

## 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*

**March 1, 2015**

*“And Jesus said to them,  
“I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm,  
to save life or to destroy it?”  
Luke 6:9*

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

*Psalm 9:7-11 (Responsive reading) – Hymnal page 787*

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!** – Hymn #100

**\*JESUS SHALL REIGN** – Hymn # 441

**\*SCRIPTURE OF PRAISE:** *Lamentations 3:22-24*

**All: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. The LORD is my portion, therefore I will hope in him.**

*(\*Indicates when to stand)*

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

**\*WONDERFUL MERCIFUL SAVIOR**

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and friend.  
Who would have thought that a lamb could rescue the souls of men;  
Oh, you rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, comforter, keeper; spirit we long to embrace.  
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way;  
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

*(Chorus)*

*You are the one that we praise. You are the one we adore.  
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for;  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Almighty, infinite Father faithfully loving your own.  
Here in our weakness you find us falling before your throne;  
Oh, we're falling before your throne.  
*(Chorus 2x)*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION:** *Acts 3:19-20*

Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus.

**All: Gracious Father, we confess that we have desired too much for the comforts of the world, that we have loved the gifts more than the Giver. In your mercy, help us to see that we strive after shadows, but that you are the substance. We ask that you would blot out our sins; that you would receive Christ's worthiness for our unworthiness; his righteousness for our dead works, his glory for our shame. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN**

**DECLARATION OF GRACE:** *Acts 4:11-12*

This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

**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
- 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
- Friday-Sat. – Women's Retreat: Grace Liberates, 5 p.m. arrival, Flathead Lake

**LOOKING AHEAD**

- Tuesdays – Music practice, 5:30 p.m. & 7:00 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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- Sunday, March 8 – SPRING AHEAD - change clocks for Daylight Savings Time
  - Sunday, March 8 – Spring Quarter Sunday School classes start for adults
  - Tuesday, March 10 – Elizabeth Women's Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross' home
  - Thursday, March 12 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church
  - Sunday, March 15 – St. Patrick's Day Potato Potluck, 12:30 p.m., fellowship hall
  - Tuesday, March 17 – Elders/Deacons' meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
  - Saturday, March 21 – Women's Bible Study, 10:30-12, at the church
  - Tuesday, March 24 – 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).*

### MARCH

DEACON OF THE MONTH ..... Buford Bennett  
NURSERY COORDINATOR..... Darcy Hearn  
*Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 270-8933.*

### TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM)..... Doug & Jeri Brown  
USHERS/GREETERS (11:15 AM)..... Sandy & Gloria Johnson  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11:15 AM service only)..... Tamie Jentz & Annie Hill  
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM infants) ..... Uzzis  
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Hearns  
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants)..... Turners  
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Paolinis  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Audrey Goodell & Eileen Pierson  
COMMUNION PREP..... Fenners  
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Mark Rice

### NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 8

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM)..... Doug & Jeri Brown  
USHERS/GREETERS (11:15 AM)..... Sandy & Gloria Johnson  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11:15 AM service only)..... Tamie Jentz & Annie Hill  
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM infants) ..... Hearns  
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Russells  
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants)..... H. Hanson  
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Lancasters  
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Amy Bennett & Cathy Hanson  
COMMUNION PREP..... Barb Makowski  
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP ..... Benni Tulloch

### **\*OUR GREAT GOD**

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown  
Your boundless love unending, 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!  
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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)*

### **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)*

### **SING TO JESUS**

Come and see, look on this mystery  
The Lord of the universe, nailed to a tree  
Christ our God, spilling His holy blood  
Bowing in anguish, His sacred head

Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame  
Lord of our sinful hearts, He is our great redeemer  
Sing to Jesus, honor His name  
Sing of His faithfulness, pouring his life out unto death

Come, you weary, and He will give you rest  
Come you who mourn, lay on his breast  
Christ who died, risen in paradise  
Giver of mercy, giver of life

*(song continued on next page)*

***SING TO JESUS, continued***

Sing to Jesus, His is the throne  
Now and forever, He is the King of Heaven  
Sing to Jesus, we are His own  
Now and forever, sing for the love, our God has shown

Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame  
Lord of our sinful hearts  
He is our great redeemer  
Sing to Jesus, honor His name

Sing to Jesus, His is the throne  
Now and forever, He is the King of Heaven  
Sing to Jesus, we are His own  
Now and forever, sing for the love our God has shown

**SERMON – Lord of the Sabbath – *Luke 5:33–6:11***

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

***\*WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS***

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:** First Church of the Nazarene, Kalispell, Pastor Ed Koteskey

**MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:** Pray for Matt & Becky Allhands, and their two young children, who serve at Cascade Presbyterian Church and Christ for the Campus University of Oregon student outreach in Eugene, Oregon.

