

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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*“So I exhort the elders among you ...
shepherd the flock of God that is among you,”
1 Peter 5:1*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *2 Samuel 22:2-4*

Leader: The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God,
my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my
salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me
from violence.

**All: I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am
saved from my enemies.**

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

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***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.
The earth is filled with his glory.*

***ROCK OF MY SALVATION**

Though storms of strife assail me without warning,
and though they try to steal my joy away;
I will find rest in knowing you have saved me,
Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.

Though times I stumble and fall short of your standard,
I'll rest assured there is love enough for me;
for I find strength in knowing you have saved me,
Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.

(Chorus)

*Oh, my Jesus, Rock of my salvation
who bore the weight of Calvary's wood and shame;
and cleansed my sin in the crimson flow of mercy,
Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.*

(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

- Tuesday – Leadership Training Class, 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. at the church
- Baby Shower for Linden Rigler & Dawn Tinkham, 6:30 p.m. at the church
- Sr. High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. at the Neumanns'

LOOKING AHEAD

- Tuesdays – Leadership Training Class, 7:00 p.m.
- 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, Trustee Meeting
- 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, June 3 – Trustees' Meeting, 6:00 p.m. at the church
 - Tuesday, June 3 – Leadership Training Class, 7:00 p.m. at the church
 - Tuesday, June 10 – Fellowship Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
 - Thursday, June 12 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church
 - Sunday, June 15 – Father's Day Potluck, 12:30 p.m. at the church
 - Tuesday, June 17 – Elders/Deacons' meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 - Sunday, June 22 – Last Day of Sunday School
 - June 22-28 – MTW Missions trip to Washington state

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.

MAY

DEACON OF THE MONTH Doug Brown
 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) Doug & Jeri Brown
 USHERS/GREETERS (11 AM) Kyle & Michael Hanson
 CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11 AM service only) Carol Van Duyne
 WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM) Darcy Hearn
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants) Leah Wiersma
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Sharon Salyer
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Gloria Hanson & Sharon Thompson
 COMMUNION PREP Dar Wassink
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Benni Tulloch

NEXT SUNDAY – JUNE 1

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM) Russ Hadley & Carolyn Duncan
 USHERS/GREETERS (11 AM) Nick & Hanni Hanson
 CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11 AM service only) Carol Van Duyne
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants) Hanni Hanson
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Sharon Riley
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Tami Jentz & Sue Richardson
 COMMUNION PREP Barbara Makowski
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Hanni Hanson

**ROCK OF MY SALVATION, continued*

Though times I stumble and fall short of your standard,
 I'll rest assured there is love enough for me;
 for I find strength in knowing you have saved me,
 Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.
(Chorus 2x)

*Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.
 Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.*

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 John 1:5-7*

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

All: My God and Creator, I confess that I have sinned against you, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, impatience, pride, greed, envy, hatred and malice. Lord, I further sin against you, by not deploring enough my sinful affections. I repent of my iniquities, and am sorry for them, and plead your mercy, for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

(adapted from the Reformed Liturgy of the Palatinate -1585)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 John 1:9*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*

– The Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Question 32

Minister: Why are you called a Christian?

All: Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

****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)

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)*

JESUS KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS - Hymn #264

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Sermon Series: 1 Peter - Living as Exiles
Sermon Title: Leading Like Jesus
Sermon Text: 1 Peter 5:1-5
(See pages 6-8 for sermon outline and text)

****HOLY SPIRIT - music in pew racks***

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Grace Church, Kalispell,
Pastor Chris Miller

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Matt & Becky Allhands
with Reformed Campus Fellowship in Eugene, Oregon

BABY SHOWER: Faith Covenant ladies are invited to a baby shower for Linden Rigler
and Dawn Tinkham THIS Wednesday, May 28, at 6:30-8 p.m. in the church fellowship
hall. Come join us as we celebrate the upcoming arrival of these little ones into our
church family. If you would like to contribute to a group gift, contact Kristin Bay in the
church office (752-2400).

