

## 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*

**September 1, 2013**

*“Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!”  
Psalm 100:4*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **His Calling and Our Praise**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 96:1-4*

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

**All: Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

**All: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.**

**\*O WORSHIP THE KING** – *Hymn #2*

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

*(\*Indicates when to stand)*

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

**\*GOD OF WONDERS**

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky.  
The heavens are your tabernacle; glory to the Lord on high.

*(Chorus)*

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy you are holy, holy.  
The universe declares your majesty; you are holy, holy.  
Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.*

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.  
When I stumble in the darkness, I will call your name by night.

*(Chorus)*

*(Bridge)*

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.  
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.  
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.  
You are holy, holy.

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy you are holy, holy.  
Precious Lord reveal your heart to me; you are holy, holy.  
The universe declares your majesty; you are holy, holy.  
Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.*

**\*GOD OF ALL SPLENDOR**

God of all splendor, wonder and might;  
awesome creator, author of life;  
Master and Savior, wholly divine;  
God of all splendor, wonder and might.

*(Chorus)*

*Who is like you, oh Lord, worthy of all praise.  
Who is like you, oh Lord, let all the earth proclaim.  
Your kingdom forever, love shining bright;  
God of all splendor, wonder and might.*

God of all splendor, wonder and might;  
essence of beauty and all that is right;  
King of all glory, heaven's pure light;  
God of all splendor, wonder and might.

*(Chorus 2x)*

**CALENDAR**

**TODAY**

- 9:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
- 10:45 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship
- 11:30 a.m. – Senior High Youth Back-to-School Party

**THIS WEEK**

- Tuesday – Trustee's meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church
- Wednesday – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

**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)
- Adult Small Groups (Sept.-May)
- Sundays – Diaconal Offering
- 1st Sundays – Elder home visits
- 1st Tuesdays – Elders/Deacons' meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 3rd Tuesdays – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross' home, (Sept.-May)
- 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

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- Tuesday, Sept. 8 – Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church
  - Sunday, Sept. 8 – Two Worship Services start, 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
  - Sunday, Sept. 8 – Sunday School begins for all ages, 10 to 10:45 a.m.
  - Sunday, Sept. 8 – Small Groups begin
  - Tuesday, Sept. 10 – Fellowship Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
  - Wednesday, Sept. 11 – Junior High Youth Group Starts, 7-8:30 p.m. at the church
  - Thursday, Sept. 12 – Feed the Flathead
  - Tuesday, Sept. 17 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

**BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP STARTING:** BSF (Bible Study Fellowship) is studying the Gospel of Matthew this year. Children's (Infant - Kindergarten) program offered during the day class and student programs (Grades 1-12) offered in evenings.  
*Women's Day Class:* Begins Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 9:10 a.m. at Easthaven Baptist Church. Call Ellen at 249-9770.  
*Women's Evening Class:* Begins Monday, Sept. 9, at 6:55 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. Call Benni at 755-4550.  
*Men's Evening Class:* Begins Monday, Sept. 9, at 6:55 p.m. at Central Bible Church. Call Bruce at 270-7320.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:** The Habitat for Humanity Restore is looking for volunteers who can assist a few hours each week with tasks like customer service, operating the cash register, donation pickups, and merchandising. Volunteers can earn store credit for hours volunteered. Please call Jesse Mahugh at the office: 257-8800 or cell: 406-370-1910.

### **DIRECTORY UPDATES:**

Ethan & Reegan Gaines: 232 3rd Ave. W. Apt. 2W, Kalispell, MT 59901  
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*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](mailto:office@faithcov.com).*

## SEPTEMBER MINISTRIES

DEACON OF THE MONTH ..... Bill Gamble  
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 ..... Nick & Hanni Hanson  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH ..... Dar Wassink & Annalise Pierson  
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) ..... Yvonne Hernandez & Kelly Brown  
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs) ..... Lancasters  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS ..... Kate Anderson & Becky Neumann  
COMMUNION PREP ..... Carol Martin  
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Theresa Paolini

### NEXT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 8

USHERS/GREETERS ..... Nick & Hanni Hanson  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH ..... Dar Wassink & Annalise Pierson  
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) ..... Heyboers  
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs) ..... Wiersmas  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS ..... Tamie Jentz & Carol Stewart  
COMMUNION PREP ..... Dar Wassink  
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Mark Rice

## His Renewal and Our Hope

### **COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN**

**SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION:** *Isaiah 29:13-14*

And the Lord said: Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden.

**All: O Lord, forgive us our failure to keep your commandments.**

**We confess that we often cleanse the outside of our lives, yet do nothing about the inside of our hearts. Outside we look righteous, moral and upright, yet inside we are filled with anger, lust, greed and idolatry. Outwardly we go to church, give money and read your Word, yet inwardly we neglect justice, purity, love, encouraging speech and mercy. Lord, we should have done the latter without neglecting the others. We have thrust ourselves into the best positions, because we thought we deserved them, yet the truth is we are unworthy of any blessing. Have mercy on us for being like the Pharisees. May you cleanse us—all of us and all of who we are—from the inside out.** *(Adapted from Luke 11:37-52)*

