

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

September 14, 2014

*“But we have this treasure in jars of clay
to show that this all-surpassing power
is from God and not from us.”
2 Corinthians 4:7*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 99:1-5*

Leader: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

All: Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

Leader: The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

All: Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***SALVATION BELONGS TO OUR GOD**

Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne,
and unto the Lamb; praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,
honor and power and strength...

(Chorus)

*Be to our God forever and ever! Be to our God forever and ever!
Be to our God forever and ever! Amen!*

And we the redeemed shall be strong in purpose and unity,
declaring aloud praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,
honor and power and strength...

(Chorus 2x)

***COME YE SINNERS**

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore.
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity joined with power.
He is able, he is able; he is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome; God's free bounty glorify:
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall.
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream.
All the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.
This he gives you, this he gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of his blood.
Venture on him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.

CALENDAR

TODAY

8:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
9:45 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship
10:15 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages
11:15 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE

THIS WEEK

Tuesday – Elders/Deacon's meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
Wednesday – Men's Fraternity Study, 6:00-7:30 a.m., at the church
– Senior High Youth Group, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the church
– Junior High Youth Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the church
Thursday – Women's Ministry meeting, 4:00-5:00 p.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 7:00 p.m. (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)

Tuesday, September 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
Wednesday, October 1 – Men's Fraternity Study, 6:00-7:30 a.m., at the church
Tuesday, October 7 – Trustees' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 8 – Men's Fraternity Study, 6:00-7:30 a.m., at the church
Thursday, October 9 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m., Central Christian Church
Wednesday, Oct. 15 – Men's Fraternity Study, 6:00-7:30 a.m., at the church
Tuesday, October 21 – Elders/Deacon's meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
Wednesday, Oct. 22 – 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.

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.

SEPTEMBER

DEACON OF THE MONTH Micah Hill
NURSERY M.O.M. (Mom of the Month) Karen Hunnicutt
NURSERY COORDINATOR Darcy Hearn
Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 270-8933.

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM) Terry & Judy Fosbery
USHERS/GREETERS (10:30 AM) Nick & Hanni Hanson
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (10:30 AM service only) Sharon & Zane Salyer
WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM) Darcy Hearn
WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM infants) Julie Thompson
WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM toddlers thru 3 yrs.) Aimee Uzzi
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus
COMMUNION PREP Carolyn Duncan
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Lori Vander Ark

NEXT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 21

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM) Terry & Judy Fosbery
USHERS/GREETERS (10:30 AM) Nick & Hanni Hanson
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (10:30 AM service only) Sharon & Zane Salyer
WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM) Darcy Hearn
WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM infants) Tamie Jentz
WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Trisha Carlson
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Marlo Lancaster & Jenaé Schmautz
COMMUNION PREP Gary & Barb Fenner
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Donelle Holderbaum

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *James 2:10*

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

Leader: You shall have no other gods before me.

All: But I often place other things on the throne of my heart above you.

Leader: You shall not make for yourself a carved image... You shall not bow down to them or serve them.

All: But I make you into who I want you to be.

Leader: You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

All: But I treat your name lightly and do not bring honor to you.

Leader: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work.

All: But I make excuses for spending the day pursuing my own pleasures with little thought on how I can set apart the Sabbath to you.

Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

All: But I spurn authority and set my own rules.

Leader: You shall not murder.

All: But I often hate my brother in my heart.

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

All: But my thought life is often x-rated and my heart filled with lust.

Leader: You shall not steal.

All: But I devote my life to pursue convenience and consumption.

Leader: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

All: But I often speak against my neighbors and run them down to others.

Leader: You shall not covet.

All: But I desire and chase after far more than I need and I am not content with what I have.

All: Forgive us, O God. Put to death our sinful inclinations and practices through the power of your Holy Spirit. Renew us in the image of your Son, our Savior–Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Adapted from the Ten Commandments – Exodus 20)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: 1 John 2:1-3

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.

***THE GOSPEL SONG**

Holy God, in love, became perfect man to bear my blame.
On the cross he took my sin. By his death I live again.
(Repeat all)

PRAYER, OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.
11:15 a.m. Service: Children ages 4-6 are excused for Children's Church
(held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall)*

JESUS, DRAW ME EVER NEARER

Jesus, draw me ever nearer as I labor through the storm.
You have called me to this passage, and I'll follow though I'm worn.

(Chorus)

*May this journey bring a blessing, may I rise on wings of faith;
and at the end of my heart's testing, with your likeness let me wake.*

Jesus, guide me through the tempest, keep my spirit staid and sure.
When the midnight meets the morning, let me love you even more.

