

## 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*

**November 23, 2014**

*“Your glory, O Israel, is slain on your high places!  
How the mighty have fallen!”  
2 Samuel 1:19*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### ***His Calling and Our Praise***

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 47:6-9**

Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

**All: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!  
God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**

Leader: The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

**All: For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!**

**\*CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS – Hymn #295**

**\*ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS’ NAME – Hymn #296 vs. 1, 3, 5, 6**

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

*(\*Indicates when to stand)*

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

**\*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)*

**His Renewal and Our Hope**

**COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN**

**SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: Proverbs 1:8-10**

Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck. My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.

**All: Most merciful father, we acknowledge and confess that we are prone to evil and are lazy in doing good. All our shortcomings and offences are against you. We have sinned by wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts and forgetting your love. O Lord, have pity on us. Teach us to hate our sins. Cleanse us from our secret faults. Do not cast us out, but forgive all our sins on account of your dear Son, our Savior.**

**SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

**DECLARATION OF GRACE: John 6:37-39**

Jesus said: 'All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.'

**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
- 4:00 p.m. – Thanks Dinner

**THIS WEEK**

- Tuesday – Leadership Training Class, 7:00 p.m. at the church
- Wednesday – Men's Fraternity Study, 6:00-7:30 a.m., at the church
- Thursday – Happy Thanksgiving!
- Saturday – Hanging of the Greens, 10:00 a.m. at the church

**LOOKING AHEAD**

- Tuesdays – Music practice, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays – Men's Fraternity Study, 6:00-7:30 a.m., at the church
- Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups 7:00 p.m. (Sept.-May)
- Weekly – Adult Small Groups (Sept.-May)
- 1st Sundays – Diaconal Offering
- 1st Tuesdays – 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, December 2 – Trustees' Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the church
  - Tuesday, December 2 – Leadership Training Class, 7:00 p.m. at the church
  - Sunday, December 7 – Ladies' Christmas Cookie Exchange, 2 p.m. at Piersons' home
  - Tuesday, December 9 – Elizabeth Women's Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross' home
  - Tuesday, December 9 – Leadership Training Class, 7:00 p.m. at the church
  - Thursday, Dec. 11 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m., Central Christian Church
  - Tuesday, December 16 – Elders/Deacon's meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
  - Tuesday, December 23 – Elizabeth Women's Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross' home

**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](mailto:office@faithcov.com).*

**NOVEMBER**

DEACON OF THE MONTH .....Buford Bennett  
 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)..... Fosberys  
 USHERS/GREETERS (11:15 AM)..... Ken & Terri Millers  
 CHILDREN’S CHURCH (11:15 AM service only)..... Sharon Salyer  
 WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM) ..... Darcy Hearn  
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants)..... Brenda Olmsted  
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3 yrs.) ..... Tricia Carlson  
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Paula Saldamondo & Sharon Thompson  
 COMMUNION PREP..... Christy Heath  
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Donelle Holderbaum

**NEXT SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 30**

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM)..... Fosberys  
 USHERS/GREETERS (11:15 AM)..... Ken & Terri Miller  
 CHILDREN’S CHURCH (11:15 AM service only)..... Sharon Salyer  
 WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM) ..... Darcy Hearn  
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants)..... Chelcie Miller  
 WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) ..... Aimee Uzzi  
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Kelly Brown & Kristin Bay  
 COMMUNION PREP..... Carol Martin  
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Jeanie Brenneman

**\*PSALM 23**

The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want. He makes me lie in pastures green.  
 He leads me by the still, still waters. His goodness restores my soul.

*(Chorus)*

*And I will trust in you alone, and I will trust in you alone;  
 for your endless mercy follows me, your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness, and he anoints my head with oil;  
 and my cup, it overflows with joy, I feast on his pure delights.

*(Chorus)*

And though I walk the darkest path, I will not fear the evil one;  
 for you are with me, and your rod and staff are the comfort I need to know.

*(Chorus 2x)*

**INSTALLATION OF PASTOR AARON SCOTT**

**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)*

**OUR GREAT GOD**

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown  
 Your boundless love unfailing, in grace and mercy shown  
 Bright seraphim in endless flight around your glorious throne  
 They raise their voices day and night in praise to you alone.

*(Chorus)*

*Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God! (x2)*

Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm  
 Surround us with your angels, hold us in your arms  
 Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm  
 Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our Sovereign God.

*(Chorus)*

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird  
 Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth  
 Let all the moon and all the stars in all the universe  
 Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by his word

*(Chorus x2)*

**\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

***His Word and Our Response***

**Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.**  
**Sermon Series: David - The Early Years**  
**Sermon Title: *Honoring the Dishonorable***  
**Sermon Text: 2 Samuel 1:17-27**  
*(See pages 6-8 for sermon outline and text)*

**\*THERE IS A REDEEMER**

There is a Redeemer – Jesus, God’s own son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

*(Chorus)*

*Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.

*(Chorus)*

When I stand in glory, I will see his face;  
there I’ll serve my King forever in that holy place.

*(Chorus 2x)*

**\*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.

**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)*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** Faith Church, Kalispell,  
Pastor Steve Snipstead

**MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Pray for Harold Mills in  
Oaxaca, Mexico. His family recently moved so pray for good housing, more supporters  
and a fruitful ministry in a new area.