### **SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

**DECLARATION OF GRACE:** *Joel 2:12-13*

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

### **\*ANCIENT WORDS**

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world  
They resound with God's own heart, O let the ancient words impart  
Words of life words of hope, give us strength help us cope  
In this world where'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home

*(Chorus)*

*Ancient words ever true, changing me changing you  
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart*

*(song continued on next page)*

**\*ANCIENT WORDS, cont.**

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age  
Came to us through sacrifice, O heed the faithful words of Christ

*(Chorus 2x)*

*Ancient words ever true, changing me changing you  
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart*

Martyr's blood stains each page, they have died for this faith  
Hear them cry through the years, heed these words and hold them dear

*(Chorus 2x)*

We have come with open hearts  
O let the ancient words impart

**CHRISTIAN BAPTISM OF:**

*Katelyn Grace Waldron*

**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 #731

**\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**His Word and Our Response**

**Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson**  
**Sermon Series: Summer Psalms and Proverbs**  
**Sermon Title: Divine Delight**  
**Sermon Text: Psalm 100:1-5**

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

**\*A WONDERFUL SAVIOR IS JESUS MY LORD** – Hymn #175

**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)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Central Bible Church, Kalispell, Pastor Ron Youde

**MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Christians in areas of escalating conflict in Egypt and Syria

**DIACONAL OFFERING:** This morning we share in worshipping through our diaconal offering for those needing assistance in our church and community. Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.

**TODAY – SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP BACK-TO-SCHOOL PARTY!**

All 9th-12th grade students are invited to come have fun swimming, boating, and water skiing/tubing at Lake Blaine **TODAY**. We will be leaving in carpools from the church around 11:30 a.m. and returning to the church at 4:30 p.m. There will be a bonfire to roast hotdogs and s'mores. Please see Trent or Becky Neumann to get a parental permission release form, and to get directions to the Tam's if you're not going to carpool. You will need to bring your signed form, swim gear, beach towel, water bottle, and sunblock.

**TWO WORSHIP SERVICES START IN SEPTEMBER:** We will change our schedule to two worship services starting Sunday, Sept. 8. First service will be at 8:30 and second will be at 11 a.m. Sunday School also start Sept. 8 from 10 to 10:45 a.m.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS SEPTEMBER 8:** Sunday School begins Sept. 8 for all ages from 10–10:45 a.m. Adults classes include *Biblical Interpretation* with Pastor Shane Waldron; *Shepherding A Child's Heart*, a video-based study facilitated by Tom Jentz; or *Just Looking*, a class for those interested in learning more about the PCA and membership at Faith Covenant. Sign up for adult classes today in the foyer!

**JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP STARTS SEPTEMBER 11:** Students in grades sixth to eighth are invited to youth group Wednesdays 7-8:30 p.m. starting Sept. 11 at the church. Contact Sean or Lisa Iddings for more information (871-5157).

**SMALL GROUPS START IN SEPTEMBER:** Small groups begin again next month. If you are not in a small group, we strongly encourage you to sign up at one of our tables in the Fellowship Hall. If you are already in a small group, there is no need to sign up. Don't miss out on this opportunity to experience the fellowship and community of the body of Christ!

**ELIZABETH WOMEN'S GROUP:** Elizabeth Women's Group will begin meeting again for the fall on Tuesday, Sept. 10. Ladies, come join us for lunch, fellowship, prayer for needs of the congregation, and a devotion! Bring a sack lunch and meet at noon at JoAnne Ross' (15 Primrose Court). For further information call JoAnne at 755 3516.

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD:** Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on **Thursday, Sept. 12** at **Central Christian Church**. If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmutz.

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*Questions and thoughts for discussion:*

1. **Concerning vs. 1, Charles Spurgeon remarked, “Our happy God should be worshipped by a happy people.”**
2. **What do we do when we do not feel delight in the Lord? What are joy killers for us?**
3. **Consider: “It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.” – C.S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory***
4. **According to Thomas Chalmers, we do not get rid of a love for the world just by showing its worthlessness, but we need to replace it with a love that is far greater. He refers to this as “the expulsive power of a new affection.”**
5. **Consider: “A thing may be morally neutral and yet the desire for that thing may be dangerous.” – C.S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory***
6. **How do we respond to God’s grace in actions of delight?**
7. **What about a “bucket list” can misdirect us if we are not careful?**
8. **In what way does Jesus bring us into the joy of praise?**

**PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION – Elder Grady Bennett**

**\*SOON AND VERY SOON**

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!  
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!  
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!

*(Chorus)*  
*Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*  
*We’re going to see the King!*

No more crying there – we are going to see the King!  
No more crying there – we are going to see the King!  
No more crying there – we are going to see the King!  
*(Chorus)*

No more dying there – we are going to see the King!  
No more dying there – we are going to see the King!  
No more dying there – we are going to see the King!

*Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*  
*We’re going to see the King!*  
*Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

**\*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**  
**September 1, 2013**

**Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.**  
**Sermon Title: *Divine Delight***  
**Sermon Text: Psalm 100:1-5**

**I. Trifling with half-hearted affections**

**II. Worshiping our way to a changed heart**

**SERMON TEXT**  
**Psalm 100:1-5 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> A Psalm for giving thanks.

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!**

<sup>2</sup> **Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

<sup>3</sup> **Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

<sup>4</sup> **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

<sup>5</sup> **For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**