

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 22, 2013

*“All nations will come and worship you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed.”
Revelation 15:4*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 68:32-35**

Leader: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

All: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.

Leader: Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.

All: Blessed be God!

***O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING – Hymn #164**

***PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

CALENDAR

***CORNERSTONE**

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

*(Chorus)
Christ alone
Cornerstone*

*Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil
(Chorus)

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne
Faultless stand before the throne

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Micah 6:6-8*

With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

- 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

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. 1 – Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church
 - Thursday, Oct. 3 – Women's Ministry Committee, 4 p.m. at the church
 - Friday, Oct. 4 – Neighbors In Need Chili Luncheon, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
 - Saturday, Oct. 5 – Sunday School Teacher Breakfast, 8:30-10 a.m. at the church
 - 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

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.

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)..... Sharon & Zane Salyer
 WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM)..... Darcy Hearn
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants)..... Darcy Hearn
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Sharon Riley
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Donelle Holderbaum & Laura Pierson
 COMMUNION PREP Gary & Barb Fenner
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Lori Vander Ark

NEXT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 29

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 (infants) Theresa Paolini
 WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Wendy Putzler
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Kate Anderson & Cathy Hanson
 COMMUNION PREP Terry & Judy Fosbery
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Jeanie Brenneman

All: Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than us, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Transform us by your Spirit, that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Micah 7:7-9*

But as for me, I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me. Rejoice not over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD will be a light to me. I will bear the indignation of the LORD because I have sinned against him, until he pleads my cause and executes judgment for me. He will bring me out to the light; I shall look upon his vindication.

**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)

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM OF: (8:30 Service)

Jack Grady Gaines

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)*

***HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW** – congregation joins at verse 3

Whenever I am tempted,

Whenever clouds arise.

When song gives place to sighing,

When hope within me dies,

I draw the closer to Him,

From care He sets me free:

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

(Chorus)

I sing because I'm happy,

I sing because I'm free;

For His eye is on the sparrow,

And I know He watches me.

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson

Sermon Series: Vision and Values

Sermon Title: *Spreading a Love to Worship God*

Sermon Text: John 4:21-24, Revelation 15:2-4

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

***TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE** – Hymn #585

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

***MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS** – Hymn #521

***BENEDICTION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Church of the Nazarene, Kalispell, Pastor Ed Koteskey

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).

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 lunches and eat lunches! Sign up in the foyer to help or pick up an order form for lunch delivery. Contact Sharon Salyer at 212-1758 for information.

FALL 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN: The Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign will be Sept. 25 to November 3. Watch for details about our church participation in this peaceful prayer vigil to stand against abortion in our community. More information can be found at 40daysforlife.com.

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.

DIRECTORY UPDATES:

Trisha Carlson: corrected cell number 471-3125

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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.

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. NT scholar Andreas Köstenberger: *“Proper worship in any age is critically predicated upon adequate and accurate knowledge of the God worshiped. No matter how ceremonially elaborate, emotionally rousing, or sermonically eloquent, worship that is not offered from a proper understanding of who God is falls short.”*
2. The Old Testament is filled with directions on worship. Why is it that today, many Christians do not consider using the OT in directing their worship practice?
3. *“Words fall from our lips like dead leaves of autumn, but rituals endure with repetition.... Ritual is the poetry of religion that leads us to a moment of transcendence. When a ritual fails because it either lacks content or is misleading, it loses its efficacy and its purpose. A ritual must signify something beyond itself, whose attainment enhances the meaning and value of life.”* – Rabbi Jacob Milgrom
4. When more than one kind of offering was presented (as in Num. 6:16,17), the procedure was usually as follows: *“(1) sin offering or guilt offering, (2) burnt offering, (3) fellowship offering and grain offering (along with a drink offering). This sequence furnishes part of the spiritual significance of the sacrificial system. First, sin had to be dealt with (the sin offering or guilt offering). Second, the worshiper committed himself completely to God (burnt offering or grain offering). Third, fellowship or communion between the Lord, the priest and the worshiper (fellowship offering) was established. To state it another way, there were sacrifices of expiation (sin offerings and guilt offerings), consecration (burnt offerings and grain offerings) and communion (fellowship offerings – these include vow offerings, thanks offering and freewill offerings).”* NIV Study Bible, 1985, p. 150, taken from the chart “Old Testament Sacrifices”
5. How does Jesus restore to us our ability to worship God rightly?

*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

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SERMON OUTLINE

September 22, 2013

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson

Sermon Series: Vision and Values

Sermon Title: *Spreading a Love to Worship God*

Sermon Text: John 4:21-24, Revelation 15:2-4

I. The Meaning of Worship

II. The Challenges to Worship

SERMON TEXT

(John 4:21-24 ESV)

²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.

²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

(Revelation 15:2-4 ESV)

² And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire—and also those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands.

³ And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, “Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!

⁴ Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.”