**YOU ARE ALL INVITED** to our **ANNUAL THANKS DINNER**  
on **TODAY** at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our Thanksgiving  
Dinner is served family-style, and it’s always a great time of  
fellowship and thanksgiving for all God has provided for us. We’d  
love to have everyone join us. Thanks to all of those who are  
contributing your food and efforts to the meal!

**HANGING OF THE GREENS:** Kick off Christmas by decorating the church for the  
holidays Saturday, Nov. 29, at 10 a.m. The more the merrier so plan on pitching in to  
transform the sanctuary for the holidays!

**NEW DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE:** Pick up your new church directory in the  
fellowship hall today! Please take two per family. Contact the office at [office@faithcov.com](mailto:office@faithcov.com)  
with corrections for future printings.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** Many hands make light work ... and a few more  
hands would help contribute to services here at Faith Covenant. Please consider helping  
with the coffee hour, nursery, fellowship activities, or communion preparation, and sign  
up in the foyer. If you are already on a volunteer schedule, you don’t need to sign up  
again.

**LADIES CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE:** Ladies, mark your calendars for a  
Christmas Cookie Exchange Sunday, December 7, at 2 p.m. at Laura Pierson’s home (30  
Chip Court). Bring two dozen cookies to exchange and a silver elephant gift (a gift item  
for \$5 or less that you would want to receive). We will also be collecting donations of  
any amount to help out the women of the Refuge with emergency needs such as auto fuel.  
*However, cookies and donations are optional - you are welcome to just bring yourself for  
Christmas fellowship!* (adults only - no childcare provided)

**MADAGASCAR SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING REMINDER:** Sunday School  
students from preschool to high school are reminded to contribute to Clarisse and Andry’s  
schooling in Madagascar. We have committed to contributing \$100/month. Put offerings  
in cans in Sunday School rooms or a designated offering envelope during the service.

**GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU NOVEMBER 16:**  
Targeted Budget = \$265,296.15; Offerings received = \$266,008.46

**THANKS DINNER OFFERING:** An offering will be taken at the Thanks Dinner  
TODAY for Neighbors in Need and for the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund. Neighbors in  
Need is a coalition of local churches that work to aid those in need in our community.  
The PCA Ministerial Relief Fund supports widows of PCA pastors and missionaries and  
disabled pastors. Consider how you can contribute to these worthy causes this holiday  
season.

*Questions and thoughts for discussion:*

1. Consider: “Where loss is not grieved, there are barriers to newness.” In a society where we want people to “move on” and “get passed it” in a very short period of time, how might doing this too quickly stunt the process of grief?
2. In what way does David display Christ’s command of turning the other cheek or blessing your enemies? How does this challenge you personally?
3. The Book of Lamentation is the most formally crafted book in the Bible. It is deeply emotional and passionate along with following a highly stylized form. This form is not a hinderance to true emotion but allows personal expression to strike deeper. How might the creation of a lament in an artistic form be of great benefit for those struggling with grief?
4. David does not see the death of Saul as a moment for rejoicing over an enemy, but as a lament for the nation of Israel for the loss they have suffered. He leads Israel in mourning a real loss to their nation as they struggle with a terrible defeat. He seeks to honor Saul in his role as King of Israel. How does this challenge your own remarks about those in leadership in our country?
5. Where is the Lord calling you to display honor and respect to someone you find dishonorable? Notice that David had to do this from a safe distance from Saul.
6. In what way does being a recipient of God’s grace in Christ allow us to speak better of someone than he or she was? How does following Jesus bring you to love your enemies?
7. For a reference: *Bold Love* by Dan Allender and Tremper Longman. Ch 10: “Loving an Evil Person;” Ch 11: “Loving a Fool”

**PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION**

*\*LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL – Hymn #580*

**\*BENEDICTION**

*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**

**November 23, 2014**

**Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson**

**Sermon Series: David - The Early Years**

**Sermon Title: *Honoring the Dishonorable***

**I. Lessons from Lament**

**II. Loving the Unlovely**

**SERMON TEXT**

**2 Samuel 1:17-27 (ESV)**

**17 And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and Jonathan his son, <sup>18</sup> and he said it should be taught to the people of Judah; behold, it is written in the Book of Jashar. He said:**

**<sup>19</sup> “Your glory, O Israel, is slain on your high places!  
How the mighty have fallen!**

**<sup>20</sup> Tell it not in Gath,  
publish it not in the streets of Ashkelon, lest the daughters of  
the Philistines rejoice,  
lest the daughters of the uncircumcised exult.**

**<sup>21</sup> “You mountains of Gilboa,  
let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor fields of offerings!  
For there the shield of the mighty was defiled,  
the shield of Saul, not anointed with oil.**

**<sup>22</sup> “From the blood of the slain,  
from the fat of the mighty,  
the bow of Jonathan turned not back,  
and the sword of Saul returned not empty.**

**<sup>23</sup> “Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely!  
In life and in death they were not divided;  
they were swifter than eagles;  
they were stronger than lions.**

**<sup>24</sup> “You daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,  
who clothed you luxuriously in scarlet,  
who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.**

**<sup>25</sup> “How the mighty have fallen  
in the midst of the battle!  
“Jonathan lies slain on your high places.**

**<sup>26</sup> I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan;  
very pleasant have you been to me;  
your love to me was extraordinary,  
surpassing the love of women.**

**<sup>27</sup> “How the mighty have fallen,  
and the weapons of war perished!”**