

## 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*

**August 10, 2014**

*“So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,  
until I proclaim your might to another generation,  
your power to all those to come.”*

*Psalm 71:18*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *His Calling and Our Praise*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *1 Chronicles 29:10-13*

Leader: Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

**All: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.**

Leader: Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.

**All: Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.**

*(\*Indicates when to stand)*

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

\***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

\***MAJESTY**

Here I am humbled by your majesty, covered by your grace so free.  
Here I am knowing I'm a sinful man, covered by the blood of the Lamb.

*(Chorus)*

*Now I've found the greatest love of all is mine  
since you laid down your life, the greatest sacrifice.  
Majesty, majesty your grace has found me just as I am,  
empty-handed but alive in your hands.*

Here I am humbled by the love that you give; forgiven so that I can forgive.  
Here I stand knowing that I'm your desire, sanctified by glory and fire.

*(Chorus)*

*Majesty, majesty; forever I am changed by your love  
in the presence of your majesty.*

\***BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE**

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,  
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on his hands, My name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see him there who made an end of all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,  
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;  
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!

*One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;  
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,  
with Christ, my Savior and my God.*

**CALENDAR**

**TODAY**

8:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE  
9:45 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship  
10:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE  
11:45 a.m. – Just Looking Class

**THIS WEEK**

Tuesday – Leadership Training Class, 7:00 p.m., at the church  
Wednesday – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. at the church  
Thursday – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m., Central Christian 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 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  
Sunday, September 7 – Sunday School Begins for all Ages, 10 a.m. at the church  
Thursday, September 11 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m., Central Christian Church

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

**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).

**RILEY FAMILY THANK YOU:** The Riley family thanks the church for the outpouring of cards, delicious food and expressions of love that they have received in the passing of Claire Riley. They are very grateful and feel truly blessed by all of you.

**FEED THE FLATHEAD – NEW SIGN UP:** On the second Thursday of each month, we provides free dinner at Central Christian Church (behind the county library). We bring prepared food 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! We love any of the help we receive! Contact Joyce (249-6370) or Jenaé Schmautz (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.*

### 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 (8:30 AM) ..... Russ Hadley & Paul Hobus  
USHERS/GREETERS (11 AM) ..... Tom & Pat Tucker  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11 AM service only) ..... Sharon & Zane Salyer  
WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM) ..... Darcy Hearn  
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants) ..... Jane Turner  
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) ..... Wendy Putzler  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS ..... Tamie Jentz & Marlo Lancaster  
COMMUNION PREP ..... Terry & Judy Fosbery  
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Yvonne Hernandez

### NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 17

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM) ..... Gloria Hanson & Joni Jenks  
USHERS/GREETERS (11 AM) ..... Nick & Hanni Hanson  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11 AM service only) ..... Dar Wassink & Annalise Pierson  
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM infants) ..... Julie Thompson  
WORSHIP NURSERY (11 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) ..... Becky Neumann  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS ..... Barbara Makowski & Sue Richardson  
COMMUNION PREP ..... Christy Heath  
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Diane Nugent

## His Renewal and Our Hope

### COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

**SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION:** *Ephesians 4:1-3*

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**All: Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves; though you should rule us, we control ourselves; though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. Heal our confused minds with your word, heal our divided wills with your law, heal our troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.**

### SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

**DECLARATION OF GRACE:** *Ephesians 2:4-10*

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

### **\*MIGHTY TO SAVE**

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing, let mercy fall on me.  
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations.

*(Chorus)*

*Savior, he can move the mountains;  
my God is mighty to save, he is mighty to save.  
Forever, author of salvation, he rose and conquered the grave,  
Jesus conquered the grave.*

*(song continued on next page)*

**\*MIGHTY TO SAVE, continued**

So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures; fill my life again.  
I give my life to follow everything I believe in; now I surrender.

*(Chorus)*

*Savior, he can move the mountains;  
my God is mighty to save, he is mighty to save.  
Forever, author of salvation, he rose and conquered the grave,  
Jesus conquered the grave.*

Shine your light and let the whole world see;  
we're singing for the glory of the risen King... Jesus  
Shine your light and let the whole world see;  
we're singing for the glory of the risen King.

*(Chorus 2x)*

**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)*

**OFT IN SORROW** – music in pew racks

**\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**His Word and Our Response**

**Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.**  
**Sermon Series: Summer Psalms and Proverbs**  
**Sermon Title: Aging Saints – Part II**  
**Sermon Text: Psalm 71:14-24**  
*(See pages 6-8 for sermon outline and text)*

**\*YOUR LOVE, O LORD**

Your love, oh Lord, reaches to the heavens.  
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.  
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains.  
Your justice flows like the ocean's tide.