LADIES SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES STUDY: The last Ladies Bible Study on
Spiritual Disciplines will be Saturday, May 31, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the church.
Come prepared to share how any of the spiritual disciplines impacted you. Questions?
Call Chany at 260-3221.

FATHER'S DAY POTLUCK: Join us for a church potluck in honor of Father's Day,
Sunday, June 15, after the second service in the fellowship hall. Kick off summer with
fried chicken and pulled pork provided by the fellowship committee. Everyone bring your
dad's favorite pie and a salad (pasta, jello, lettuce or fruit) to share!

SLEEPING BAGS NEEDED: We are collecting sleeping bags for an upcoming event
for needy families in the Flathead. If you have a sleeping bag that is in good condition
that you could donate, bring it to the church office or contact Sharon Salyer (212-1758).

Please pick up a baby bottle in the foyer TODAY to help Hope Pregnancy Ministries
during their Baby Bottle Fundraiser! Between Mother's Day and Father's Day, fill your
baby bottle with loose change, bills or a check and bring your bottle back to church on or
before Father's Day. Hope Pregnancy Ministries serves women experiencing unplanned
pregnancy by providing free pregnancy testing and ultrasound with options counseling,
as well as mentorship and material needs for young moms! Get involved today by filling
and returning a baby bottle! Questions? Call 257-5700.

ONLINE GIVING: You may now give your offerings through the church website at
www.faithcov.com. Click on the "launch secure giving" button and follow the simple
directions to set up an account. Contact the office (752-2400) if you have questions.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN—FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are
volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next **Thursday, June 12**, at **Central
Christian Church**. If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmutz.

THE REFUGE: A SUPPORT GROUP FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE:
If you or someone you know is a victim of physical, verbal or emotional abuse, Faith
Covenant Church has a support group that can help. People with little or no church
background are welcome to attend. Contact the church office (752-2400) for more
information.

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

- 1. How does this section logically fit between two sections on suffering? What does this say about the significance of solidarity within the church?**
- 2. How can external pressure cause a group to fall apart? What is Peter's answer to this?**
- 3. Who are the elders that Peter is speaking to? That there is clear leadership structure within the church from the very beginning is evident through the NT. Why is this important to keep in mind when dealing with those who advocate "NT churches"?**
- 4. In a celebrity culture, "the man, the brand, and the band" are all central. How has this thinking invaded the American church? What is the antidote? What are the challenges to fixing the problem that we face?**
- 5. What is significant about equating elder with shepherd?**
- 6. How are they to be an example to the flock? Looking at: Mt 10:24-25; Mk 10:42-45; Jn 15:20; Phil 3:17; 2 Thes 3:9; 1 Cor 11:1; and Acts 20:35. How is it possible for a TV screen pastor to do this?**
- 7. Why are younger people in the church singled out to walk in humility?**

***YOUR NAME**

As morning dawns and evening fades,
you inspire songs of praise
that rise from earth to touch your heart
and glorify your name.

(Chorus)

*Your name is a strong and mighty tower;
your name is a shelter like no other;
your name, let the nations sing it louder
'cause nothing has the power to save but your name.*

Jesus, in your name we pray,
come and fill our hearts today.

Lord, give us strength to live for you
and glorify your name.

(Chorus 2x)

***BENEDICTION**

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

**Worship
Outreach
Relationship
Discipleship**

SERMON OUTLINE

May 25, 2014

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: 1 Peter - Living as Exiles

Sermon Title: *Leading Like Jesus*

I. The challenges for Elders

1. Church government rocks

2. Christ-like Shepherds

3. Celebrity is as celebrity does: The Man, The Brand, The Band

II. The challenges of youthfulness

SERMON TEXT

1 Peter 5:1-5 (ESV)

¹ So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: ² shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; ³ not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. ⁵ Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”