

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 God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,”
has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge
of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”
2 Corinthians 4:6*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 96:1-4*

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

All: Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

All: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

***COME PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING**

Come people of the Risen King who delight to bring him praise.
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him;
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

(Chorus)

*Rejoice, rejoice, let ev'ry tongue rejoice.
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ rejoice!*

Come those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night.

Come those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change and His mercies never cease;
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

(Chorus)

Come young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith.
Come those with full or empty hands find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world his people sing shore to shore we hear them call;
the truth that cries through ev'ry age our God is all in all.

(Chorus 2x)

***HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD**

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty.
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

(Chorus)

*How great is our God, sing with me.
How great is our God, and all will see
how great, how great is our God.*

Age to age he stands and time is in his hands.
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end;
the Godhead three in one: Father, Spirit, Son.
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

(Chorus)

(Bridge 2x)

Name above all names, you are worthy of our praise
and my heart will sing how great is our God.

(Chorus 2x)

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

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 – Elizabeth Women's Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross' home
– Leadership Training Class, 7:00 p.m., at the church
Wednesday – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 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 – 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 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 16 – Women's Ministry meeting, 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the 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
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

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

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.

BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP: Three local BSF classes begin September 8 & 9 for adults and children. This year's study is "The Life of Moses."
Men's Evening Class meets Monday nights, 6:55 p.m. at Central Bible Church. Student Program for boys and girls in grades 1-12. Questions? Call Bruce Tulloch 270-7320
Women's Evening Class meets Monday nights, 6:55 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. Student Program for boys and girls in grades 1-12. Call Benni Tulloch 755-4550.
Women's Day Class meets Tuesdays at 9:10 a.m. at Easthaven Baptist Church. Children's Program for Infants through Kindergarten. Questions? Call Ellen Rowe 249-9770

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) Carol Van Duyne
WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM) Darcy Hearn
WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM infants) Brenda Olmsted
WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM toddlers thru 3 yrs.) Leah Wiersma
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Kristin Bay & Paula Saldamando
COMMUNION PREP Barbara Makowski
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Benni Tulloch

NEXT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 14

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM) Terry & Judy Fosbery
USHERS/GREETERS (10:30 AM) TBD
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) Julie Thompson
WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Aimee Uzzi
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus
COMMUNION PREP Carolyn Duncan
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Lori Vander Ark

**JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS – Hymn #264*

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Isaiah 29:13-14*

And the Lord said: Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden.

All: O Lord, forgive us our failure to keep your commandments.

We confess that we often cleanse the outside of our lives, yet do nothing about the inside of our hearts. Outside we look righteous, moral and upright, yet inside we are filled with anger, lust, greed and idolatry. Outwardly we go to church, give money and read your Word, yet inwardly we neglect justice, purity, love, encouraging speech and mercy. Lord, we should have done the latter without neglecting the others. We have thrust ourselves into the best positions, because we thought we deserved them, yet the truth is we are unworthy of any blessing. Have mercy on us for being like the Pharisees. May you cleanse us—all of us and all of who we are—from the inside out. (*Adapted from Luke 11:37-52*)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Joel 2:12-13*

"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

**BE THOU MY VISION – Hymn #642*

PRAYER, OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

Diaconal Offering today: Please use the Special Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.

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)

WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN – Hymn #132 vs. 1,2,4

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

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

Sermon Title: *Blinded by the Light*

Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

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

***THOU LOVELY SOURCE OF TRUE DELIGHT**

Thou lovely source of true delight whom I unseen adore;
unveil thy beauties to my sight that I might love thee more,
Oh that I might love thee more.

Thy glory o'er creation shines but in thy sacred word
I read, in fairer, brighter lines, my bleeding dying Lord,
see my bleeding, dying Lord.

'Tis here, whene'er my comforts droop and sin and sorrow rise,
thy love with cheering beams of hope my fainting heart supplies,
Oh, my fainting heart's supplied.

But ah! too soon the pleasing scene is clouded o'er with pain.
My gloomy fears rise dark between and I again complain,
Oh, and I again complain.

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light, Oh come with blissful ray;
break radiant through the shades of night and chase my fears away,
won't you chase my fears away.

Then shall my soul with rapture trace the wonders of thy love;
but the full glories of thy face are only known above,
they are only known above.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Leader: It is indeed good, right, and our delight that we should at all times
and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father,
Almighty, Everlasting God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 the all the students
and leaders to see growth in the gospel.

DIACONAL OFFERING: This morning we share in worshipping through our diaconal
offering for those needing assistance in our church and community. Please use the Special
Offering envelopes located in the pew racks.

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES: Worship service times change today, Sept. 7, to 8:30
and 11:15 a.m. as Sunday School for all ages begins this morning at 10:15 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS TODAY: Sunday School starts today 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: New directory pictures will be taken Sundays in
September. If you requested a new photo, you will be contacted during the fellowship
coffee time to have your picture taken after the first service. You may also stop by the
church office Tuesdays to Thursdays 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

MUSIC MINISTRY MEETING: There will be a meeting TODAY for all those
involved in the music ministry, including singers, musicians and those who run sound,
immediately after the service in the fellowship hall with pizza lunch provided.

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).

SMALL GROUPS BEGIN: Existing small groups will begin meeting this week. New
small groups will start soon. Small group leaders will contact those in their group about
meeting times. If you would like to be added to a group, contact the church office at 752-
2400.

ELIZABETH WOMEN'S GROUP begins our fall schedule on Tuesday, 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.

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 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 TODAY!**

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. What gives Paul boldness to keep preaching the gospel? (cf 2 Cor. 3:12)
2. How does Paul's statement about people being "veiled" help defend the gospel he proclaims?
3. What are ways people can use manipulation in presenting the gospel?
4. Consider: *"Conversion and transformation are brought about not by putting two and two together and making a right decision, but by an encounter with the living God. Men and women are created anew when they come face to face with the presence of God's Spirit"* — Scott Haffman
5. Paul does not pit God against Satan as if they were equals. How are we to understand the power to God to bring light into darkened hearts? How might you answer someone who is offended by God's sovereignty in salvation?
6. In what way does Paul's own conversion demonstrate the very thing he is talking about here?
7. How are we encouraged by the gospel to join in this proclamation of the gospel?

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.

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

***WHOM SHALL I FEAR (GOD OF ANGEL ARMIES)**

You hear me when I call, you are my morning song.
Though darkness fills the night it cannot hide the light.
Whom shall I fear? You crush the enemy underneath my feet.
You are my sword and shield though troubles linger still.
Whom shall I fear?

(Chorus)

*I know who goes before me; I know who stands behind;
the God of angel armies is always by my side.
The one who reigns forever; he is a friend of mine;
the God of angel armies is always by my side.*

My strength is in your name for you alone can save.

You will deliver me, yours is the victory.

Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

And nothing formed against me shall stand.

You hold the whole world in your hands.

I'm holding on to your promises; you are faithful, you are faithful.

You are faithful.

(Chorus 2x)

the God of angel armies is always by my side.

***BENEDICTION**

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SERMON OUTLINE

September 7, 2014

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

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

Sermon Title: *Blinded by the Light*

I. Received by Mercy

II. Veiled by Darkness

III. Enlightened by God

SERMON TEXT

2 Corinthians 4:1-6 (ESV)

¹ Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ² But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.