(Chorus)

May the treasures of the trial form within me as I go.
And at the end of this long passage, let me leave them at your throne.

(Chorus)

and at the end of my heart's testing, with your likeness let me wake.

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Guest Pastor Steve Snipstead

Sermon Series: A Shared Ministry – 2 Corinthians 4 & 5

Sermon Title: Don't Lose Heart

Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Chaplain Darren Schwartz, Kalispell Regional Medical Center

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for Young Life of Kalispell and directors Tim and Emily Herset as the school year begins and they build relationships with students. Pray for new students to attend, and for all the students and leaders to see growth in the gospel.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School begins at 10:15 a.m. for all ages. Look for children's class room assignments posted around the church. Adults classes are in the following rooms: *Domestic Abuse: Shepherding Survivors to Freedom* with Pastor Shane Waldron in the fellowship hall; and *Running from God? Studies in Ruth and Jonah*, with Pastor Aaron Scott in the sanctuary. You are welcome to join a class at any time.

DIRECTORY PHOTOGRAPHS: Directory pictures will be taken on Sundays in September. If you requested a new photo, please go to Overflow Room 1 during Coffee/Fellowship time.

SENIOR AND JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUPS: Youth group for senior and junior high students is underway Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Senior youth grades 9-12 meet from 7:00-9:00 at the church with Trent & Becky Nuemann (212-7664), and junior high students in grades 6-8 meet with Sean and Lisa Iddings (871-5157).

MEN'S FRATERNITY STUDY: This fall Faith Covenant will start a Men's Fraternity study on Biblical manhood based on *The Quest for Authentic Manhood* by Robert Lewis starting this Wednesday, Sept. 17, at 6:00 a.m. to explore the primary issues that shape a man's life. Invite a friend and **sign up in the foyer.**

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.

SCIENCE & FAITH SIMULCAST: Has science disproved God or does science provide compelling support for faith? The community is invited to a free simulcast event on these questions with Oxford professor John Lennox and authors Stephen Meyer and Eric Metaxas Sunday, Sept. 21, 5-7:00 p.m. at Faith Church, 405 Liberty Street. Brought to you by the Kalispell Apologetics Project.

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.

PRAYER CARDS are available in the pew racks for your prayer requests. According to how you mark your request, prayers can be for the Elders only, shared with the Deacons or put on the prayer chain. Place your request in the offering bag or give to any Elder or Pastor.

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

- 1. Have you ever known someone who was physically frail or unimpressive, but spiritually strong. What kind of influence did they have on the people around them?**

- 2. Paul uses an analogy in verse 7. What does he mean by “treasure” and “jars of clay”? What conclusion are we to draw from carrying our treasure in jars of clay?**

- 3. We often assume that our weakness will hinder the gospel and detract from it. On the contrary, how does our weakness reveal God’s power?**

- 4. In the first part of chapter 4 Paul addresses the confusion over the message and messenger (verse 5). If we find ourselves or our listeners focusing on us what has gone wrong?**

- 5. In verse 13 Paul quotes Psalm 116:10. Why? What point is he making?**

- 6. According to verse 15, why did all of this happen?**

- 7. What does it mean to be outwardly wasting away, but inwardly being renewed? Have you ever experienced that?**

- 8. Verse 17 refers to some of the things Paul suffered, and he describes them as “light and momentary troubles.” (2 Corinthians 11:16-27) How can he call trials like this light and momentary? What does it mean to fix our eyes on what is unseen? How do we do that?**

****JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN***

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee;
destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I’ve sought or hoped or known;
yet how rich is my condition, God and heav’n are still my own.

Take, my soul, thy full salvation, rise o’er sin and fear and care;
joy to find in every station something still to do or bear;
think what Spirit dwells within thee, what a Father’s smile is thine,
what a Savior died to win thee: child of heav’n, shouldst thou repine?

Hasten on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;
heav’n’s eternal day’s before thee, God’s own hand shall guide thee there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, swift shall pass thy pilgrim days;
hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight and prayer to praise.

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 8)*

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

****O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS! – Hymn #535***

***BENEDICTION**

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

**Worship
Outreach
Relationship
Discipleship**

SERMON OUTLINE

September 14, 2014

Sermon: Guest Pastor Steve Snipstead

Sermon Series: A Shared Ministry – 2 Corinthians 4 & 5

Sermon Title: *Don't Lose Heart*

I. Jars of Clay

II. Carry the Life and Death of Jesus

III. Fix Your Eyes On the Unseen

SERMON TEXT

2 Corinthians 4:7-18 (NIV)

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰ We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹ For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. ¹² So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

¹³ It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. ¹⁵ All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.