

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

February 1, 2015

*“And they were all amazed and said to one another,
“What is this word? For with authority and power he commands
the unclean spirits, and they come out!”
Luke 4:36*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *1 Chronicles 16:12-23*

Leader: Remember the wondrous works that the Lord our God has done,
his miracles and the judgments he uttered.

All: He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

Leader: Remember his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for
a thousand generations, the covenant that he made with Abraham,
his sworn promise to Isaac.

**All: Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day
to day.**

***ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING** – *Hymn #115 vs. 1-3, 5*

***MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS** – *Hymn #521*

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

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

*SCRIPTURE OF PRAISE: *Psalms 36:5-7*

All: Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep. O LORD, how priceless is your unfailing love!

****TO THEE I COME***

To Thee I come a sinner poor, and wait for mercy at Thy door
Indeed I've nowhere else to flee, O God be merciful to me
To Thee I come a sinner weak, and scarce know how to pray or speak
From fear and weakness set me free, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner vile, upon me Lord vouchsafe to smile
Mercy through blood I make my plea, O God be merciful to me
To Thee I come a sinner great, and well Thou knowest all my state
Yet full forgiveness is with Thee, O God be merciful to me

To Thee I come a sinner lost, nor have I aught wherein to trust
But where Thou art Lord I would be, O God be merciful to me
To glory bring me Lord at last, and there when all my sins are past
With all the saints I'll then agree, *God was merciful to me*

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Titus 3:1-2*

Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.

All: Holy and righteous Father, I confess that you alone are good.

Forgive me, O Lord, for speaking evil against those you have placed in authority over me; while I may have shown outward obedience, my heart has often been in rebellion against them. I have not been ready for every good work, nor have I avoided quarrels, but at times I have even delighted in them. Forgive me for not being gentle and kind. Lord, I was once foolish, disobedient, led astray, a slave to various passions and pleasures, passing my days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating in return; but because of Jesus, I no longer have to live like that. Father, please make me more like him in every way. (*Adapted from Titus 3:1-3*)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

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 – Leadership Class, 7:00 p.m. at the church
- Trustees Meeting, 6:30 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 at the church
- Junior High Youth Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the church

LOOKING AHEAD

- Tuesdays – Music practice, 5:30 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, February 10 – Elizabeth Women's Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross' home
 - Tuesday, February 10 – Leadership Class, 7:00 p.m. at the church
 - Tuesday, February 17 – Elders/Deacons' meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
 - Saturday, February 21 – Women's Bible Study, 10:30-12, at the church
 - Tuesday, February 24 – Elizabeth Women's Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross' home
 - Tuesday, February 24 – Leadership Class, 7:00 p.m. at the church
 - Friday-Sat., March 6-7 – Women's Retreat, details TBA

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.

FEBRUARY

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

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM) Jevon & Aaron Clark
USHERS/GREETERS (11:15 AM) Scott & Sue Richardson
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11:15 AM service only) Sharon Salyer
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM infants) Motleys
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Hearn
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants) Jentz
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Andersons
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Joanie Eisentraut & Barbara Makowsk
COMMUNION PREP Carolyn Duncan
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Hanni Hanson

NEXT SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 8

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM) Jevon & Aaron Clark
USHERS/GREETERS (11:15 AM) Scott & Sue Richardson
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11:15 AM service only) Sharon Salyer
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM infants) Hearn
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Bennetts
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants) Waldron/A. Pierson
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Brown/Hernandez
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Tamie Jentz & Terri Miller
COMMUNION PREP Barbara Makowski
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Yvonne Hernandez

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Titus 3:4-7*

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

**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.
(Musical Interlude)

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.

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.
11:15 a.m. Service: Children ages 4-6 are excused for Children's Church
(held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall)*

BY THY MERCY

Jesus, Lord of life and glory, bend from heaven thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore thee, friend of helpless sinners, hear:
From the depth of nature's blindness, from the hardening power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness, from the pride that lurks within,

(Chorus)

*By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.*

When temptation sorely presses, in the day of Satan's power,
In our times of deep distresses, in each dark and trying hour.
When the world around is smiling, in the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling, in the day of health and peace.

(Chorus)

In the weary hours of sickness, in the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness, when all human help is vain.
In the solemn hour of dying, in the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on thee relying, find thee still our Rock and Stay.