**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.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME - SPRING AHEAD MARCH 8!** Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour for next Sunday morning, March 8.

**LADIES — IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL RETREAT!** Join us March 6-7 for "Grace Liberates" and see how God's grace liberates your identity ... your relationships ... and your life! **PLEASE REGISTER ASAP** - full retreat is \$30/person at the Thompson home on Flathead Lake. Contact the church office for more information (752-2400).

**SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:** New spring quarter Sunday School classes for adults start Sunday, March 8. Pastor Aaron Scott will teach a class on the Seven Deadly Sins, and Marty Mullins will teach a class for women entitled "Heroines of the Faith: Learning from Godly Women Through the Ages."

**BAKED POTATO POTLUCK:** Join us for a St. Patrick's Day Potato Potluck Sunday, March 15. The fellowship committee will provide the baked potatoes and salad — you bring the toppings and dessert! Sign up in the foyer.

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

**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, March 21, from 10:30-noon at the church. You are welcome to join in at any meeting - contact Chany Ockert with questions (260-3221).

**GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU FEBRUARY 15:**  
Targeted Budget = \$44,893.42; Offerings received = \$44,065.86

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

*Questions and thoughts for discussion:*

- 1. In responding to the question of fasting, Jesus says that his current ministry is to be marked by joy. When you read the gospels, do you sense this joy? If not, what might that say about your understanding of Jesus' ministry?**
- 2. How does Jesus' example of David answer the Pharisee's objection?**
- 3. The Jewish people at this time had created a complex sets of rules and regulations on keeping the Sabbath that went far beyond Scripture. Adding to what the Lord says or taking away from what the Lord says, even for seemingly noble reasons, can lead us down a very dangerous path. What are some evangelical "good ideas" that have become like the Pharisees' extra-Sabbath rules?**
- 4. Jesus did not come to abolish the Sabbath. How have many people misused Jesus teaching on the Sabbath to simply justify doing what they want?**
- 5. This is the second time Luke uses "the Son of Man" (Lk 5:24, 6:5) How do these two usages continue to build on answering the question "who is Jesus"?**
- 6. Looking at these three different conflicts, what do you see about the nature of who Jesus is and what he came to do as a great encouragement for you right now?**

**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**

**\*ABIDE WITH ME**

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

You on my head, in early youth did smile;  
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,  
You did not leave me, as often I left Thee.  
On to the end Lord, abide with me.

I need Your presence, every passing hour.  
What but Your grace, can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Yourself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with You at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness  
Where is your sting death? Where grave your victory?  
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold up your cross Lord, before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's chains are freed;  
*In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

## SERMON OUTLINE

March 1, 2015

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.  
Sermon Series: Facing Jerusalem - Luke  
Sermon Title: *Lord of the Sabbath*

### I. Why don't you fast like us?

- I bring joy and newness

### II. Why don't you keep the Sabbath like us?

- I am the Lord of the Sabbath

### III. Why don't you minister in a way that doesn't offend us?

- I am here to do good.

## SERMON TEXT

Luke 5:33-6:11 (ESV)

5:33 And they said to him, “The disciples of John fast often and offer prayers, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours eat and drink.”<sup>34</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Can you make wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them?<sup>35</sup> The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days.”<sup>36</sup> He also told them a parable: “No one tears a piece from a new garment and puts it on an old garment. If he does, he will tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old.<sup>37</sup> And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed.<sup>38</sup> But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins.<sup>39</sup> And no one after drinking old wine desires new, for he says, ‘The old is good.’”

6:1 On a Sabbath, while he was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked and ate some heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands.<sup>2</sup> But some of the Pharisees said, “Why are you doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath?”<sup>3</sup> And Jesus answered them, “Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him:<sup>4</sup> how he entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those with him?”<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, “The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.”

<sup>6</sup> On another Sabbath, he entered the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was withered.<sup>7</sup> And the scribes and the Pharisees watched him, to see whether he would heal on the Sabbath, so that they might find a reason to accuse him.<sup>8</sup> But he knew their thoughts, and he said to the man with the withered hand, “Come and stand here.” And he rose and stood there.<sup>9</sup> And Jesus said to them, “I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to destroy it?”<sup>10</sup> And after looking around at them all he said to him, “Stretch out your hand.” And he did so, and his hand was restored.