

## 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*

**January 12, 2014**

*“In his great mercy, he has given us new birth into a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead”*

*1 Peter 1:3*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **His Calling and Our Praise**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 150 (Responsive reading) – Hymnal page 841*

**\*PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY** – *Hymn #53*

#### ***\*I HAVE BEEN REDEEMED***

When I am lost, when I am all alone,  
burdened by my sin and shame, there’s one place I can go.  
I look towards the cross where my Savior died,  
suffered in my place, the perfect sacrifice, for me, so I can know.

*(Chorus)*

*Now I am forgiven, I have been set free.  
Through the blood of Jesus I have been made clean.  
Now I know of his mercy because he died for me.  
I have been redeemed.*

*(Repeat all; chorus twice)*

*(\*Indicates when to stand)*

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

## \*PRAYER OF PRAISE

### \**THY MERCY, MY GOD*

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
the joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,  
hath won my affection and bound my soul fast.

Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here;  
sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
but through thy free goodness my spirits revive,  
and he that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,  
which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
dissolved by thy goodness, I fall to the ground,  
and weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, thy goodness I own,  
and the covenant love of thy crucified Son.  
*All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine,  
seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!*

## *His Renewal and Our Hope*

### COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

#### SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *James 2:10*

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

Leader: You shall have no other gods before me.

**All: But I often place other things on the throne of my heart above you.**

Leader: You shall not make for yourself a carved image... You shall not bow down to them or serve them.

**All: But I make you into who I want you to be.**

Leader: You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

**All: But I treat your name lightly and do not bring honor to you.**

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## 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  
12:30 p.m. – Pastor's Lunch

### THIS WEEK

Wednesday – Jr. High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. at the church  
– Sr. High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. at the Neumanns'

### 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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Saturday, Jan. 18 – Ladies Spiritual Disciplines Study, at 10:30 a.m. at the church  
Monday, Jan. 20 – Ladies Spiritual Disciplines Study, at 6:30 p.m. at the church  
Tuesday, Jan. 21 – Elder/Deacon Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church  
Wednesday, Jan. 22 – 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper followed by the  
7:00 p.m. Annual Business Meeting  
Tuesday, Feb. 4 – Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church  
Tuesday, Feb. 4 – Women's Ministry Meeting, 4 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](mailto:office@faithcov.com).*

## JANUARY

DEACON OF THE MONTH .....Bruce 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) ..... Dar Wassink & Annalise Pierson  
WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM) ..... Darcy Hearn  
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants).....Jentzs  
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) .....Cathy Hanson  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Jeanie Brenneman & Nicole Hill  
COMMUNION PREP.....Gary & Barb Fenner  
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Lori VanderArk

## NEXT SUNDAY – JANUARY 19

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).....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

Leader: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work.

**All: But I make excuses for spending the day pursuing my own pleasures with little thought on how I can set apart the Sabbath to you.**

Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

**All: But I spurn authority and set my own rules.**

Leader: You shall not murder.

**All: But I often hate my brother in my heart.**

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

**All: But my thought life is often x-rated and my heart filled with lust.**

Leader: You shall not steal.

**All: But I devote my life to pursue convenience and consumption.**

Leader: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**All: But I often speak against my neighbors and run them down to others.**

Leader: You shall not covet.

**All: But I desire and chase after far more than I need and I am not content with what I have.**

**All: Forgive us, O God. Put to death our sinful inclinations and practices through the power of your Holy Spirit. Renew us in the image of your Son, our Savior-Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*(Adapted from the Ten Commandments- Exodus 20)*

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

### **DECLARATION OF GRACE:** *Hebrews 2:17-18*

Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

**\*JESUS PAID IT ALL** – Hymn #308

## 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)*

## **GLORY BE/AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world;  
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us.  
(Repeat)

(Chorus)  
*Glory be to the Father, Amen.*  
*Glory be to the Son, Amen.*  
*Glory be to the Spirit, Amen, Amen.*

Son of God, set me free from all that I own;  
Son of God, capture me and make me your own;  
have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us.  
(Chorus 2x)  
*Amen, Amen.*

## **\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **His Word and Our Response**

**Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson**  
**Sermon Series: 1 Peter - Living in Exile**  
**Sermon Title: *A Living Hope***  
**Sermon Text: 1 Peter 1:3-6**  
(See pages 6-8 for sermon outline and text)

**\*JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA** – Hymn #501 vs. 1,2,5,6

## **\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

**All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is indeed good, right, and our delight that we should at all times  
and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father,  
Almighty, Everlasting God.

