

## 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*

**February 23, 2014**

*“Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people;  
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”  
1 Peter 2:10*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *1 Chronicles 16:23-27*

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

**All: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!**

Leader: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be held in awe above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

**All: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place.**

**\*HOW GREAT THOU ART** – *Hymn #44 vs. 1,3,4*

*(\*Indicates when to stand)*

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

**\*HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD**

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty.  
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide  
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

*(Chorus)*

*How great is our God, sing with me.  
How great is our God, and all will see  
how great, how great is our God.*

Age to age he stands and time is in his hands.  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end;  
the Godhead three in one: Father, Spirit, Son.  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

*(Chorus)*

*(Bridge 2x)*

Name above all names, you are worthy of our praise  
and my heart will sing how great is our God.

*(Chorus 2x)*

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

All my days I will sing this song of gladness,  
give my praise to the fountain of delights;  
for in my helplessness you heard my cry,  
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer;  
I will sing of the blood that never fails,  
of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,  
of death defeated and life without end.

*(Chorus)*

*Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor,  
clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
you’re the Way, the Truth, the Life.  
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,  
you’re the Risen One, heaven’s champion,  
and you reign, you reign over all!*

*(song continued on next page)*

**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**

- 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’
- Friday – Ladies Winter Retreat: “Here is Our God” starts 4-5:30 p.m.
- Saturday – Ladies Winter Retreat: “Here is Our God” until 4 p.m.

**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, March 4 – Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church
  - Thursday, March 6 – Women’s Ministry Meeting, 4:00 p.m. at the church
  - Tuesday, March 11 – Fellowship Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
  - Thursday, March 13 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church
  - Sunday, March 16 – Church Pot O’Luck, immediately following second service
  - Tuesday, March 18 – Elder/Deacon Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
  - Tuesday, April 1 – Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church
  - Thursday, April 10 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church
  - Tuesday, April 15 – Elder/Deacon 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) ..... Sharon & Zane Salyer  
 WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM) ..... Darcy Hearn  
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants) ..... Turners  
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) ..... Motleys  
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS ..... Terri Miller & Julie Thompson  
 COMMUNION PREP ..... Dar Wassink  
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Mark Rice

### NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 2

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM) ..... Paul & Alyssa Hobus  
 USHERS/GREETERS (11 AM) ..... Bruce & Benni Tulloch  
 CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11 AM service only) ..... Dar Wassink & Annalise Pierson  
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants) ..... Yvonne Hernandez & Kelly Brown  
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) ..... Brenda Olmsted  
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS ..... Kate Anderson & Sue Richardson  
 COMMUNION PREP ..... Fenners  
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Paolinis

### *\*BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR, cont.*

I long to be where the praise is never ending;  
 yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,  
 where countless worshipers will share one song,  
 and cries of "worthy" will honor the Lamb!  
*(Chorus 2x)*

## His Renewal and Our Hope

### COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

#### SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Micah 6:6-8*

With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

**All: Most Merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly confess our sins and seek your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure and dedicated heart. Neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with you. Have mercy upon us O Lord, according to your loving kindness. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us. And all of this we ask through the name of Redeemer – Jesus.** *(Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer-1946)*

### SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

#### DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 5:11-12*

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

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

### 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)*

## **WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR**

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and friend.  
Who would have thought that a lamb could rescue the souls of men;  
Oh, you rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, comforter, keeper; spirit we long to embrace.  
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way;  
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

*(Chorus)*

*You are the one that we praise. You are the one we adore.  
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for;  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Almighty, infinite Father faithfully loving your own.  
Here in our weakness you find us falling before your throne;  
Oh, we're falling before your throne.  
*(Chorus 2x)*

## **\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

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

**Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson**  
**Sermon Series: 1 Peter - Living as Exiles**  
**Sermon Title: *Living in Tension***  
**Sermon Text: 1 Peter 2:9-12**  
*(See pages 6-8 for sermon outline and text)*

## **\*I WILL RISE**

There's a peace I've come to know, though my heart and flesh may fail.  
There's an anchor for my soul, I can say, "It is well."

