

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 29, 2013

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” 1 Peter 2:9

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 9:1-2,9-11*

Leader: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

All: I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Leader: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

All: And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds!

***TO GOD BE THE GLORY** – *Hymn #55*

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

***ACROSS THE LANDS**

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began.
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of your voice.
Let the skies declare your glory; let the land and seas rejoice!

(Chorus)

*You're the author of creation; you're the Lord of ev'ry man;
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,
and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry; with a word you calmed the sea;
yet how silently you suffered that the guilty may go free!

(Chorus)

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave,
and ascended into heaven, leading captives in your way.
Now you stand before the Father, interceding for your own;
from each tribe and tongue and nation, you are leading sinners home!

(Chorus 2x)

***FROM THE DEPTHS OF WOE**

From the depths of woe I raise to thee the voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication:
if thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O, who shall stand before thee? *(women echo)*
O, who shall stand before thee? *(women echo)*

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;
our works alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth:
no man can glory in thy sight, all must alike confess thy might,
and live alone by mercy, *(women echo)*
and live alone by mercy. *(women echo)*

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;
on him my soul shall rest, his Word upholds my fainting spirit:
his promised mercy is my fort, my comfort, and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience, *(women echo)*
I wait for it with patience. *(women echo)*

(song continued on next page)

CALENDAR

TODAY

- 8:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
- 9:45 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship
- 10:00 a.m. – Sunday School for All Ages
- 11:00 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
- 12:15 p.m. – Coffee & Fellowship

THIS WEEK

- Tuesday – Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church
- Wednesday – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- Senior High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. at Neumanns' (111 E. Bluegrass Dr.)
- Junior High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. at the church
- Thursday – Women's Ministry Committee Meeting, 4 p.m. at the church
- Friday – Neighbors In Need Chili Luncheon, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Saturday – Sunday School Teacher Breakfast, 8:30-10 a.m. at the church

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)

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- Tuesday, Oct. 8 – Fellowship Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
 - Thursday, Oct. 10 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church
 - Tuesday, Oct. 15 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, Oct. 26 – Trunk or Treat, 6:30 p.m. at the church
 - Friday, Nov. 1 – FCC's Vigil day for 40 Days for Life
 - Tuesday, Nov. 5 – Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church
 - Thursday, Nov. 7 – Women's Ministry Committee Meeting, 4 p.m. at the church
 - Tuesday, Nov. 12 – Fellowship Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
 - Thursday, Nov. 14 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church
 - Sunday, Nov. 17 – Thanks Dinner

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.

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 (8:30 AM)..... Ric & Lori Vander Ark
 USHERS/GREETERS (11 AM)..... Nick & Hanni Hanson
 CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11 AM service only)..... Tamie & Kathryn Jentz
 WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM)..... Darcy Hearn
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants)..... Theresa Paolini
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Wendy Putzler
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Kate Anderson & Cathy Hanson
 COMMUNION PREP Terry & Judy Fosbery
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Jeanie Brenneman

NEXT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 6

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM)..... Tom & Pat Tucker
 USHERS/GREETERS (11 AM)..... Josh & Marlo Lancaster
 CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11 AM service only)..... Tamie & Kathryn Jentz
 WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Julie Thompson
 WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Sharon Salyer
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus
 COMMUNION PREP Christy Heath
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Hanni Hanson

**FROM THE DEPTHS OF WOE, cont.*

Though great our sins and sore our woes, his grace much more aboundeth;
 his helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.
 Our Shepherd good and true is he, who will at last his Israel free
 from all their sin and sorrow, *(women echo)*
 from all their sin and sorrow. *(women echo)*

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalm 130:3*

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

All: Out of the depths we cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear our voice!
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our pleas for mercy! Grant us forgiveness, O LORD, for our iniquities are many. For the sake of Jesus, the Redeemer of your people, wipe away our sins. In your mercy renew us, and spur us on to love you, and to love one another, as we wait upon you in hope. Amen. (Adapted from Psalm 130)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalm 130:7-8*

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

***SCRIPTURAL CONFESSION OF FAITH:** *Colossians 1:15-20*

All: Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

***SPEAK O LORD**

Speak O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes, for your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail; Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises; And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak O Lord, till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.

PRAYER, OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.
11:00 a.m. Service: Children ages 4-6 are excused for Children's Church
(held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall)*

***WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN** – Hymn #432

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Shane Waldron
Sermon Series: Vision and Values
Sermon Title: A Kingdom of Priests
Sermon Text: Exodus 19:1-6
(See pages 6-8 for sermon outline and text)

***BLESSED ASSURANCE** – Hymn #693

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

***O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS** – Hymn #535

***BENEDICTION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Kalispell Christian Center,
Pastor Kevin Gear

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Missionaries in Nigeria
to persevere in spreading the gospel under difficult circumstances

CHILDCARE HELP NEEDED FOR SMALL GROUP: There will be a small group
meeting at the church every other Friday beginning September 27th. They need 2-4
people to watch children downstairs in the Fellowship Hall/ Nursery area from 7-8:15 so
that the adults can pray and study together. If you would be willing to serve in this way,
even if it is once each month, please contact Jane Turner (257-8799), or Kate Anderson
(270-7836).