## **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)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Calvary Lutheran Church,  
Kalispell, Pastor Kurt Rau

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

**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 **TODAY**, January 12.  
There is plenty of food so if you didn't get to RSVP, you're still welcome to join in!

**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.

**SOUP SIGNUPS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING** are available on the table in the  
foyer. Twelve pots of soup are needed, enough to serve 12 (or more) each. Any kind of  
soup will be welcomed! Please bring your pot of soup to the church ready to serve by  
5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22. Assorted breads, crackers, and a light dessert will  
be provided. **Thank you!**

**LADIES SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES STUDY MEETINGS:** The monthly Ladies  
Bible Study on Spiritual Disciplines will begin January 18 ... or January 20! Choose the  
time that works for you! Meet at the church on Saturday, January 18, from 10:30 a.m. to  
noon **OR** Monday, January 20, from 6:30 pm to 8 pm. Come to either time, even if you  
didn't sign up. Questions? Call Chany at 260-3221.

**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.

**THREE OR MORE LADIES FELLOWSHIP:** Just a reminder, if you ladies signed up  
for Three or More gatherings, your next get together is in January. If you can't find your  
schedule, have questions or want to sign up (we will find a place for you!), contact the  
church office at 752-2400 or Women's Ministry Chair Becky Neumann (212-7664).

**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.

## *Questions for Reflection and Discussion*

1. How is our future hope anchored in the past? How does this enable us to live in the present differently?
2. Consider: *“In giving life to Christ, God gave life to all those who are united to Christ. God’s elect have a hope that is as sure as Christ’s resurrection.”* – Rev. Dr. Edmund Clowney
3. How is our inheritance maintained?
4. Historically, the Eastern Church has emphasized apophatic theology (negative theology), while the Western Church has emphasized cataphatic theology (affirmation theology). In what way does Peter use apophatic theology to describe our inheritance? What value is there in this method?
5. Peter continues to borrow heavily from OT images of Israel to speak of NT believers. How is ‘inheritance’ understood in this light?
6. What does it mean that we are guarded or shielded by God? How is this a comfort as well as a conundrum?
7. Consider: *“The term salvation was used more broadly in first-century Greek-speaking culture than it is among some Christians today, who may limit its reference to one’s spiritual state ... In 1 Peter, the benefits of the new birth are a present reality, but salvation is yet to be revealed at the end of history.”* – Karen Jacobs

## **PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION**

### ***\*THE WONDERFUL CROSS***

When I survey the wondrous cross,  
on which the Prince of Glory died.

My richest gain I count but loss  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.

Did e’er such love and sorrow meet  
or thorns compose so rich a crown.

*(Chorus)*

*O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross.*

*Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.*

*O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross.*

*All who gather here by grace draw near and bless your name.*

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small.

Love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

*(Chorus 2x)*

*All who gather here by grace draw near and bless your name.*

When I survey the wondrous cross,  
on which the Prince of Glory died.

My richest gain I count but loss  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

### **\*BENEDICTION**

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

**Worship  
Outreach  
Relationship  
Discipleship**



## **SERMON OUTLINE**

**January 12, 2014**

**Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.**

**Sermon Series: 1 Peter – Living in Exile**

**Sermon Title: *A Living Hope***

## **SERMON TEXT**

**1 Peter 1:3-6**

### **I. Given New Birth**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In all of this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials...

### **II. Guaranteed an Inheritance Kept**

### **III. Guarded by God**