I will lift my voice to worship you, my King.  
I will find my strength in the shadow of your wings.  
*(Repeat all)*

*(song continued on next page)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** The Church at Creston (LCMS), Pastor Darold Reiner

**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.



**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.

**WORSHIP SERVICES AUGUST 24:** There will be one worship service at the church the morning of Sunday, Aug. 24, at 10:30 a.m. and one service at Family Camp at Middle Thompson Lake at 10:30. You are welcome to go to camp for just the day on Sunday or for just the worship service. If you would like breakfast and lunch at camp, remember to register for that day on the Family Camp Registration form as soon as possible.

**HOUSES OF REFUGE:** You can help survivors of domestic abuse by providing safe shelter at no cost to women in crisis and their children until they are able to find their own housing. The most pressing need is for women with 3-4 children. Full living quarters with a separate kitchen and entrance are ideal. If you have space to share, fill out the insert and drop in the offering or contact the church office for details (752-2400).

**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, starting August 18. 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.

**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. Classes start August 3 following the second service and continue for five weeks but you can join at any time. Lunch is provided.

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING CLASS:** Leadership Training Class will resume Tuesdays, August 12, at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This class – *Leading in Light of Personality and Temperament* – will meet for four weeks.

**LOST AND FOUND** items are accumulating on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Please check and retrieve what is yours. Unclaimed items will be donated.

**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.

*(Announcements continued on next page)*

***Questions and thoughts for discussion:***

- 1. In what way does God’s track record of faithfulness give you hope for present problems? How have you stored these memories to be able to draw on them later?**
  
- 2. How are future generations to hear from old saints if they are no in contact with each other? What are ways to overcome this distance?**
  
- 3. How can we both make needs know and meet those needs in our congregation? What steps can you make to build this into your lifestyle?**
  
- 4. What does it mean to say that “worship is not simply about the transfer of information”?**
  
- 5. In what specific ways are you drawing on the promises of the gospel to encourage you in your present problems? Have you seen this change as you have aged?**
  
- 6. Rev. John Pye Smith (1774-1851) gave these seven admonitions on aging as a Christian: [taken from *Memoirs of the Life and Writings of John Pye Smith* By John Medway, p. 508]**
  - a. Expect infirmities and other afflictions, which may increase.**
  - b. Avoid the spirit of dissatisfaction, peevishness and fretfulness.**
  - c. Cultivate patience, cheerfulness, benevolence, sweetness of feeling and manner.**
  - d. Take advantage of any increasing opportunities for reflection and prayer.**
  - e. Cherish patient submission to the will of God.**
  - f. By example and word encourage young Christians.**
  - g. Aim at glorifying God in all ways, including death. Peter’s last sufferings would be a striking exhibition of faithfulness and love to his Lord.**

***\*YOUR LOVE, O LORD, continued***

Your love, oh Lord, reaches to the heavens.  
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.  
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains.  
Your justice flows like the ocean’s tide.

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

*Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.  
(See FCC Observance information below.)*

**PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION**

***\*A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD – Hymn #92***

**\*BENEDICTION**

**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 OUTLINE

August 10, 2014

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Summer Psalms and Proverbs

Sermon Title: *Aging Saints – Part II*

### I. Past Events Provide Future Hope

### II. Future Generations Come From Current Proclamations

### III. Present Praise of a Timeless God

## SERMON TEXT

Psalm 71:14-24 (ESV)

- <sup>14</sup> But I will hope continually  
and will praise you yet more and more.
- <sup>15</sup> My mouth will tell of your righteous acts,  
of your deeds of salvation all the day,  
for their number is past my knowledge.
- <sup>16</sup> With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come;  
I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.
- <sup>17</sup> O God, from my youth you have taught me,  
and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.
- <sup>18</sup> So even to old age and gray hairs,  
O God, do not forsake me,  
until I proclaim your might to another generation,  
your power to all those to come.
- <sup>19</sup> Your righteousness, O God,  
reaches the high heavens.  
You who have done great things,  
O God, who is like you?
- <sup>20</sup> You who have made me see many troubles and calamities  
will revive me again;  
from the depths of the earth  
you will bring me up again.
- <sup>21</sup> You will increase my greatness  
and comfort me again.
- <sup>22</sup> I will also praise you with the harp  
for your faithfulness, O my God;  
I will sing praises to you with the lyre,  
O Holy One of Israel.
- <sup>23</sup> My lips will shout for joy,  
when I sing praises to you;  
my soul also, which you have redeemed.
- <sup>24</sup> And my tongue will talk of your  
righteous help all the day long,  
for they have been put to shame and disappointed  
who sought to do me hurt.