

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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*When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him,
and turning to the crowd that followed him, said,
“I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.”
Luke 7:9*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *2 Samuel 22:47-50*

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

**All: the God who gave me vengeance and brought down peoples
under me, who brought me out from my enemies;**

Leader: You exalted me above those who rose against me; you delivered
me from men of violence.

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

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

***ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE**

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
the bleeding sacrifice, on my behalf appears.

Before the throne my surety stands,
before the throne my surety stands,
my name is written on his hands.

(Chorus)

*Arise, arise, arise. Arise, my soul, arise.
Arise, arise, arise. Arise, my soul, arise;
shake off your guilty fears and rise.*

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;
his all redeeming love, his precious blood, to plead;
his blood atoned for every race,
his blood atoned for every race,
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

(Chorus)

Five bleeding wounds he bears; received on Calvary;
they pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:

“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Don’t let that ransomed sinner die!”

(Chorus)

My God is reconciled; his pardoning voice I hear;
he owns me for his child; I can no longer fear.

With confidence I now draw nigh,
with confidence I now draw nigh,
and “Father, Abba, Father!” cry.

(Chorus)

***HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION - Hymn #94 vs. 1-4**

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***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.*

(song continued on next page)

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 – Elders/Deacons’ meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
Wednesday – Jr. High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. at the church
– Sr. High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. at the Neumanns’
Saturday – Baking Day, 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall
Saturday – Women’s Bible Study, 10:30-12, at the 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)

Tuesday, April 28 – Elizabeth Women’s Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross’ home
Friday, May 1-2 – Men’s Retreat, Bend Guard Station, details to come
Sunday, May 3 – Ladies’ SimpliciTea, 2 p.m. at the church
Tuesday, May 5 – Trustees Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the church
Monday, May 11-14 – Communicants’ Class, details TBA
Tuesday, May 12 – Elizabeth Women’s Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross’ home
Sunday, May 17 – Baby Shower for Rachel Hunter & Alyssa Hobus,
2 p.m. in the fellowship hall
Tuesday, May 19 – Elders/Deacons’ meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
Tuesday, May 26 – Elizabeth Women’s Group, noon, Jo Anne Ross’ home
June 22-26 – Vacation Bible School - Save the Date!

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

**Worship
Outreach
Relationship
Discipleship**

*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.*

APRIL

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

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM)..... Paul & Alyssa Hobus
USHERS/GREETERS (11:15 AM)..... Nick & Hanni Hanson
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)..... Putzler
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants)..... Turners
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Paolinis
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Joani Eisentraut & Amy Bennett
COMMUNION PREP..... Amy Bennett
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Diane Nugent

NEXT SUNDAY – APRIL 26

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM)..... Paul & Alyssa Hobus
USHERS/GREETERS (11:15 AM)..... Nick & Hanni Hanson
CHILDREN’S CHURCH (11:15 AM service only)..... Dar Wassink & Nilla Swenson
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM infants) Bennetts
First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Hearn
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM infants)..... Putzler
Second WORSHIP NURSERY (11:15 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Lancasters
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Sara Motley & Kelly Brown
COMMUNION PREP..... Carol Martin
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Theresa Paolini

***CORNERSTONE, continued**

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)

CALL TO CONFESSION

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: Matthew 5:17-19

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: “Blessed are the poor in spirit”–

All: but we have been rich in pride.

Leader: “Blessed are those who mourn”–

All: but we have not known much sorrow for our sin.

Leader: “Blessed are the meek”–

All: but we are a stubborn people.

Leader: “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness”–

All: but we are filled to the full with other things.

Leader: “Blessed are the merciful”–

All: but we are harsh and impatient.

Leader: “Blessed are the pure in heart”–

All: but we have impure hearts.

Leader: “Blessed are the peacemakers”–

All: but we have not sought reconciliation.

Leader: “Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness”–

All: but our lives do not challenge the world.

Leader: “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me”–

All: but we have hardly made it known that we are yours.

