

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

July 13, 2014

*“Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.”
Psalm 43:5*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 95:1-3*

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

***ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING – Hymn #115**

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

***10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)**

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, –
let me be singing when the evening comes.

(Chorus)
Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul,
worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name.

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness I will keep on singing; –
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

(Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come;
still my soul will sing your praise unending, –
ten thousand years and then forevermore!

(Chorus 2x)

I'll worship your holy name; I'll worship your holy name.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***THE STAND**

You stood before creation, eternity in your hand.
You spoke the earth into motion, my soul now to stand.

You stood before my failure, and carried the cross for my shame.
My sin weighed upon your shoulders, my soul now to stand.

(Chorus)
So what can I say? And what can I do,
but offer this heart, O God, completely to you?

So I'll walk upon salvation, your Spirit alive in me;
my life to declare your promise, my soul now to stand.

(Chorus 2x)

So I'll stand, with arms high and heart abandoned,
in awe of the the one who gave it all.

I'll stand, my soul, Lord, to you surrendered.

All I am is yours.

(Repeat 2x)

All I am is yours.

CALENDAR

TODAY

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

THIS WEEK

- Wednesday – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. at the church
- Wednesday – Ladies' Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., at Neumanns' (111 E. Bluegrass Dr.)
- Saturday – Men's Fraternity Preview, 9:00 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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- Tuesday, July 29 – Elders/Deacons' meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 - Sunday, August 3 – Just Looking Class starts, 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
 - 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
 - Tuesday, August 19 – Elders/Deacons' meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 - Friday-Sunday, Aug 22-24 – Family Camp at Middle Thompson Lake

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

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 Schmautz (871-6182) with any questions.

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.

ANCIENT HEBREW SCROLL SHOWING: Join us for a unique opportunity to see ancient Hebrew scrolls and learn about them from a Messianic Rabbi Wednesday, Aug. 6, at 6:30 p.m. at Faith Covenant. The Christian Heritage Foundation (<http://www.chfcleburne.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.

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 MONTHBruce 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).....Tamie & Kathryn Jentz
WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM).....Darcy Hearn
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants).....Wendy Putzler
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs).....Kate Anderson
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS.....Kristin Bay & Jenaé Schmautz
COMMUNION PREP.....Barbara Makowski
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP.....Lori Vander Ark

NEXT SUNDAY – JULY 20

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 (11 AM infants).....Chelcie Miller
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs).....Jenaé Schmautz
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS.....Sharon Riley & Sharon Thompson
COMMUNION PREP.....Dar Wassink
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP.....Donelle Holderbaum

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Judges 2:7, 10-11*

And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great work that the LORD had done for Israel. And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD or the work that he had done for Israel. And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals.

All: O most merciful God, since you have given your only-begotten Son to die for me, have mercy on me, and for his sake grant me remission of all my sins; and by your Holy Spirit, keep me from forgetting all your mighty works in my life, increase in me true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your Word, and not do evil in your sight; and that by your grace I may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 Samuel 2:7-9*

The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts. He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the LORD’s, and on them he has set the world. He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail.

**MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE – Hymn #648*

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM OF:

Colt Daniel Rigler

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)*

GREAT IS YOUR GLORY – music in pew racks

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

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His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Summer Psalms & Proverbs

Sermon Title: *A Conversation of the Heart*

Sermon Text: Psalm 43

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

***HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US**

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure.
That he should give his only Son and make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns his face away;
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom.

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 LOVE TO TELL THE STORY** – Hymn #478

***BENEDICTION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: The Gideons

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for Amazing Grace Church and the Rohan Crown family in Lethbridge, Alberta, as they prepare for their big summer outreach, a kids' sports camp July 20-25. Two mission teams are coming from the U.S. to help. Pray for the teams as they travel; for area kids to attend; and for the Gospel to transform hearts and lives.

MEN'S FRATERNITY: This fall Faith Covenant will start a Men's Fraternity study on Biblical manhood based on a *The Quest for Authentic Manhood* by Robert Lewis. This 24-session series will meet weekday mornings to explore the primary issues that shape a man's life. Come learn more at a preview Saturday, July 19, at 9 to 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. **Sign up in the foyer TODAY!**

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 be Sundays following the second service starting August 3 for five weeks.

MUSICIANS NEEDED: The worship team is looking for a few more guitar players, fiddlers and drummers. If you have any of these gifts and would be willing to share them, please call Joyce Schmautz (249-6370) or Lisa Iddings (871-5157). You are welcome to come to practice and play along and see how you fit before you commit.

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.

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).

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 the last one Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. on July 16 at Becky Neumann's home (111 E. Bluegrass Drive).

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.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Children's Church will continue during the second service throughout the summer. It is provided for children who are 4 to 6 years old. If your child is 7 years old or older, although we enjoy having them in the class, we ask that they no longer attend Children's Church as the older children know so much, the younger ones often don't get a chance to participate. Thanks for your cooperation.

(Announcements continued on next page)

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

- 1. Psalm 42 and 43 are considered by most to be one psalm. What literary features tie the two psalms together?**
- 2. What does it mean to ask God to vindicate us?**
- 3. The circumstances of life given in v-1 give rise to the problems of the soul in v-2. How are we to bring together these conflicting ideas of taking refuge and feeling rejected?**
- 4. How does the isolation the psalmist feels find resolution in finding communion with God in the congregation of God's people?**
- 5. What is meant by "light and truth" in v-3?**
- 6. Why is it important to remember that the refrain (v-5) is not autobiographical, but liturgical?**
- 7. What value does this psalm have for us living in a world where we hear: "Where is your God?"**
- 8. In what way do we hear echoes of this psalm in Jesus (cf. Mt 26:38, Jn 12:27)?**

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

"Serving One Another in Love" Galatians 5:13

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SERMON OUTLINE

July 13, 2014

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Title: *A Conversation of the Heart*

I. God-talk — taking our sorrows to the Lord

II. Self-talk — taking God's promises to our hearts

SERMON TEXT

Psalm 43:1-5 (ESV)

- ¹ Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause
against an ungodly people,
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!
- ² For you are the God in whom I take refuge;
why have you rejected me?
Why do I go about mourning because of the oppression
of the enemy?
- ³ Send out your light and your truth;
let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!
- ⁴ Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God my exceeding joy,
and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.
- ⁵ Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God.