

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

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*“Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”
1 Peter 1:13*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *1 Chronicles 16:12-23*

Leader: Remember the wondrous works that the Lord our God has done, his miracles and the judgments he uttered.

All: He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

Leader: Remember his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations, the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac.

All: Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

***HOLY IS THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY**

We stand and lift up our hands, for the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship him now. How great, how awesome is he.
And together we sing – everyone sing.

(Chorus)

*Holy is the Lord God Almighty; the earth is filled with his glory.
Holy is the Lord God Almighty; the earth is filled with his glory.
The earth is filled with his glory.*

(Repeat all)

It is rising up, all around, it's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
It's rising up, all around, it's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
And together we sing – everyone sing.

(Chorus)

The earth is filled with his glory.

***10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)**

(Chorus)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul, worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, –
let me be singing when the evening comes.

(Chorus)

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness I will keep on singing; –
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

(Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come;
still my soul will sing your praise unending, –
ten thousand years and then forevermore!

(Chorus 2x)

I'll worship your holy name; I'll worship your holy name.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

CALENDAR

TODAY

- 8:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
- 9:45 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship
- 10:00 a.m. – Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE

THIS WEEK

- Tuesday – Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church
- Wednesday – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. at the church
– Jr. High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. at the church
– Sr. High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. at the Neumanns'
- Thursday – Women's Ministry Committee Meeting, 4:00 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, Feb. 11 – Fellowship Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
 - Thursday, Feb. 13 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church
 - Friday, Feb. 14 – Neighbors in Need Valentine Luncheon
 - Tuesday, Feb. 18 – Elder/Deacon Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
 - Friday, Feb. 28-Mar. 1 – Ladies Winter Retreat: "Here is Our God"
 - Tuesday, March 4 – Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church
 - Tuesday, March 11 – 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.

FEBRUARY

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) Gary & Barb Fenner
 USHERS/GREETERS (11 AM) Ken & Terri Miller
 CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11 AM service only) Shari & Adam Montague
 WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM) Darcy Hearn
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants) Nicole Waldron & Annalise Pierson
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Lancasters
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Joani Eisentraut & Sara Motley
 COMMUNION PREP Terry & Judy Fosbery
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Yvonne Hernandez

NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 9

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM) Gary & Barb Fenner
 USHERS/GREETERS (11 AM) Ken & Terri Miller
 CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11 AM service only) Shari Montague
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants) Hanni Hanson
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Yvonne Hernandez & Kelly Brown
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Sharon Salyer & Sharon Riley
 COMMUNION PREP Christy Heath
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Diane Nugent

***SCRIPTURE OF PRAISE:** *Psalm 36:5-7*

All: Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep. O LORD. How priceless is your unfailing love!

***MAJESTY**

Here I am humbled by your majesty, covered by your grace so free.
 Here I am knowing I'm a sinful man, covered by the blood of the Lamb.

(Chorus)

*Now I've found the greatest love of all is mine
 since you laid down your life, the greatest sacrifice.
 Majesty, majesty your grace has found me just as I am,
 empty-handed but alive in your hands.*

Here I am humbled by the love that you give; forgiven so that I can forgive.
 Here I stand knowing that I'm your desire, sanctified by glory and fire.

(Chorus)

*Majesty, majesty; forever I am changed by your love
 in the presence of your majesty.
 (Repeat)*

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Titus 3:1-2*

Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.

All: Holy and righteous Father, I confess that you alone are good.

Forgive me, O Lord, for speaking evil against those you have placed in authority over me; while I may have shown outward obedience, my heart has often been in rebellion against them. I have not been ready for every good work, nor have I avoided quarrels, but at times I have even delighted in them. Forgive me for not being gentle and kind. Lord, I was once foolish, disobedient, led astray, a slave to various passions and pleasures, passing my days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating in return; but because of Jesus, I no longer have to live like that. Father, please make me more like him in every way. *(Adapted from Titus 3:1-3)*

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Titus 3:4-7*

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

***WHOM SHALL I FEAR (GOD OF ANGEL ARMIES)**

You hear me when I call, you are my morning song.
Though darkness fills the night it cannot hide the light.
Whom shall I fear? You crush the enemy underneath my feet.
You are my sword and shield though troubles linger still.
Whom shall I fear?

(Chorus)

*I know who goes before me; I know who stands behind;
the God of angel armies is always by my side.
The one who reigns forever, he is a friend of mine;
the God of angel armies is always by my side.*

My strength is in your name for you alone can save.
You will deliver me, yours is the victory.
Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?

