

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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*“Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!”
Psalm 126:5*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 149:1-2,4-5*

Leader: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

All: Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Leader: For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

All: Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds. Praise the LORD!

***HALLELUJAH! THINE THE GLORY** – *Hymn #179*

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

***BE UNTO YOUR NAME**

We are a moment, you are forever, Lord of the ages, God before time.

We are a vapor, you are eternal, love everlasting, reigning on high.

(Chorus)

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

Highest praises, honor and glory, be unto your name. Be unto your name.

We are the broken, you are the healer, Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save.

You are the love song we'll sing forever, bowing before you, blessing your name.

(Chorus 2x)

***ACROSS THE LANDS**

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began.

Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by your hand.

All creation holds together by the power of your voice.

Let the skies declare your glory; let the land and seas rejoice!

(Chorus)

*You're the author of creation; you're the Lord of ev'ry man;
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,
and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.

With a prayer you fed the hungry; with a word you calmed the sea;
yet how silently you suffered that the guilty may go free!

(Chorus)

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting vict'ry from the grave,
and ascended into heaven, leading captives in your way.

Now you stand before the Father, interceding for your own;
from each tribe and tongue and nation, you are leading sinners home!

(Chorus 2x)

***SCRIPTURE OF PRAISE: Psalm 13:5-6**

**All: I trust in your steadfast love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I
will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.**

CALENDAR

TODAY

10:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE

11:45 a.m. – Just Looking Class

THIS WEEK

Tuesday – Elders' 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)

– Adult Small Groups (Sept.-May)

Sundays

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, August 31 – Just Looking Class, 11:45 a.m., at the church

Tuesday, September 2 – Trustees' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

– Leadership Training Class, 7:00 p.m., at the church

Sunday, September 7 – Sunday School Begins for all Ages, 10:00 a.m. at the church

Wednesday, Sept. 9 – Elizabeth Women's Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross' home

– Leadership Training Class, 7:00 p.m., at the church

Thursday, September 11 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m., Central Christian Church

Tuesday, September 16 – Elders/Deacon's meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church

Wednesday, Sept. 17 – Men's Fraternity Study, 6:00-7:30 a.m., at the church

Wednesday, Sept. 23 – Elizabeth Women's Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross' home

Wednesday, Sept. 24 – Men's Fraternity Study, 6:00-7:30 a.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.

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 Peter 1:14-16*

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you are rich in mercy to all who call upon you; Hear us as we come humbly to you, confessing our sins and seeking your mercy. We have broken your holy laws, by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our sins committed against our families and our friends. Have mercy upon us, O most merciful Father, and of your great goodness, grant that we may hereafter walk in the newness of life provided to us through our Lord Jesus. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 Peter 2:24-25*

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

*GOD OF GRACE

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free;
oh, the miracle of mercy; Jesus reaches down to me.

God of grace, I stand in wonder, as my God restores my soul.
His own blood has paid my ransom; awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me long before the world began;
sent my Savior down from heaven; perfect God and perfect man.

God of grace, I trust in Jesus; I'm accepted as his own.
Every day his grace sustains me, as I lean on him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed, forgiven and secure.
All my fears are now confounded and my hope is ever sure.
God of grace, now crowned in glory, where one day I'll see your face;
and forever I'll adore you in your everlasting grace.

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.

AUGUST

DEACON OF THE MONTH Buford Bennett
NURSERY M.O.M. (Mom of the Month) Carol Martin
NURSERY COORDINATOR..... Darcy Hearn
Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 270-8933.

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS (10:30 AM)..... Gloria Hanson & Joni Jenks
WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM infants & toddlers)..... Cathy Hanson
COMMUNION PREP..... Carol Martin
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP..... Theresa Paolini

NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 31

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM)..... Gloria Hanson & Joni Jenks
USHERS/GREETERS (10:30 AM)..... Nick & Hanni Hanson
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (10:30 AM service only).... Carol Van Duyne & Ana Thompson
WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM) Darcy Hearn
WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM infants) Sara Motley
WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Trisha Carlson
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus
COMMUNION PREP..... Dar Wassink
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Mark Rice

PRAYER, OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.
(No Children's Church today)*

TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE – Hymn #585 vs. 1,2,4,6

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Summer Psalms and Proverbs

Sermon Title: *Redemptive Tears*

Sermon Text: Psalm 126

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

*BEHOLD OUR GOD

Who has held the oceans in his hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice. All creation rises to rejoice.

(Chorus)

Behold our God, seated on his throne. Come let us adore him.