Leader: Your Law is holy and your benedictions are perfect but they are both too great for us.

All: We plead with you to forgive our sins and give us the blessing of your righteousness.

(adapted from Matthew 5:3-11)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Hebrews 9:15*

He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

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

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)*

ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
come to the fountain dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
in the waves of his mercy, as deep cries out to deep.

Come, Lord Jesus, come. (3x)

Lord we are thirsty, Lord we are weak,
so we come to your fountain; dip our hearts in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
in the waves of your mercy, as deep cries out to deep.

Come, Lord Jesus, come. (3x)

Holy Spirit, come. (3x)

SERMON – *Faith* – Luke 7:1-10

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

**WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS - Hymn #261*

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Glacier Church, Kalispell,
Pastor Jamie Wood

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for Jamie and Alissa Shattenberg (and children) as they minister in Mahajanga, Madagascar via several venues: World Ventures "Restoring Health, Forests, and Hope in Christ," the Sarobidy Maternity Center, Eden Reforestation Projects, Women's Artisan projects and sharing the heart of Christ with others.

SOUND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: There is an ongoing need for more help with running the sound board during the worship services. Volunteers serve for just one worship service on an as-needed basis. Please contact the office (752-2400), if interested.

USHER SCHEDULE: Ushers are needed for the next half of the year. Please sign up in the foyer for the month and service of your choice

BAKING DAY: There will be a baking day for fellowship time goodies on Saturday, April 25, at 9:30 a.m. Please let Dar (249-6589 or darwassink@gmail.com) know if you'll be there. Thank you to all who have come forward to say you'll help with baking! You are a sweet blessing! ~ The Fellowship Committee

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY - JOY: 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 next class will be Saturday, April 25, from 10:30-noon at the church. You are welcome to join any meeting - contact Chany Ockert with questions (260-3221).

MEN'S RETREAT MAY 1-2: *Men are invited to the Annual Men's Retreat* at the Bend Guard Station west of Kalispell on the Thompson River Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2. The retreat begins Friday afternoon/evening with dinner and ends Saturday afternoon. Bring a sleeping bag, pillow and personal items. Sign up in the foyer so they can plan for meals. Cost for food will be divided among those attending. Contact the office (752-2400) for more information.

LADIES' SIMPLICITEA MAY 3: Ladies of all ages are invited to tea on **Sunday, May 3**, at 2:00 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. **Please bring your own tea cup and saucer!** Please RSVP by signing up in the foyer.

COMMUNICANT'S CLASS MAY 11-14: If you are interested in your child attending a Communicant's Class this spring, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer. The class consists of four sessions May 11-14 at the church at 3:30-4:15 p.m.

VBS SAVE THE DATE - THE KING IS COMING! JUNE 22-26: Mark your calendars now for a great week of VBS June 22-26 from 6-8 p.m. As we begin to plan and prepare for sharing our joy in the King, please pray how you can be involved—many opportunities are available from teaching, music, prayer, snacks, crafts, recreation, food, drama and more ... and pray also for many children to come! Contact Joni Jenks at cascade.jenks@gmail.com or call/text 257-3560 to volunteer today!

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU APRIL 12:

Targeted Budget = \$96,200.19 ; Offerings received = \$96,238.90

Use this space for notes or draw a sketch from the sermon and show it to Pastor Scott after the service:

***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)

***BENEDICTION**

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.

SERMON OUTLINE
April 19, 2015
Sermon: Pastor Aaron Scott
Sermon Title: *Faith*

SERMON TEXT
Luke 7:1-10 (ESV)

I. What is faith?

II. How does faith transform us?

After he had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. ² Now a centurion had a servant who was sick and at the point of death, who was highly valued by him. ³ When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his servant. ⁴ And when they came to Jesus, they pleaded with him earnestly, saying, “He is worthy to have you do this for him, ⁵ for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue.” ⁶ And Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to him, “Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. ⁷ Therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. ⁸ For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” ⁹ When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, “I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.” ¹⁰ And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well.