ministries Baby Bottle Campaign is coming to a close! PLEASE RETURN ALL BOTTLES (full or empty) TO THE CHURCH BY FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 16. (They are requesting empty bottles be returned so they can be used next year.) Each coin, bill or check given helps sustain the work of Hope, and allows us to protect our community's most vulnerable...the unborn. Thank you for supporting the cause of LIFE!!

HABITAT RESTORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The new Habitat for Humanity Restore is looking for volunteers who can help a few hours each week with customer service, merchandising, and donation receiving. Volunteer orientation is every Friday at 11a.m. The Restore is located at 2610 Hwy 93 S, just south of Murdoch's and the Harley Davidson store. Call Jesse Mahugh with questions at 257-8800.

LOST AND FOUND have been accumulating on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Please check to see if any items belong to you or your children - items not claimed will be donated. Thank you!

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.

JUNE MINISTRIES

DEACON OF THE MONTHMike Stahlberg
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 Russ Hadley & Carolyn Duncan
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Sharon & Zane Salyer
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Lancaster
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs) Heyboers
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Tamie Jentz & Carol Stewart
COMMUNION PREPDar Wassink
COMMUNION CLEAN-UPMark Rice

NEXT SUNDAY – JUNE 16

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CHILDREN'S CHURCH Sharon & Zane Salyer
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Kings
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)Don Olmsteds
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Cathy Hanson & Darcy Hearn
COMMUNION PREP Carolyn Duncan
COMMUNION CLEAN-UPBenni Tulloch

(Bridge)

My heart and flesh cry out for you, the living God.
Your Spirit's water to my soul. I've tasted and I've seen;
come once again to me. I will draw near to you, I will draw near to you.

Better is one day, better is one day,
better is one day, than thousands elsewhere.

(Repeat)

(Chorus)

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***BE THOU MY VISION** – Hymn #642

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Revelation 21:8*

But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.

All: Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. (1 Corinthians 6:9-10)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 Corinthians 6:11*

But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

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***CONFESSION OF CHRIST’S GRACE:**

– *The Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Question 1*

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

Leader: He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

All: Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

***BENEATH THE CROSS**

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,
and wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am.

For hands that should discard me hold wounds which tell me come.

Beneath the cross of Jesus my unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, his fam’ly is my own.

Once strangers chasing selfish dreams; now one through grace alone.

How could I now dishonor the ones that you have loved?

Beneath the cross of Jesus, see the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, the path before the crown,
we follow in his footsteps where promised hope is found.

How great the joy before us to be his perfect bride.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, we will gladly live our lives.

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)*

***DOXOLOGY – Hymn #731**

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Salvation Army Church, Kalispell, Major Steve Svenson

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: David & Ulrike Byle and their five children, missionaries to Istanbul, Turkey

CHURCH BBQ SUNDAY, JUNE 23

Mark your calendars for the church BBQ Sunday, June 23, after the service. Join us for a picnic lunch with burgers, hot dogs and all the fixings provided by the fellowship committee. Sign up to bring salad or fruit. Four BBQ’s and four cooks are also needed! If you can come early that day, help is needed setting up chairs and tables before worship. Contact Nancy Christenson at 752-5056 for details.

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: this week, we’ll be hearing from Ladeine Thompson on Psalm 145; June 19 is Sarah Morrison – Songs of Ascent (Psalm 120-134); and June 26 is Kristin Bay – Psalm 104 (wear your walking shoes!). 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 this evening, June 9, at 7 p.m. at the home of Kate Anderson (134 Stillwater Lane – behind Edgerton School). 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.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU MAY 31:

Targeted Budget = \$115,936.15; Offerings received = \$124,024.83

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION DINNER: The Sunday School Teacher Appreciation dinner will be Thursday, June 20, 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

BABY SHOWER FOR REEGAN GAINES: Ladies, help us welcome a new life into our congregation with a baby shower for Reegan Gaines Saturday, June 29, at 2 p.m. at the church. Contact Julie Thompson (253-5038) or the church office to contribute to a group gift.

THE REFUGE: A SUPPORT GROUP FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE

If you or someone you know is a victim of physical, verbal or emotional abuse, Faith Covenant Church has a support group that can help. We meet every other Wednesday at 4:45 p.m. in the church library. People with little or no church background are welcome to attend. Contact Pastor Shane for more information.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN—FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve this week on **Thursday, June 13** at Central Christian Church. If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmutz.

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. **Proverbs 2** points us to the pursuit of the knowing God's wisdom. This is a moral quest for righteousness in our lives. How does this moral pursuit help us regarding our pursuit of answers for questions of direction and guidance in non-moral issues?
2. Why must we keep in mind that the Proverbs speak of life in general and are not specific guaranteed promises?
3. **Consider:** *"Impressions are impressions. They are not in a special category. Don't confuse impressions, hunches, and subjective feelings with certain words from the Lord ... We all get intuitions and hunches and gut feelings all the time. Some are from the Lord. Some aren't. Most often, it probably doesn't matter."* – Kevin DeYoung
4. The Lord guides his people by his Spirit through Scripture. We are not to expect the unexpected nor make that the means of discerning God's guidance. Why do you think people insist on making the unexpected the norm?
5. The Lord is not playing a cosmic shell game with us where we have to guess under which choice his will is hidden. How does Deut. 29:29 help us understand this?
6. How might you help someone who is so wrapped up in knowing the future that they struggle to live in the present?
7. Often because of an inability to make wise and prudent decisions, people will try to 'spiritualize' the search for God's will. Where might you direct them in Scripture to avoid this error?

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson

Sermon Series: Summer Psalms and Proverbs

Sermon Title: *How to Find God's Will for Just about Everything*

Sermon Text: Proverbs 2:1-8

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

***BEAUTIFUL LORD** – music in pew racks

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.

(See FCC Observance below)

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION – Elder Matt Riley

***'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS** – Hymn #679

***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

June 9, 2013

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson

Sermon Series: Summer Psalms and Proverbs

Sermon Title: *How to Find God's Will for Just about Everything*

Sermon Text: Proverbs 2:1-8

I. Choosing our words more carefully

II. The Word vs. a word

III. A word of assurance

SERMON TEXT

Proverbs 2:1-8 (ESV)

- ¹ My son, if you accept my words
and store up my commands within you,
- ² turning your ear to wisdom
and applying your heart to understanding—
- ³ indeed, if you call out for insight
and cry aloud for understanding,
- ⁴ and if you look for it as for silver
and search for it as for hidden treasure,
- ⁵ then you will understand the fear of the Lord
and find the knowledge of God.
- ⁶ For the Lord gives wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.
- ⁷ He holds success in store for the upright,
he is a shield to those who walk in integrity,
- ⁸ for he guards the course of the just
and protects the way of his faithful ones.