Behold our King, nothing can compare. Come let us adore him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom all his wondrous
deeds?

(Chorus)

Who has felt the nails upon his hand, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?

God eternal, humbled by the grave, Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

(Chorus)

You will reign forever, You will reign forever (2x)

(Chorus)

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

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

*BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Calvary Lutheran Church, Evergreen, Pastor Kurt Rau

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for Sam & Dawn Wills with Mission Aviation Fellowship in Congo. Pray for MAF and for their health and safety as they serve Doctors Without Borders and other ministries in remote villages.

THERE WILL BE NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY. We will resume our regular schedule next week.

SIGN UP FOR SMALL GROUPS: Small groups will begin meeting again the week of September 7. If you are interested in joining a small group, or if you would like to change groups, please sign up at the table in the foyer. There is no need to sign up if you were in a small group last year and you would like to remain in the same group.

ELIZABETH WOMEN'S GROUP begins our Fall schedule on Wednesday, September 9. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at noon. We welcome new people and look forward to sharing with you this fall. We start with a sack lunch, pray for the needs of the church and individuals, and have a short devotion. The meeting is at Jo Anne Ross', 15 Primrose Ct. in Kalispell. If you have questions call Jo Anne at 755 3516.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP BACK-TO-SCHOOL PARTY! All 9th-12th grade students are invited to come have fun swimming, boating, and water skiing/tubing at Lake Blaine on Sunday, Aug. 31. Carpool from the church at 11:45 and return to the church at 4:30 p.m. There will be a bonfire to roast hotdogs and s'mores. See Trent or Becky Neumann to get a parental permission release form, and get directions to the Tam's if you're not carpooling. *Bring \$5, signed permission form, swim gear, beach towel, water bottle, and sunblock.*

MEN'S FRATERNITY STUDY: This fall Faith Covenant will start a Men's Fraternity study focused on Biblical manhood based on *The Quest for Authentic Manhood* by Robert Lewis. The study will be led by Rik Goodell who has previously led this study four times. Starting September 17, this 24-week series will meet every Wednesday morning at 6:00 a.m. to explore the primary issues that shape a man's life. The study is open for both the men in the church and outside the church. Please feel free to invite someone you know who might enjoy this. To order workbooks we need you to **sign up in the foyer TODAY!**

SEXUAL ABUSE SUPPORT GROUP: The Refuge is starting a support group for adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse. The group will meet Mondays at noon at the church. We will go through Diane Langberg's book, *On the Threshold of Hope*, and the accompanying workbook. Please contact Pastor Shane if you are interested. All communication is strictly confidential. Both men and women are welcome to attend.

CORRECTED GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU AUGUST 10:

Targeted Budget = \$184,553.85; Offerings received = \$188,130.02

JOURNEY OF THE HEART CONFERENCE: Umbrella Ministries is hosting a weekend conference Sept. 5-7 at the Best Western Flathead Lake Inn in Kalispell for mothers who are suffering over the loss of a child. For information and to register by Sept. 3 go to umbrellaministries.org

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. When you have struggled with current difficulties, have you been able to look to past deliverances to help strengthen you? If not, why?

2. Where does the psalmist's confidence come from? How does one cultivate that?

3. Consider: *"Joy cannot be commanded, purchased or arranged. But there is something we can do. We can decide to live in response to the abundance of God and not under the dictatorship of our own poor needs. We can decide to live in the environment of a living God and not our own dying selves. We can decide to center ourselves in the God who generously gives and not in our own egos which greedily grab. One of the certain consequences of such a life is joy, the kind expressed in Psalm 126."* – Eugene Peterson

4. How does Psalm 30:5 fit well with Psalm 126:5?

5. Consider: *"It is one of the great mysteries of life, of your life and mine, and of the life of the world and the church of God, that life is so cyclical; that we never reach a point where life is only good or that the good continues without being sooner or later overwhelmed by the bad."*
– Dr. Robert Rayburn

6. How does your relationship to Jesus encourage you to walk in joy? How are you being challenged to have your "tears" redeemed by the Lord?

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

**Worship
Outreach
Relationship
Discipleship**

CONTACT INFORMATION

"Serving One Another in Love" Galatians 5:13

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SERMON OUTLINE

August 24, 2014

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Summer Psalms and Proverbs

Sermon Title: *Redemptive Tears*

I. Joy Remembered

II. Joy Anticipated

SERMON TEXT

Psalm 126 (ESV)

¹ **A Song of Ascents.**

**When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.**

² **Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”**

³ **The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad.**

⁴ **Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb!**

⁵ **Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!**

⁶ **He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.**