(Chorus)

(Bridge x2)

And nothing formed against me shall stand.
You hold the whole world in your hands.
I'm holding on to your promises; you are faithful, you are faithful.

You are faithful.
(Chorus 2x)

the God of angel armies is always by my side.

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.
11:00 a.m. Service: Children ages 4-6 are excused for Children's Church
(held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall)*

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS – Hymn #32

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Chaplain Eddie Nye, Kalispell Regional Hospital

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Bishop Eluidi Issangya, International Evangelism Outreach

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.

FOOD, FUN, and FELLOWSHIP DINNERS! We invite YOU to sign up to have a monthly dinner with 7-9 other individuals from our church family. You will meet once a month, March thru May, and share a meal with a different group of people each month (couples stay together). A host will be assigned for each month to host in their home (or another location of their choice). This is an opportunity to get to know more about many people and to be blessed by meeting together. **Sign up by February 9 in the foyer!**

LADIES!!! IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL RETREAT! Register for "Here is Our God" today in the fellowship hall. Join us Feb. 28-March 1 for a great time together ... TIME to dig deeper into God's character ... TIME to gather together as women ... and TIME to fix our eyes on Christ and His purposes for us. Registration available for a variety of schedules/meals - full retreat is \$30/person at the Thompson home on Flathead Lake. Contact the church office for more information (752-2400).

100 FOLD STUDIOS: Garrett and Sarah Morrison will give a presentation about their ministry, 100 Fold Studios, during the adult Sunday School classes TODAY. 100 Fold Studios is a non-profit architectural firm providing affordable design services for missions and was approved for regular support in the 2014 Faith Covenant budget.

MISSION TRIP TO COLVILLE, WA: Join the Mission to the World team serving in Colville, Washington, this June 21-28th. Early registration is due February 28. Sign up in the foyer, or for more information, contact Joe Swenson (871-5273) or go to mtw.org.

MTW CONFERENCE PUBLIC LINK: If you are interested in listening to the presentations from the Mission to The World conference last fall, go to the public link at <http://bit.do/mtw2013>.

THREE OR MORE LADIES FELLOWSHIP: Just a reminder, if you ladies signed up for Three or More gatherings, your last get together is in February. If you can't find your schedule or have questions, contact the church office at 752-2400.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on **Thursday, February 13 at Central Christian Church**. If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmutz.

A SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON TO BENEFIT NEIGHBORS IN NEED will be held Friday, February 14, from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Northridge Lutheran Church in Kalispell. If you can help, please contact Sharon Salyer at 212-1758. Tickets are \$10 per person and are available from Sharon or in the church office (for pre-ordered take out, call 752-7266).

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. What does ‘girding up the loins of your mind’ (v. 13) entail?

2. Explain what it means to be ‘spiritually sober.’

3. Explain how following the commands in this section (imperatives) requires an awareness of God’s saving work from verses 6-12 (indicatives).

4. Consider: “*We may with confidence call him Father, not only because the whole family in heaven and on earth is named from him, but because he has revealed the infinite reach of his compassion in the price of our redemption.*” (Edmund Clowney on v. 17)

5. Consider including Peter’s description of the cost of your redemption (18-21) in your prayers this week.

6. Peter exhorts us to be holy ‘in all [our] conduct’ (v. 15), even as the Jews were called to set themselves apart from the nations in Leviticus (cf. 19:2). How well has the modern church done setting itself apart from modern culture? In what areas do we need work here?

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Micah Tinkham
Sermon Series: 1 Peter - Living in Exile
Sermon Title: *Hopeful Holiness*
Sermon Text: 1 Peter 1
(See pages 6-8 for sermon outline and text)

***NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD** – Hymn #307 vs. 1, 3-5

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

***TO GOD BE THE GLORY** – Hymn #55

***BENEDICTION**

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

**Worship
Outreach
Relationship
Discipleship**

SERMON OUTLINE
February 2, 2014
Sermon: Micah Tinkham
Sermon Series: 1 Peter - Living in Exile
Sermon Title: *Hopeful Holiness*

SERMON TEXT
1 Peter 1:13-21 (ESV)

I. Fix your Hope, Dressed and Sober (13)

II. Be Holy (14-16)

III. Living in Exile with Godly Fear (17)

IV. The Cost of your Redemption (18-21)

¹³ Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” ¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.