

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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*Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.”
Genesis 1:26*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

**CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 146*

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

All: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Leader: The LORD he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

All: Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God.

Leader: The Lord who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

All: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

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

**FAIREST LORD JESUS – Hymn #170*

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

***JESUS MESSIAH**

He became sin who knew no sin,
that we might become his righteousness.
He humbled himself and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, love so amazing!

(Chorus)

*Jesus Messiah, name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven,
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*

His body the bread, his blood the wine,
broken and poured out all for love.
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, love so amazing!

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

*All our hope is in you, all our hope is in you.
All the glory to you, God, the Light of the world.*

(Chorus)

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Revelation 21:8*

But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.

All: Holy Father, you see us as we are and know our inmost thoughts.

We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not sought to do your will with our whole hearts. We have not lived as grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us. Forgive us of the great evil of abortion within our country and within our community. Cleanse us from our defilement. Apart from you, we are nothing. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin and restore us to the joy of your salvation, now and forever. Amen.

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

- Monday – Ladies Spiritual Disciplines Study, at 6:30 p.m. at the church
- Tuesday – Elder/Deacon Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
- Wednesday – 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper followed by the
– 7:00 p.m. Annual Business Meeting

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. 4 – Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church
 - Thursday, Feb. 13 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church
 - Tuesday, Feb. 18 – Elder/Deacon Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
 - Friday, Feb. 28-Mar. 1 – Ladies Winter Retreat, details to come

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.

JANUARY

DEACON OF THE MONTHBruce Tulloch
NURSERY M.O.M. (Mom of the Month) Leah Wiersma
NURSERY COORDINATOR..... Darcy Hearn
Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 270-8933.

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM) Doug & Jeri Brown
USHERS/GREETERS (11 AM) Scott & Sue Richardson
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11 AM service only) Tamie & Kathryn Jentz
WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM) Darcy Hearn
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants) Carlsons
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Jenae Schmautz
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Kelly Brown & Vivienne Montague
COMMUNION PREP Dar Wassink
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Jeanie Brenneman

NEXT SUNDAY – JANUARY 26

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM) Doug & Jeri Brown
USHERS/GREETERS (11 AM) Scott & Sue Richardson
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11 AM service only) Tamie & Kathryn Jentz
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants) Millers
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Turners
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Patti Albert & Jeri Brown
COMMUNION PREP Carolyn Duncan
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Hanni Hanson

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Ezekiel 11:19-21*

And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. But as for those whose heart goes after their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their deeds upon their own heads, declares the Lord GOD.

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

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)*

PSALM 23

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters.
His goodness restores my soul.

(Chorus)

*And I will trust in you alone, and I will trust in you alone;
for your endless mercy follows me, your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil;
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.

(Chorus)

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one;
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

(Chorus 2x)

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson
Sermon Series: Life Sunday
Sermon Title: *Bearing the Image of Life*
Sermon Text: Genesis 1:24-28
(See pages 6-8 for sermon outline and text)

***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)

You will reign forever, You will reign forever (2x)
(Chorus)

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

***REDEEMED, HOW I LOVE TO PROCLAIM IT!** – Hymn #701

***BENEDICTION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Hope Pregnancy Center, Clear Choice Clinic, Kalispell

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Rohan & Becky Crown, PCA missionaries/church planters in Lethbridge, AB.

HANSON FAMILY THANK YOU - We are simply overwhelmed by the outpouring of prayer, love, support, food and compassion from our Faith Covenant family. We are grateful to each of you for helping us in this difficult time. You continue to be a blessing to us. – Dave Hanson Family

THE ANNUAL REPORTS AND 2014 BUDGET are available today in the foyer to look through before the meeting. If you have concerns or questions about the budget, please use time the week before the meeting to direct your questions or concerns to Tom Jentz, our treasurer, to expedite our meeting time on the 22th. Please take one per family. **HELP WILL BE NEEDED TO SET UP THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AND SERVING TABLES FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING.** If you are available and willing, please be at the church by 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22! All members are encouraged to attend but you do not need to be a member to attend.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE: If you are looking for an opportunity to become involved in the various ministries of Faith Covenant Church, you can sign up at the tables in the foyer. If you are currently serving in a ministry, you will stay on the list unless you tell us otherwise. There are many areas where we could use your help! Contact the church office at 752-2400 if you have questions.

BOTH SR. HIGH AND JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUPS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED on Wednesday, January 22, because of the Annual Meeting. They will resume meeting on January 29.

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 Schmautz.

THANK YOU FOR FUNERAL HELP: Thank you to all those who have served, set up, cleaned up and prepared food for the three recent funerals at Faith Covenant. The fellowship committee appreciates every bit of all of your hard work! Remember to pick up your dishes in the fellowship hall if you brought food.

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 does Man's creation differ from the rest of Creation?
2. In what way do we image God?
3. "I am not an animal, I am a human being"– from the film Elephant Man. What lessons can we learn about life from Joseph Merrick about image bearing?

*If I could reach from pole to pole
or grasp the ocean with a span,
I would be measured by the soul
The mind's the standard of the Man.*

1. *"Is the right to choose an absolute right? Do we have the moral right to choose what is morally wrong?... Again, every law enacted limits or restricts someone's choices. That is the very nature of law. If we do not wish to restrict other people's choices through legislation, we must stop legislating and cease voting ... No unborn baby has ever had the right to choose or deny its own destruction." – R.C. Sproul*

2. Often the reaction by Christians is to either despair of changing anything so they go into their comfortable bunkers isolated from the world, or they accommodate their beliefs to get along with the world and lose their prophetic voice to speak against sin in a culture. In what way does Jesus equip his Church to be in the world and yet not of the world?

3. How does being a redeemed image bearer change how I look at the world around me? How am I being called by the Christ to act differently as a redeemed image bearer (Rom 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18)?

*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

January 19, 2014

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Life Sunday

Sermon Title: *Bearing the Image of Life*

I. What am I?

II. What am I to do?

SERMON TEXT

Genesis 1:24-28 (ESV)

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds--livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so.

²⁵ And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”