

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

October 6, 2013

*“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up,
just as in fact you are doing.”
1 Thessalonians. 5:11*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 113 – Hymnal Page 826*

***PRAISE TO THE LORD ALMIGHTY** – *Hymn #53 vs. 1,2,3,5*

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***MIGHTY TO SAVE**

Everyone needs compassion, love that’s never failing, let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations.

(Chorus)

*Savior, he can move the mountains
my God is mighty to save, he is mighty to save.
Forever, author of salvation*

he rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

(song continued on next page)

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

***MIGHTY TO SAVE, cont.**

So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures; fill my life again.
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in now I surrender.

(Chorus)

*Savior, he can move the mountains
my God is mighty to save, he is mighty to save.*

Forever, author of salvation

he rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

Shine your light and let the whole world see;
we're singing for the glory of the risen King... Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see;
we're singing for the glory of the risen King.

(Chorus 2x)

***AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS**

At the foot of the cross where grace and suffering meet,
you have shown me your love
through the judgment you received;
and you've won my heart,
and you've won my heart.

(Chorus)

*Now I can trade these ashes in for beauty,
and wear forgiveness like a crown;*

Coming to kiss the feet of mercy,

I lay ev'ry burden down at the foot of the cross.

At the foot of the cross where I am made complete,
you have given me life
through the death you bore for me;
and you've won my heart,
and you've won my heart.

(Chorus)

*Trade these ashes in for beauty
and wear forgiveness like a crown.*

Coming to kiss the feet of mercy,

*I lay ev'ry burden down; I lay ev'ry burden down
at the foot of the cross.*

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 – Fellowship Committee Meeting, 7:00 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 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian 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)

Tuesday, Oct. 15 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
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

Faith Covenant Church
exists to spread a love for God and His glory,

through the WORD:

**Worship
 Outreach
 Relationship
 Discipleship**

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.

OCTOBER MINISTRIES

DEACON OF THE MONTH Ike Eistentraut
 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 (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 (8:30 AM)..... Darcy Hearn
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants)..... Julie Thompson
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Sharon Salyer
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus
 COMMUNION PREP Christy Heath
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Hanni Hanson

NEXT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 13

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM)..... Tom & Pat Tucker
 USHERS/GREETERS (11 AM)..... Josh & Marlo Lancaster
 CHILDREN’S CHURCH (11 AM service only)..... Shari Montague
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants)..... Sarah Motley
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Becky Neumann
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Jeannie Brenneman & Nicole Hill
 COMMUNION PREP Dar Wassink
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Yvonne Hernandez

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalm 37:3-5, 8-9*

Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil. For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

All: Give ear to my words, O LORD; the sound of my cry, for you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. Yet, my heart is often filled with wicked and lustful thoughts, and I delight in my desires and not yours. The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. Yet, I am proud and haughty. You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man. Yet, I have a deceitful tongue and savor thoughts of vengeance and wrath. My King and my God, for to you do I pray. Forgive me my sins, cleanse me of the filth of my transgressions. Through the abundance of your steadfast love, will I enter your house. Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness for the sake of your beloved Son. Amen.
(adapted from Psalm 5)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Romans 8:1-2*

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

***CONFESSION OF CHRIST’S GRACE:**

– The Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Question 1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

Leader: He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

All: Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

**IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL – Hymn #691*

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)*

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heav'nly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Guest Speaker Ken Peterson
Sermon Title: *The Gift of Encouragement*
Sermon Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:4-15
(See pages 6-8 for sermon outline and text)

***WORTHY IS THE LAMB**

Thank you for the cross, Lord. Thank you for the price you paid.
Bearing all my sin and shame in love you came and gave amazing grace.

Thank you for this love, Lord. Thank you for the nail-pierced hands.
Washed me in your cleansing flow, now all I know, your forgiveness and embrace.

(Chorus)

*Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne.
Crown you now with many crowns, you reign victorious.
High and lifted up, Jesus Son of God.
The treasure of heaven crucified. Worthy is the Lamb.
(Repeat all)*

(Chorus)

*Worthy is the Lamb.
Worthy is the Lamb.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Cornerstone Church, Pastor Luke Knoll.

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for Rohan and Becky Crown, Amazing Grace Community Church in Lethbridge, Alberta, as he teaches on Ephesians, for more families to join the church and for financial support for their ministry.

PASTORS LUNCH: Newcomers to Faith Covenant are invited to lunch with the pastors after the second service **TODAY**, 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.

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.

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 TODAY: 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 **TODAY** 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.

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.

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. The gift of encouragement doesn't take any special talent and is easy to do. Why don't you do it more often? List some of the reasons.
2. What are some of the specific ways you could encourage others in your church fellowship?
3. Try to think of an individual you know that fits into each category from 1 Thess. 5:14: timid or weak. How could you encourage these people?
4. Are you too quick to criticize? Why do you think that is? (Perfectionism, pride, controlling, judging, speaking without thinking, etc.)
5. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 tells us where our encouragement originates and motivates us. Try adapting this as your prayer for specific people.
6. The sermon mentioned three of the ways to encourage others: speaking words, writing words or acts of service. Which is easiest for you? Can you think of other ways of encouraging?

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 9)*

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

**O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED – Hymn #654*

***BENEDICTION**

CONTACT INFORMATION

“Serving One Another in Love” Galatians 5:13

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SERMON OUTLINE

October 6, 2013

Sermon: Guest Speaker Ken Peterson
Sermon Title: *The Gift of Encouragement*
Sermon Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:4-15

SERMON TEXT

1 Thessalonians 5:4-15 (NIV)

I. Encouragement Gives Courage

II. The Heart of the Encourager

III. Giving Encouragement

⁴ But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵ You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

¹² Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. ¹³ Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. ¹⁴ And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. ¹⁵ Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.