

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

August 4, 2013

*“Every word of God proves true;
he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.”
Proverbs 30:5*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 118:26-29*

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

All: We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Leader: The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

All: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

****I WILL CALL UPON THE LORD***

(Men lead/women echo)

I will call upon the Lord *(echo)*
who is worthy to be praised. *(echo)*
So shall I be saved from my enemies. *(echo)*
I will call upon the Lord. *(together)*
(Repeat)

The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock,
and may the God of my salvation be exalted.
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and may the God of my salvation be exalted.
(Repeat)

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

****COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING*** – Hymn #457

****GREAT IS YOUR GLORY*** – music in pew racks

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalm 95:8-11*

Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. For forty years I loathed that generation and said, “They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways.” Therefore I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter my rest.”

All: O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame. To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God by walking in his ways, O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. *(adapted from Daniel 9)*

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

CALENDAR

TODAY

9:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
10:45 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship

THIS WEEK

Wednesday – Men’s Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
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.

Thursday, August 8 – Community Kitchen: Feeding the Flathead
Tuesday, August 20 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 25 – Small Group Leaders Meeting, 11 a.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 3 – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 3 – Trustee’s 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, 10-10:45 a.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 10 – Fellowship Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church

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.

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.

AUGUST MINISTRIES

DEACON OF THE MONTHBruce Tulloch
 NURSERY M.O.M. (Mom of the Month)..... Carol Martin
 NURSERY COORDINATOR.....Darcy Hearn
Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 270-8933.

TODAY

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..... Dar Wassink
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP.....Mark Rice

NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 11

USHERS/GREETERS.....Bud & Zane Salyer
 CHILDREN'S CHURCH Shari Montague
 WORSHIP NURSERY (infants)..... Tamie Jentz
 WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Jenae Schmautz
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Joni Jenks & Julie Thompson
 COMMUNION PREP..... Gary & Barb Fenner
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UPBenni Tulloch

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Jeremiah 23:5-6*

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

SCRIPTURAL CONFESSION OF GRACE

All: For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (*Ephesians 2:8-10*)

***BEHOLD OUR GOD**

Who has held the oceans in his hands?
 Who has numbered every grain of sand?
 Kings and nations tremble at his voice.
 All creation rises to rejoice.

(Chorus)

*Behold our God, seated on his throne.
 Come let us adore him.
 Behold our King, nothing can compare,
 Come let us adore him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
 Who can question any of his words?
 Who can teach the One who knows all things?
 Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?

(Chorus)

Who has felt the nails upon his hand,
 bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
 God eternal, humbled by the grave,
 Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

(Chorus)

You will reign forever. *(4x)*
(Chorus 2x)

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)*

*MY HEART IS FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who bore my pain;
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again;
who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in his light
and wrote his law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who walks beside;
who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;
whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take,
sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above,
whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev'ry thought is love.

*For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King;
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.*

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson

Sermon Series: Summer Psalms and Proverbs

Sermon Title: A Reliable Word

Sermon Text: Proverbs 30:1-6

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

***ALL TO JESUS I SURRENDER** – Hymn #562

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 10)*

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION – Elder Tom Jentz

***LIKE A RIVER GLORIOUS** – Hymn #699

*BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Aletheia Church, Kalispell,
Pastor Scott Keller

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Joel and Emily as they
minister in the Arab world with Mission to the World, the PCA missions organization.

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.

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.
**More volunteers will be needed to help with nursery, communion preparation and
ushering for two services. If you would like to help with one of these ministries,
please contact the church office at 752-2400 or office@faithcov.com.**

COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are
volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve this week on **Thursday, August 8,** at
Central Christian Church. If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce
Schmautz.

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).

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/>.

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.

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.

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. What does it mean that all beliefs have axioms, starting points?

2. Regarding vs. 5-6 consider: *“As an answer to the inquirer’s despair at finding wisdom and the knowledge of God, the answer offered is that God has already made himself known truthfully in his written word.”* – Brevard Childs

3. Regarding vs. 5-6 consider: *“Knowledge of the Holy One depends not on human search for the truth but a humble acceptance of the divine disclosure through inspired spokespersons.”* – Rick Moore

4. Why have some modern scholars tried to assert that Agur is an atheist? How is this shown to be false?

5. What are some considerations for answering the objection that the Bible is a regressive, ancient book that has no bearing on modern life?

6. How do we deal with interpretation differences within Christianity?

7. In what way does having faith in Christ address this issue?

CONTACT INFORMATION
“Serving One Another in Love” Galatians 5:13

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SERMON OUTLINE

August 4, 2013

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Sermon Series: Summer Psalms and Proverbs
Sermon Title: *A Reliable Word*

I. Starting Points

II. Finish Lines

SERMON TEXT
Proverbs 30:1-6 (ESV)

- ¹ **The words of Agur son of Jakeh. The oracle.**
The man declares, I am weary, O God; I am weary, O God, and worn out.
- ² **Surely I am too stupid to be a man.**
I have not the understanding of a man.
- ³ **I have not learned wisdom,**
nor have I knowledge of the Holy One.
- ⁴ **Who has ascended to heaven and come down?**
Who has gathered the wind in his fists?
Who has wrapped up the waters in a garment?
Who has established all the ends of the earth?
What is his name, and what is his son's name?
Surely you know!
- ⁵ **Every word of God proves true;**
he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.
- ⁶ **Do not add to his words,**
lest he rebuke you and you be found a liar.

Proverbs 13:13-14 (ESV)

- ¹³ **Whoever despises the word brings destruction on himself, but he who reveres the commandment will be rewarded.**
- ¹⁴ **The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, that one may turn away from the snares of death.**

Proverbs 16:20 (ESV)

- ²⁰ **Whoever gives thought to the word will discover good, and blessed is he who trusts in the LORD.**