

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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*“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”
Luke 12:34*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 95:6-7*

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker.

All: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

***COME, LET US WORSHIP AND BOW DOWN**

Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.
Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand, just the sheep of his hand.

(Repeat all)

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

***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 OF PRAISE**

***THE PERFECT WISDOM OF OUR GOD** – music in pew racks

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 Samuel 15:22-23*

Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry.

All: Have mercy on us Lord. We often choose sacrifice over obedience.

We presume upon your grace, and delight in our show of faith; yet our hearts can be far from you. Forgive us of our disobedience, when we have chosen to love our sin more than to love you. Forgive us of our rebellion, when we have willingly walked away from your commands, in order to pursue the sins of our flesh. Keep us from self-worship, disguised as true religion. Purify and cleanse us by the blood of our Savior Jesus. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

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CALENDAR

TODAY

- 8:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
- 9:45 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship
- 10:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE

THIS WEEK

- Tuesday – Elders/Deacons' meeting, 7:00 p.m
- Wednesday – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. at the church

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)

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- Sunday, August 3 – Missionary presentation, 9:45 a.m., Overflow Room
 - Just Looking Class, 11:45 a.m., at the church
 - Tuesday, August 5 – Trustees' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 - Tuesday, August 5 – Leadership Training Class, 7:00 p.m., at the church
 - Wednesday, Aug. 6 – Ancient Hebrew Scroll Showing, 6:30 p.m. at the church
 - Sunday, August 10 – Just Looking Class, 11:45 a.m., at the church
 - Tuesday, August 12 – Leadership Training Class, 7:00 p.m., at the church
 - Thursday, August 14 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m., Central Christian Church
 - Sunday, August 17 – Just Looking Class, 11:45 a.m., at the church
 - Tuesday, August 19 – Elders/Deacons' meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 - Friday-Sunday, Aug 22-24 – Family Camp at Middle Thompson Lake
 - Sunday, August 24 – Just Looking Class, 11:45 a.m., at the church
 - Tuesday, August 26 – Leadership Training Class, 7:00 p.m., at the church
 - Sunday, August 31 – Just Looking Class, 11:45 a.m., at the church
 - Tuesday, September 2 – Trustees' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 - Tuesday, September 2 – Leadership Training Class, 7:00 p.m., at the church
 - Thursday, September 11 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m., Central Christian Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

MEAL COORDINATOR WANTED: Organizing meals for new moms and others who could use a hand with a dinner is one of the most tangible ways to show we care. Here at Faith Covenant we use a website (takethemameal.com) to coordinate meals so we're looking for a new person to use that site to help our church family in times of need. Contact the church office if you're interested (752-2400).

FEED THE FLATHEAD – NEW SIGN UP: On the second Thursday of each month, Faith Covenant provides free dinner at Central Christian Church (behind the county library) for folks that need meals. We bring food already prepared and serve about 35 people between 5:30 and 7 p.m.. In order to set up the schedule for the next 6 months, please sign up on the tentative schedule in the foyer. You can just bring food or just serve food or do both! Thanks so much to all of you who have been regulars and those of you who have substituted here and there. We love any of the help we receive! Contact Joyce (249-6370) or Jenaé Schmutz (871-6182) with any questions.

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.

JULY

DEACON OF THE MONTH Bruce Tulloch
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) Nick & Hanni Hanson
USHERS/GREETERS (11 AM) Terry & Zach Falk
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11 AM service only) Carol Van Duyne
WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM) Darcy Hearn
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants) Chelcie Miller
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Joni Jenks
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Sara Motley & Julie Thompson
COMMUNION PREP Carolyn Duncan
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Jeanie Brenneman

NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 3

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM) Gloria Hanson & Joni Jenks
USHERS/GREETERS (11 AM) Volunteers needed
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11 AM service only) Sharon & Zane Salyer
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants) Annalise Pierson & Nicole Waldron
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Aimee Uzzi
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Kate Anderson & Judy Fosbery
COMMUNION PREP Gary & Barb Fenner
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Hanni Hanson

DECLARATION OF GRACE: Exodus 34:6-7

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

****I WILL PRAISE HIM, STILL***

When the morning falls on the farthest hill,
I will sing his name, I will praise him, still.
When the dark trials come and my heart is filled
with the weight of doubt, I will praise him, still.