BAKING VOLUNTEER WANTED: Another volunteer is needed to make snacks for
the senior high youth group. Contact Annalise Pierson at 471-1711 if you can help out.

PASTORS LUNCH: Newcomers to Faith Covenant are invited to lunch with the pastors
after the second service on Sunday, Oct. 6, in the fellowship hall. If you've just started
worshipping with us in the past year, come visit with Pastor Shane and Pastor Lloyd and
enjoy a meal together. RSVP would be appreciated - call or email the church office at
752-2400 or office@faithcov.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER BREAKFAST: Sunday School teachers are invited to
breakfast Saturday, Oct. 5, 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. RSVP to Ellen Rowe at
249-9770.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED CHILI LUNCHEON: Neighbors in Need is holding a fall
chili luncheon fundraiser Friday, Oct. 4, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.. Lunch will be served
at Northridge Lutheran Church OR delivered to your business/office. Volunteers are
needed to help bake pies, delivering food and eat lunch! Sign up in the foyer to help
or pick up an order form for lunch delivery. Contact Sharon Salyer at 212-1758 for
information.

FLATHEAD FOOD BANK/NEIGHBORS IN NEED COLLECTION BINS: There
are two new bins in the fellowship hall under the classifieds bulletin board to collect
items for the Food Bank and Neighbors in Need. Place donations in those bins and they
will be delivered to each agency. The October Food Bank food of the month is soup.
Neighbors in Need is always collecting toothbrushes, soap, small containers of laundry
soap and other small personal care items such as toothpaste and shampoo.

LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY: Next Sunday, Oct. 6, Flathead ProLife sponsors Life Chain,
a gathering at the corner of Main and Idaho (intersection of Hwys 93 & 2) to pray for an
end to abortion. Everyone is welcome to come stand and pray together between 2:00 and
3:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN—FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are
volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on **Thursday, Oct. 10** at **Central
Christian Church**. If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmutz.

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. Unbelievers often say that the biggest turn-off to Christianity is Christians. In what ways have you seen the church fail in its calling to reflect God's holiness and love to the world?

2. When do you interact with unbelievers most often? What opportunities has God given you to participate in his mission to redeem the world? If you are not around unbelievers very often, how can you seek them out and cultivate relationships with them?

3. In what ways can you obey God's law and reflect his image to unbelievers in these contexts? Be specific.

4. How can we as a church be more outward oriented? How can we invite unbelievers to church, and be more welcoming to them when they come?

*Faith Covenant Church
exists to spread a love for God and His glory,
through the WORD:*

**Worship
Outreach
Relationship
Discipleship**

CONTACT INFORMATION

"Serving One Another in Love" Galatians 5:13

CHURCH OFFICE: 752-2400 / office@faithcov.com

SENIOR PASTOR: Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Shane Waldron

OFFICE STAFF: Kristin Bay, Shari Montague

BOOKKEEPER: Carlynn Stahlberg

CUSTODIAN: Kelly Brown

SR. HIGH YOUTH LEADER: Trent Neumann

ELDERS

Grady Bennett.....	314-4207	Don Olmsted	250-7915
Dave Hanson	249-8893	Matt Riley	756-8913
Tom Jentz	755-2029	Steve Thompson.....	857-3326
Duane Martin (sabbatical)..	756-6026	Jan Wassink	249-6590

DEACONS

Buford Bennett	261-7124	Micah Hill	890-2058
Doug Brown	890-0760	Mike Stahlberg.....	270-2509
Ike Eisentraut.....	257-2222	Bruce Tulloch.....	755-4550
Bill Gamble	249-0152		

BUILDING TRUSTEES

Brian Bay.....	752-9087	Nick Hanson.....	253-4668
Donnie Burns.....	261-9830	Matt Vander Ark	871-0615
Russ Hadley (lead)	752-3661		

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SERMON OUTLINE

September 29, 2013

Sermon: Pastor Shane Waldron
Sermon Series: Vision and Values
Sermon Title: *A Kingdom of Priests*
Sermon Text: Exodus 19:1-6

SERMON TEXT

Exodus 19:1-6 (ESV)

Introduction: Redemption requires response.

I. Redemption

A. By God's Grace

B. Through God's Mediator



II. Response

A. Israel's Response

B. The Church's Response

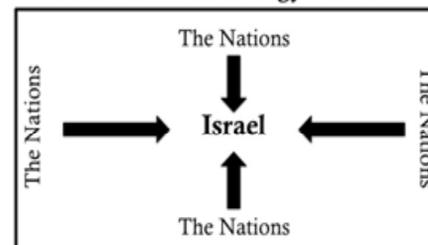
C. Gathered and Scattered

¹ On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. ² They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³ while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴ You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶ and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

1 Peter 2:9

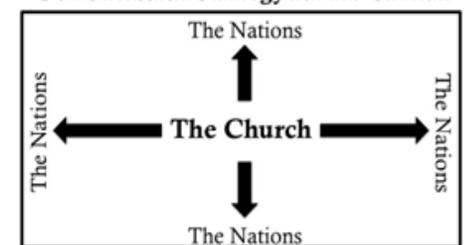
But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

God's Mission Strategy for Israel



"...you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." (Ex. 19:6)

God's Mission Strategy for the Church



"Go and make disciples of all nations..." (Matt. 28:19)