

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

December 29, 2013

*“I will bring my servant the Branch
...and I will remove the iniquity of this land in a single day.”
Zechariah 3:8-9*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 89:1,2,5*

Leader: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever.

All: With my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”

All: Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

***AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD** – Hymn #226

***IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE** – Hymn #38

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

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

*** HERE I AM TO WORSHIP**

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness
opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you.
Hope of a life spent with you.

(Chorus)

*Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that you're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth you created.
All for love's sake became poor.

(Chorus)

(Bridge 2x)

I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.

(Chorus)

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: Isaiah 58:13-14

If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Father, we confess that we often do not delight in you; we seek our own pleasures, our own priorities.

Minister: We confess that we are satiated and bored:

All: Creation has bored us. Work has bored us. Family and friends have bored us. Your truth has bored us.

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CALENDAR

TODAY

- 8:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
- 9:45 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship
- 11:00 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE

THIS WEEK

- Tuesday – Game Night, fellowship hall, at 7 p.m.
- Wednesday – Happy New Year!

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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- Sunday, Jan. 5 – Sunday School resumes at 10:00 a.m.
 - Tuesday, Jan. 7 – Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church
 - Thursday, Jan. 9 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church
 - Tuesday, Jan. 14 – Women's Ministry Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m. at the church
 - Tuesday, Jan. 14 – Fellowship Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
 - Tuesday, Jan. 21 – Elder/Deacon Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
 - Wednesday, Jan. 22 – Annual Meeting & Soup Supper, 6:00 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.

DECEMBER MINISTRIES

DEACON OF THE MONTH Micah Hill
NURSERY M.O.M. (Mom of the Month) Sharon Riley
NURSERY COORDINATOR Darcy Hearn
Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 270-8933.

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM) Nick & Hanni Hanson
USHERS/GREETERS (11 AM) Tim & Kate Anderson
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11 AM service only) Sharon & Zane Salyer
WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM) Darcy Hearn
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants) Andersons
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Uzzis
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Laura Pierson & Amy Bennett
COMMUNION PREP Christy Heath
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Theresa Paolini

NEXT SUNDAY – JANUARY 5

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM) Nick & Hanni Hanson
USHERS/GREETERS (11 AM) Scott & Sue Richardson
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11 AM service only) Dar Wassink & Annalise Pierson
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants) Julie Thompson
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Hanni Hanson
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Donelle Holderbaum
COMMUNION PREP Carol Martin
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Benni Tulloch

Minister: We have so much, but are jaded and cynical. We think that your world is here to serve us, and so we are ungrateful when things go well for us, and we are not patient when they do not.

All: We believe our every desire should be satisfied, so we are not delighted when they are, and we are not humbled when they do not. We celebrate, but do not worship; we laugh but do not know joy. Have mercy on us, and forgive us.

Minister: Renew us, by your Spirit, that we would be amazed with your grace—incarnate, blood-stained, resurrected, Messianic grace—that Jesus would be glorified.

All: Amen

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Lamentations 3:22-23*

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

***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)

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)*

TO THE ONLY GOD

To the only God who is able to keep us, able to keep us from falling.

To the only God be all glory and honor, majesty and power,
for all ages now and forevermore.

(Repeat)

Forevermore – be all glory and honor, majesty and power,
for all ages now and forevermore. Forevermore.

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Shane Waldron
Sermon Title: *The Outcast's New Clothes*
Sermon Text: Zechariah 3:1-10
(See pages 6-8 for sermon outline and text)

***JOY HAS DAWNED**

Joy has dawned upon the world
Promised from creation
God's salvation now unfurled
Hope for ev'ry nation
Not with fanfares from above
Not with scenes of glory
But a humble gift of love
Jesus born of Mary

Sounds of wonder fill the sky
With the songs of angels
As the mighty Prince of Life
Shelters in a stable
Hands that set each star in place
Shaped the earth in darkness
Cling now to a mother's breast
Vulnerable and helpless

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Trinity Lutheran Church,
Kalispell, Pastor Mark Cutler

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Jim & Jill Hadlock with
CRU Jesus Films

There will be **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** classes TODAY Sunday, Dec. 29. Classes will
resume Jan. 5 at 10 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S EVE GAME NIGHT: Everyone is invited to the church New Year's Eve
at 7 p.m. for fun and games. Bring your favorite board/card game and a snack to share!

