

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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*“Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!”
Psalm 95:6*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 145:1-7*

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

All: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

Leader: One generation shall commend your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

All: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

***COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING** – *Hymn #302*

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

***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!*

***REVELATION SONG**

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; holy, holy is he.
Sing a new song to him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.
(Repeat)

(Chorus)
*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.*
*With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
you are my ev'rything and I will adore you.*

Clothed in rainbows of living color, flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to you, the only wise King.
(Chorus)

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder at the mention of your name.
Jesus, your name is power, breath and living water, such a marv'ulous mystery!
(Chorus 2x)

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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

THIS WEEK

Monday – Jim & Ellen Rowe Israel Presentation, 7:00 p.m. at the church
Wednesday – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. at the church
– Ladies' Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. at Neumanns' (111 E. Bluegrass)

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, Trustee Meeting
3rd Tuesdays – Elders/Deacons' meeting, 7:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Tuesdays – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross' home, (Sept.-May)

Sunday, June 29 – Summer Worship Service Times Change, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, July 1 – Trustees' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 9 – Ladies' Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 10 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church
Tuesday, July 15 – Elders/Deacons' meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 16 – Ladies' Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
Friday-Sunday, Aug 22-24 – Family Camp at Middle Thompson Lake

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.

JUNE

DEACON OF THE MONTH Bill Gamble
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) Russ Hadley & Carolyn Duncan
USHERS/GREETERS (11 AM) Phil & Carol Van Duyne
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) Carlsons
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus
COMMUNION PREP Carolyn Duncan
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Diane Nugent

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FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Laura Pierson
COMMUNION PREP Christy Heath
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Mark Rice

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Deuteronomy 32:4;5:32-33*

The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he. You shall be careful therefore to do as the LORD your God has commanded you. You shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. You shall walk in all the way that the LORD your God has commanded you, that you may live, and that it may go well with you, and that you may live long in the land that you shall possess.

All: O Lord, my every sense and affection is a snare to me. I can scarce open my eyes but I envy those above me or I despise those below. I covet the honor and riches of the mighty and I am proud and unmerciful to the poverty of others. When I see beauty it is a bait to lust. When I see deformity, it stirs up loathing and disdain. I slander those made in your image and I allow godless speech to creep out of my heart. Forgive me Lord Jesus. Cleanse me from my sin—both my outward acts and the sinful thoughts of my heart. Wash me that I would be clean.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalms 145:8-9*

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

***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.

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM OF:

Lily Marie Turner

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)*

REMEMBER – music in pew racks

This is the body that was torn for us. This is the blood that was spilt.
Points to the pain You endured for us, Points to the shame, the blame, the guilt.

(Chorus)

*Father, Son and Holy Spirit, come,
Move our hearts to remember*

This is the Lamb who was slain for us, so we the church may enter in.
So bittersweet when we think of You, The One who bore our curse, our sin.

*Father, Son and Holy Spirit, come,
Move our hearts to remember,
To remember.*

*Father, Son and Holy Spirit, come,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, come,
Move our hearts to remember.*

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Summer Psalms & Proverbs

Sermon Title: *Worship and Warning*

Sermon Text: Psalm 95

(See pages 6-8 for sermon outline and text)

***IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL** – Hymn #691

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: The Salvation Army Church, Kalispell, Major Steven Svenson

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: David and Ulrike Byle with The Bible Correspondence Course in Turkey. Pray for fruitful outreach and smooth travel as they return to Germany and the U.S. this summer.

LADIES' SUMMER BIBLE STUDY: This year's summer Ladies' Bible study will cover four more sessions from The 2012 Gospel Coalition's Women's Conference that we studied at the winter retreat. Mark your calendar for Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. June 25, and July 9 & 16. This week's study, June 25, will be at the Neumann's home (111 E. Bluegrass Drive, Kalispell). Come join us even if it is only for one week!

IT'S TIME TO UPDATE OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY: Please fill out the form in the foyer even if your information has not changed since the directory was last printed ... or fill in your name and indicate that the information has not changed. We would like to include everyone who attends Faith Covenant—you do not need to be a member to be included in the directory. If you would like to include children/family that do not live here, please use a SEPARATE form for them. *(You will be contacted and scheduled if you need a photo taken or updated.)* Return forms to the church office.

FIRST SERVICE NURSERY HELP NEEDED: Darcy Hearn has been covering the first service nursery care every Sunday but needs to recruit some help on a rotating basis. If you are able to assist her with the 8:30 service, please contact the church office.

SUMMER SERVICE TIMES: Our two worship services will continue through the summer but the times will change starting Sunday, June 29. First service will still be 8:30 a.m. and second service will start at 10:30 a.m.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU JUNE 15:
Targeted Budget = \$138,415.38; Offerings received = \$141,270.18

ISRAEL PRESENTATION: Jim and Ellen Rowe, from our congregation, visited Israel this spring and will present pictures and stories from their trip Monday, June 23, at 7 p.m. at the church.

The 2014 Hope Pregnancy Ministries Baby Bottle Campaign is coming to a close! PLEASE RETURN ALL BOTTLES (full or empty) TO THE CHURCH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. (They are requesting empty bottles be returned so they can be used next year.) Each coin, bill or check given helps sustain the work of Hope, and allows us to protect our community's most vulnerable...the unborn. Thank you for supporting the cause of LIFE!!

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.

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 and thoughts for discussion:

1. In what way does the rather somber ending of this psalm balance its exuberant beginning? Why would this be necessary?
2. We are called to worship with our whole being, not just our minds. How is this a challenge to you? What would hold you back from expressive worship?
3. The Psalmist combines hearing God's voice with obedience. Why would it be necessary to mention this? Consider: *"There can be no truly joyful celebration of God which does not lead to moral responsibility and urgency"* — Robert Davidson
4. What is significant about the warning of Meribah and Massah (Ex 17:1-7). In what way does this warning hit home for you?
5. How does Hebrews 3:7-4:13 use this psalm to speak of God's rest? What is the importance of "today"? How does Hebrews point us to what yet awaits God's people?
6. Consider: *"Worship begins with listening rather than speaking ... It requires listening to God as he speaks to us his Word."* — James Boice
7. Augustine said: *"What does the right kind of rejoicing consist of? Finding joy in the Lord."* How is this a challenge for you in your circumstances? In what way does Jesus lead you in your joy in this area?

***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)*

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

***O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED** – Hymn #654

***BENEDICTION**

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

**Worship
Outreach
Relationship
Discipleship**

SERMON OUTLINE

June 22, 2014

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Summer Psalms & Proverbs

Sermon Title: *Worship and Warning*

I. How do we worship

II. Why do we worship

III. Warning in worship

SERMON TEXT

Psalm 95 (ESV)

- ¹ Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- ² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- ³ For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
- ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
- ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
- ⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
- ⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice,
- ⁸ do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
- ⁹ when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof,
though they had seen my work.
- ¹⁰ For forty years I loathed that generation and said,
“They are a people who go astray in their heart,
and they have not known my ways.”
- ¹¹ Therefore I swore in my wrath,
“They shall not enter my rest.”