(Chorus 2x)

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson
Sermon Series: Facing Jerusalem - Luke
Sermon Title: *The Authority of Jesus*
Sermon Text: Luke 4:31-41

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

***REVELATION SONG**

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; holy, holy is he.
Sing a new song to him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.

(Repeat)

(Chorus)

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.*

*With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
you are my ev'rything and I will adore you.*

(song continued on next page)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for Joe and Kelly Swenson, Trent and Becky Neumann, and Yvonne Hernandez as they leave this weekend for Turkey. Pray also for Garrett and Sarah Morrison with 100 Fold Studio Architects, YWAM Youth With A Mission, who are involved in the design for the expansion of a Christian university in this second largest city of Cambodia.

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.

MISSION PRAYER CALENDAR CARD: Did you get your mission prayer calendar? Check out the new calendar of missionaries (and their contact information) supported by Faith Covenant. You can get your copy from the ushers or in the fellowship hall.

FOOD, FUN, and FELLOWSHIP DINNERS! We invite YOU to sign up to have a monthly dinner with 7-9 other individuals from our church family. You will meet once a month, March thru May, and share a meal with a different group of people each month (couples stay together). A host will be assigned for each month to host in their home (or another location of their choice). This is an opportunity to get to know more about many people and to be blessed by meeting together. ***Sign up by February 8 in the foyer!***

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 TODAY, Feb. 1, following the second service for four weeks. Lunch will be provided.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY - JOY: Ladies, join us for another Bible study journey using spiritual disciplines to explore the concept of joy as the quiet and confident assurance of God's sovereignty. The study will meet monthly (January-May). The next class will be Saturday, Feb. 21, from 10:30-noon at the church. Sign up in the fellowship hall and contact Chany Ockert with questions (260-3221).

LEADERSHIP CLASS: Leadership class will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 7 p.m. at the church to study *Spiritual Leadership* by J. Oswald Sanders.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE: If you are looking for an opportunity to become involved in the various ministries of Faith Covenant Church, you can sign up at the tables in the foyer. If you are currently serving in a ministry, you will stay on the list unless you tell us otherwise. There are many areas where we could use your help! Contact the church office at 752-2400 if you have questions.

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU JANUARY 18:
Proposed Targeted Budget = \$19,240.04; Offerings received = \$21,335.82

COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on **Thursday, February 12 at Central Christian Church**. If you have questions, contact Joyce Schmutz.

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

- 1. The amazement about Jesus centers on his the authority of his teaching and words. How is that consistent with his healing and relief from demonic oppression?**
- 2. Luke is a physician (Col 4:14) who would have known about diseases. The Greek physician Hippocrates did not consider epilepsy a disease caused by spirits. Why do some today want to equate all demonic possession in the Bible as misunderstood medical conditions?**
- 3. In Acts 10:38-42, Peter gives an excellent summary of the life and ministry of Jesus. Is this what is emphasized by Christians today when they speak of Jesus' ministry?**
- 4. The miracles of Jesus confirmed his message that in him, the power of God's kingdom was breaking into human history. Diseases and demons are part of the fallen world that Jesus came to overcome. How have things been different from the time of Jesus till now?**
- 5. What is meant by the term "messianic secret"?**
- 6. Looking at Mat 12:29 and Luke 11:21, it is clear that Jesus has come to plunder Satan's house. Could it be possible that the world in which we live today has been significantly altered because of this?**
- 7. One can either over or under emphasize demonic activity. How does keeping the gospel central help us to avoid either of these extremes?**

***REVELATION SONG, continued**

Clothed in rainbows of living color, flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder; blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to you, the only wise King.

(Chorus)

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.*

*With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
you are my ev'rything and I will adore you.*

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder at the mention of your name.
Jesus, your name is power, breath and living water, such a marv'lous mystery!

(Chorus 2x)

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

***IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL** – Hymn #691

***BENEDICTION**

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

**Worship
Outreach
Relationship
Discipleship**

SERMON OUTLINE

February 1, 2015

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Sermon Series: Facing Jerusalem - Luke
Sermon Title: *The Authority of Jesus*

I. Jesus' authority over the demonic

II. Jesus' authority over disease

III. The Church's ministry today

SERMON TEXT

Luke 4:31-41 (ESV)

³¹ And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, ³² and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. ³³ And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴ "Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are--the Holy One of God." ³⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. ³⁶ And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!" ³⁷ And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

³⁸ And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. ³⁹ And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

⁴⁰ Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹ And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.