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Please remember to have your Annual Meeting reports turned
into the church office by Wednesday, January 1, along with a list of members who will be
staying on your committee and the number of openings available for 2014.

FALLING OF THE GREENS: Many hands make lighter work, so if you can pitch in to
undecorate the church on Saturday, Jan. 4, at 10 a.m. your help would be appreciated!

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP will not meet January 1. They will *resume meeting*
on Wednesday, January 8.

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: Two new classes will start for adults
on January 5. Pastor Lloyd will be teaching on Leviticus, and Pastor Shane will teach
Discovering Relational Wisdom. Sign up in the foyer!

LADIES BIBLE STUDY - SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES: Ladies are invited to study
the age-old spiritual disciplines practiced by Christians for hundreds of years such as
prayer, fasting, silence and celebration. The study will meet monthly (January-May)
with time to practice each selected discipline between meetings. Sign up in the foyer and
contact Chany Ockert with questions (260-3221).

PASTORS' LUNCH: Newcomers to Faith Covenant in the last year are invited to lunch
with the pastors in the Fellowship Hall after the second service. on Sunday, January 12.
RSVP to the church office at 752-2400 or office@faithcov.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS on Wednesday, January 22, 2014, for our **ANNUAL**
MEETING. A 6:00 p.m. soup supper will precede the 7:00 p.m. meeting. All members
are encouraged to attend but you do not need to be a member to attend.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN—FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are
volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on **Thursday, January 9** at **Central**
Christian Church. If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmutz.

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 for Reflection and Discussion

- 1. How have you experienced shame in your life? Shame from what you have done? Shame from what others have done to you? Shame from your association with other people?**
- 2. How have you responded to the shame you have experienced? Do you try to run from it? Prove your worth? Or have you surrendered to it?**
- 3. If you have experienced significant shame, there are certain sin patterns that you probably struggle with. The most common include people pleasing, fear of man, anger, fear of abandonment, and a strong desire for control. Which of these do you struggle with? How would it impact your sin struggles if you remembered that Christ has taken your shame upon himself on the cross?**
- 4. Your King has honored you with the status of royalty. How should this status affect your inner thought life?**
- 5. Now that God has clothed you in honor, how can you act honorably? What are some practical ways that you can love and serve other people?**

**JOY HAS DAWNED, cont.*

Shepherds bow before the Lamb
Gazing at the glory
Gifts of men from distant lands
Prophesy the story
Gold a King is born today
Incense God is with us
Myrrh His death will make a way
By His blood He'll win us

Son of Adam Son of heaven
Given as a ransom
Reconciling God and man
Christ our mighty Champion
What a Savior what a Friend
What a glorious mystery
Once a babe in Bethlehem
Now the Lord of history

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

**JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME – Hymn #195*

***BENEDICTION**

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

**Worship
Outreach
Relationship
Discipleship**

SERMON OUTLINE
December 29, 2013
Sermon: Pastor Shane Waldron
Sermon Title: *The Outcast's New Clothes*

SERMON TEXT
Zechariah 3:1-10 (ESV)

I. Clothed in Shame

A. Shame from what we have done

B. Shame from the people we are associated with

C. Shame from what others have done to us

II. Clothed in Honor

A. Clothed by Our Priest

B. Clothed by Our King

¹ Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. ² And the LORD said to Satan, “The LORD rebuke you, O Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?” ³ Now Joshua was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments. ⁴ And the angel said to those who were standing before him, “Remove the filthy garments from him.” And to him he said, “Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments.” ⁵ And I said, “Let them put a clean turban on his head.” So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD was standing by.

⁶ And the angel of the LORD solemnly assured Joshua, ⁷ “Thus says the LORD of hosts: If you will walk in my ways and keep my charge, then you shall rule my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you the right of access among those who are standing here. ⁸ Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who sit before you, for they are men who are a sign: behold, I will bring my servant the Branch. ⁹ For behold, on the stone that I have set before Joshua, on a single stone with seven eyes, I will engrave its inscription, declares the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of this land in a single day. ¹⁰ In that day, declares the LORD of hosts, every one of you will invite his neighbor to come under his vine and under his fig tree.”