For the Lord, our God, he is strong to save
from the arms of death from the deepest grave.

And he gave us life in his perfect will;
and by his good grace I will praise him, still.

(Repeat all)

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)*

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING – Hymn #457

****PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION***

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Guest Pastor Aaron Scott

Sermon Title: *Worry in the Life of the Christian*

Sermon Text: Luke 12:22-34

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

****O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO***

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

(song continued on next page)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Hope Pregnancy and Clear Choice Clinic

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Joel & Emily Swearingen, serving in the Middle East with the PCA-Mission to the World.



FAITH COVENANT FAMILY CAMP: Come one and all to camp out with our church family at Thompson Lake Aug. 22-24! Join us for summer food, fun and fellowship with lots of relaxing by the lake. Registration forms are available in the foyer (and were mailed to home addresses). Lodging includes bunk rooms, cabin, tent or RV sites. Total cost is \$70/family or \$35/individual - payment due when you arrive. *Register by Sunday, Aug. 10, to help with planning.*

JUST LOOKING CLASS: Are you new to Faith Covenant? Would you like to learn more about our church and the Presbyterian Church in America denomination? Membership is not required after taking the class but the class is required for membership. Sign up in the foyer. Classes will start next Sunday following the second service and continue for five weeks.

MISSIONARY DAVID BYLE from Istanbul, Turkey will be with us on Sunday, August 3 and will speak during fellowship/coffee hour between services. He is one of the missionaries we pray for and support in his ministry as director of the Bible Correspondence Course which has been a great tool in bringing many Turkish people to Christ. David regularly witnesses on the street corners of Istanbul and has been jailed for his witness of Jesus. His visits in the past to Faith Covenant have always been dynamic and inspiring, so plan on hearing this dedicated servant of Christ.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING CLASS: Leadership Training Class will resume Tuesdays, August 5, at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This class – *Leading in Light of Personality and Temperament* – will meet for four weeks.

ANCIENT HEBREW SCROLL SHOWING: Join us for a unique opportunity to see ancient Hebrew scrolls and learn about them from a Messianic Rabbi Wednesdays, Aug. 6, at 6:30 p.m. at Faith Covenant. The Christian Heritage Foundation (<http://www.chfclburne.org/>) tours the country with these rare and ancient documents recorded and preserved by Jewish people. A few men are needed at 4:30 p.m. to help unload and set up the display.

THEOLOGY IN THE UPPER ROOM: Anyone interested in a discussing theology is invited to “Theology in the Upper Room” in the room above Brannigan’s on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. Contact Kenny Earickson (270-5495) or Joe Swenson (871-5273) for details.

VOLUNTERS NEEDED FOR SOUND: Have technical and music interests? We could use a few more people on the sound board schedule rotation of once every 4-5 weeks. Contact the office (752-2400) if you can help.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU JULY 13:

Targeted Budget = \$161,484.62; Offerings received = \$163,700.52

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

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 5)*

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

***I WILL SING OF MY REDEEMER** – Hymn #650

***BENEDICTION**

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. **What do you worry about? What keeps you up at night?**

2. **How would your friends, spouse or parents answer the previous question for you?**

3. **What examples does Jesus give about not worrying?**

4. **Should a Christian worry at all? Is there any justification for it?**

5. **How does “seeking the kingdom of God” combat worrying?**

6. **How does verse 34 “unlock” the entire passage?**

7. **Where is your treasure? Where is your heart?**

8. **How does the Gospel dispel anxiousness?**

CONTACT INFORMATION

“Serving One Another in Love” Galatians 5:13

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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.

SERMON NOTES

July 27, 2014

Sermon: Guest Pastor Aaron Scott

Sermon Title: *Worry in the Life of the Christian*

SERMON TEXT

Luke 12:22-34 (ESV)

²² And he said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰ For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. ³² “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.