

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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*“Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.”
Psalm 111:2*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 95:6-7*

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker.

All: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

***COME LET US WORSHIP AND BOW DOWN**

Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.
Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand, just the sheep of his hand.
(Repeat all)

***BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
give my praise to the fountain of delights;
for in my helplessness you heard my cry,
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer;
I will sing of the blood that never fails,
of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,
of death defeated and life without end.

(Chorus)

*Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor,
clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
you're the Way, the Truth, the Life.
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,
you're the Risen One, heaven's champion,
and you reign, you reign over all!*

I long to be where the praise is never ending;
yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,
where countless worshipers will share one song,
and cries of "worthy" will honor the Lamb!
(Chorus 2x)

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US** – Hymn #599

CALENDAR

TODAY

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

THIS WEEK

Wednesday – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Mon. - Thurs. – The Race is On! VBS, 6:00-8:30 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.

Tuesday, August 6 – Trustee's meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church
Thursday, August 8 – Community Kitchen: Feeding the Flathead
Tuesday, August 20 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 25 – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 3 – Trustee's meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church
Sunday, Sept. 8 – Sunday School begins for all ages
Tuesday, Sept. 10 – Fellowship Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

CLIMB GREAT NORTHERN: Looking for a classic northwest Montana adventure? Terry Falk will lead a climb up Great Northern Mountain in the Great Bear Wilderness above Hungry Horse Reservoir on Saturday, August 3. Contact Terry at 270-1308 to get details and join the group.

ROCK THIS CITY: Unleash Christ's love right where we live with Rock This City 2013, state-wide outreach of local churches partnering together to serve our neighbors and non-profit organizations across Montana, August 18-28. Volunteers are welcome to sign up for as many service initiatives as they can commit to completing and both entire churches and individuals are welcome to join. Find out more at <http://rockthiscity.co/>.

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.

JULY MINISTRIES

DEACON OF THE MONTH Doug Brown
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 Paul & Alyssa Hobus
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Dar Wassink & Annalise Pierson
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Hunnicutts
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Neumans
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Laura Pierson & Marlo Lancaster
COMMUNION PREP Dar Wassink
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Theresa Paolini

NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 4

USHERS/GREETERS Bud & Zane Salyer
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Shari Montague
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Ellen Rowe & Annalise Pierson
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Hanni Hanson
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Joani Eisentraut & Donelle Holderbaum
COMMUNION PREP Carolyn Duncan
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Mark Rice

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 Samuel 15:22-23*

Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of divination and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry.

All: Have mercy on us Lord. We often choose sacrifice over obedience. We presume upon your grace, and delight in our show of faith; yet our hearts can be far from you. Forgive us of our disobedience, when we have chosen to love our sin more than to love you. Forgive us of our rebellion, when we have willingly walked away from your commands, in order to pursue the sins of our flesh. Keep us from self-worship, disguised as true religion. Purify and cleanse us by the blood of our Savior-Jesus. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Exodus 34:6-7*

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

****I WILL PRAISE HIM STILL***

When the morning falls on the farthest hill,
I will sing his name, I will praise him, still.
When the dark trials come and my heart is filled
with the weight of doubt, I will praise him, still.

For the Lord, our God, he is strong to save
from the arms of death from the deepest grave.

And he gave us life in his perfect will;
and by his good grace I will praise him, still.
(Repeat all)

COMMUNICANT CLASS MEMBERS:

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Brogan Lancaster

Noble Lancaster

Hudson Richardson

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Aiden Krause

Sarah Riley

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)*

***COME, WE THAT LOVE THE LORD**— Hymn #700, verses 1 & 5

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson

Sermon Series: Summer Psalms and Proverbs

Sermon Title: *Science and Faith*

Sermon Text: Psalm 111

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

***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.

(song continued on next page)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Hope Pregnancy Center,
Kalispell

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Rohan & Becky Crown,
PCA church planters in Lethbridge, AB. Their Amazing Grace church plant outreach has
been evangelistic to the First Nations (native reservations) people around Lethbridge.
Pray for continued protection and expansion of the gospel. Pray also for the raising up of
leaders and elders within their church.

PRAYER & WORSHIP SERVICE: Please join us tonight, July 28, from 6:00 p.m.–
7:00 p.m. for our monthly evening service. Childcare will be provided.

THE RACE IS ON!
Vacation Bible School
July 29 - August 1, 6-8:30 p.m.

You're invited to join the race! REGISTER TODAY!
Come to Vacation Bible School and learn about Jesus
and His great sacrifice and promise to all of us!
Children ages 3 to those going into fifth grade are invited
for four evenings of faith building fun!

SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING: TODAY, we will take a special offering to help
fund the education of Clarise and Andry, two children in Madagascar. During the
school year we support them through our Sunday school offering, but we are in need of
additional funds during the summer break. Thank you for your support of this worthy
cause throughout the year! There is also an offering can in the foyer where you can share
sponsorship dollars any time.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU JUNE 30:

Targeted Budget = \$143,540.00; Offerings received = \$155,591.23

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. People with little or no church
background are welcome to attend. Contact the church office (752-2400) for more
information.

LUNCHEON COOKS NEEDED: In the fall, the pastors will begin hosting a lunch for
newcomers once a month after church. Two to three volunteers are needed to prepare and
serve the food. If you are interested, please contact the church office (752-2400).

FAITH COVENANT SOFTBALL: The church softball team is looking for a few more
players to finish out the second half of the season. Contact Terry Falk (270-1308) if you
want to come play ball!.

(Announcements continued on next page)

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. Psalm 111 is an acrostic psalm (each line is alphabetically ordered in Hebrew). Psalm 111 and 112 pair up well together. Psalm 111 highlights God at work and Psalm 112 focuses on godliness at work. How do these two psalms dove tail together?
2. Verse 1 is deeply personal and corporate. Consider: *“The individual knows that his faith is nurtured in the life of the congregation, and the congregation draws upon the faith and piety of the individual.”* – Robert Davidson
3. Consider: *“Science doesn’t address some of the topics where we most need enlightenment: religion, politics, and morals ... A scientist pontificating on matters outside her field is no better than anyone else pontificating on matters outside her field.”* – Alvin Plantinga
4. Knowing God enables us to know the world around us. How does this psalm highlight the folly of those who would try to know the world apart from knowing God?
5. What are some implications of this statement: *“When it comes to faith, no sound Christian would really think that the intellectual content of his or her faith is separate from the relational commitment to God.”* – C. John Collins
6. How does the gospel enable us to pursue scientific study with new hope and purpose?

**HOSANNA, continued*

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!

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 Grady Bennett

**I WILL SING OF MY REDEEMER* – Hymn #650

***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

July 28, 2013

**Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Sermon Series: Summer Psalms and Proverbs
Sermon Title: *Science and Faith***

I. How do I know the World – a conflict of ideas

II. How do I know God – a commitment to truth

SERMON TEXT

Psalm 111 (ESV)

- ¹ Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**
- ² Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.**
- ³ Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.**
- ⁴ He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.**
- ⁵ He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.**
- ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**
- ⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;**
- ⁸ they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**
- ⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!**
- ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!**