

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 8, 2015

*“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.”
Luke 6:20*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY: *The Gideons*

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 18*

Leader: I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised.

All: For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?

Leader: The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation.

All: I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations, and sing to your name.

***IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE** – *Hymn #38*

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

*GLORY BE/AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world;
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us.

(Repeat)

(Chorus)

Glory be to the Father, Amen.

Glory be to the Son, Amen.

Glory be to the Spirit, Amen, Amen.

Son of God, set me free from all that I own;

Son of God, capture me and make me your own;

have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us (*Alleluia*), have mercy on us.

(Chorus 2x)

CALL TO CONFESSION

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalm 51:5-6, 16-17*

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart... For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

All: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. (*Psalm 51:1-4, 10*)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Psalm 23:1-4*

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

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
- Thursday – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church

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 Quarter Sunday School classes start for adults
 - Tuesday, March 10 – Elizabeth Women's Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross' home
 - Tuesday, March 10 – Leadership Class, 7:00 p.m. at the church
 - 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
 - Tuesday, March 24 – Leadership Class, 7:00 p.m. at the church
 - Friday, April 3 – Good Friday Service, 7:00 p.m. at the church
 - Sunday, April 5 – No Sunday school
 - EASTER SUNDAY:
8:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast
11:15 a.m. Worship Service

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.

MARCH

DEACON OF THE MONTHBuford 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)Hearns
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs).....Russells
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants).....Hanni Hanson
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs).....Lancasters
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS.....Marlo Lancaster & Cathy Hanson
COMMUNION PREP.....Barbara Makowski
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP.....Benni Tulloch

NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 15

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM).....Doug & Jeri Brown
USHERS/GREETERS (11:15 AM).....Sandy & Gloria Johnson
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11:15 AM service only).....Annalise Pierson & Taryn Iddings
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM infants)Motleys
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs).....Hearns
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants).....Jentzs
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs).....Andersons
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS.....Carolyn Duncan & Alyssa Hobus
COMMUNION PREP.....Dar Wassink
COMMUNION CLEAN-UPLori Vander Ark

**BEAUTIFUL LORD*

When the storm is raging all around me,
you are the peace that calms my troubled sea.
When the cares of this world darken my day,
you are the light that shines, and shows me the way.

Oh the beauty of your majesty,
on the cross you showed your love for me.

(Chorus)

Beautiful Lord, awesome and mighty,

I'm captured by this love I see.

Beautiful Lord, tender and holy,

your mercy brings me to my knees.

It's your mercy that has made me free, beautiful Lord.

When my sin is all that I can see,
your grace remains the shelter that I seek.
And when my weakness is all I can give,
your gentle Spirit gives me strength again.

Oh the beauty of your majesty,
on the cross you showed your love for me.

(Chorus 2x)

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

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 – A Dividing Message – *Luke 6:17-26*

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

****HOW DEEP THE FATHER’S LOVE FOR US***

How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure.
That he should give his only Son and make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns his face away;
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom.

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: The Dwelling Place, Kalispell,
Pastor Dan Sandler

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.

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 in the sanctuary and Marty Mullins will teach a class for women
entitled “Heroines of the Faith: Learning from Godly Women Through the Ages” in the
fellowship hall.

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 for items to bring in the foyer.

BAKING OPPORTUNITY: We will begin baking cookies, breads, etc. for fellowship
time in the near future. Right now we’re getting together a list of people willing to
assist us in baking goodies to be frozen for use by the fellowship hosts. A few specifics:
ingredients will be provided, can bake at home or at church on your own time schedule
or can get together as a group for a baking time at church. Contact Dar (249-6589 or
darwassink@gmail.com) to get on the list or for more details. Remember -- many hands
make light work. Looking forward to your help! ~The Fellowship Committee

LEADERSHIP CLASS: Leadership class will meet on Tuesday, March 10, at 7 p.m. at
the church to study *Spiritual Leadership* by J. Oswald Sanders.

EASTER LILIES CAN BE PURCHASED in honor or memory of your loved ones.
Your dedication will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Forms are available on the
table in the foyer for you to fill out and leave in the box provided or you may return them
to the church office along with \$10.00 (per lily), no later than Sunday, March 29. Lilies
will be displayed on Easter Sunday and you are welcome to take them home after the
worship service.

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 Oeckert with questions (260-3221).

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

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

- 1. What distinguishes the three different groups of people that are mentioned being with Jesus here? Consider here the importance of both receiving from and responding to Jesus.**
- 2. How does Jesus role as an itinerant minister help us in comparing and contrasting Luke and Matthew on this text?**
- 3. In what way does the Lord's judgment at the end allow Christ's disciples to love the unlovely now?**
- 4. How does the idea of joy permeate the blessings Jesus mentions? What enables Christ's disciples to look beyond their present circumstances?**
- 5. What are we to make of this "woe" section? (OT references: Deut 27:15-26; Isa 5:8-23; Is 30:1-2; Is 65:13-16; Amos 5:18; Amos 6:1; Hab 2:15-20)**
- 6. How does the woe section contrast the values of God's kingdom vs. the values of the world?**
- 7. How has this text challenged your commitment as a follower of Christ Jesus? In what way do you see his grace and mercy exemplified?**

***CORNERSTONE**

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

(Repeat)

(Chorus)

Christ alone, Cornerstone;

*weak made strong in the Savior's love;
through the storm he is Lord, Lord of all.*

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace.

In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil;

(Chorus)

When he shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

(Chorus 2x)

***BENEDICTION**

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

**Worship
Outreach
Relationship
Discipleship**

SERMON OUTLINE

March 8, 2015

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
Sermon Series: Facing Jerusalem - Luke
Sermon Title: *A Dividing Message*

I. Who are these people following Jesus?

II. How are they blessed?

III. How are they warned?

SERMON TEXT

Luke 6:17-26 (ESV)

¹⁷ And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

²⁰ And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³ Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.