*(Chorus)*

*Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed;  
the victory is won, he is risen from the dead.  
And I will rise when he calls my name; no more sorrow, no more pain.  
I will rise on eagle's wings; before my God fall on my knees, and rise.  
I will rise.*

There's a day that's drawing near when this darkness breaks to light,  
and the shadows disappear, and my faith shall be my eyes.

*(Chorus)*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** The Church at Creston, Pastor Darold Riener

**MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Bishop Eluidi Issangya, with International Evangelism Outreach, a ministry that trains evangelists in Africa

**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).

**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; for more information, contact Joe Swenson (871-5273) or go to mtwtrips.com.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY POT O'LUCK:** Join us for a church potluck Sunday, March 16, immediately following the second service. No need to sign up, just bring one of the following: A-J a large hot main dish; and K-Z a large salad of any kind. The fellowship committee will provide bread and dessert. We'll see you there!

**FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS:** The fellowship committee is looking for volunteers to help on an as-needed basis. Sign up in the foyer if you can bring food or help at events - but not every event required and no meetings necessary! Volunteers will be contacted occasionally about specific needs. Contact fellowship committee chair Donelle Holderbaum (212-9715) if you have questions.

**HOUSES OF REFUGE NEEDED:** There is a need for temporary housing for survivors of domestic abuse and their children. Quarters that are somewhat separate are desirable but not necessary. Training for hosts will be provided. If you are in a position to assist with this need, contact Pastor Shane (752-2400).

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

**NEIGHBORS IN NEED BENEFIT CONCERT:** You are invited to a benefit concert for Neighbors in Need Friday, February 28, at 7:00 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Kalispell, with local artists playing the organ, piano, hand bells and singing. A United Way representative will give a brief talk during intermission and refreshments will be served. A free will offering will be taken.

*Questions for Reflection and Discussion*

1. Commenting on “living stones,” one commentator said “God’s architecture is biological.” What does this mean?
2. Peter goes uses multiple OT allusions of Israel to refer to Christians. How would this be a means of comfort to them? Where might there be conflict within the Jewish Christian community and the Gentile Christian community?
3. The teaching of the “priesthood of all believers” is an OT doctrine (Ex 19). In what way have many contemporary Christians misunderstood this teaching? How does a corporate vs. an individual understanding provide a corrective?
4. What is wrong with the view that men are to be the priests of their home? Why do you think this view is so prevalent today in certain Christians circles?
5. Roman historian, Tacitus, wrote that Christians were hated for their “abominations” and that their beliefs were a “most mischievous superstition.” Suetonius said that Christians were a sort of people who held a “new and impious superstition.” What is Peter’s solution to how Roman society viewed Christians?
6. What is hard work of living in the tension between being in the world but not of the world? What are the two opposing camps when it comes to living as foreigners? Each group can show its biblical support for their position. How does living in tension bring these together? Why do you think so many resist doing this? How is living out the gospel an act of wisdom?

*\*I WILL RISE, continued*

*(Bridge)*

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, “Worthy is the Lamb!”  
And I hear the cry of ev’ry longing heart, “Worthy is the Lamb!”

*(Repeat bridge)*

“Worthy is the Lamb!”

And I will rise when he calls my name; no more sorrow, no more pain.  
I will rise on eagle’s wings; before my God fall on my knees, and rise.  
I will rise, I will rise.

**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**

*\*JESUS SHALL REIGN – Hymn #441 vs. 1,4,5*

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**Worship  
Outreach  
Relationship  
Discipleship**

## SERMON OUTLINE

February 23, 2014

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
Sermon Series: 1 Peter - Living as Exiles  
Sermon Title: *Living in Tension*

## SERMON TEXT

1 Peter 2:9-12 (ESV)

### I. A Community of Individuals

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

<sup>11</sup> Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

### II. Foreign Citizens