

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

August 2, 2015

*“My heart says to you, ‘Your face, LORD, do I seek.’”
Psalm 27:8*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 118:26-29*

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

All: We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Leader: The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

All: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

***CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS - Hymn #295**

***COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING - Hymn #302**

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***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)

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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 2x)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Psalm 95:8-11*

Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways." Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."

All: O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame. To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God by walking in his ways, O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. (adapted from Daniel 9)

CALENDAR

TODAY

- 8:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
- 9:45 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship
- 10:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE

LOOKING AHEAD

- Tuesdays – Music practice, 5:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays – Men’s Fraternity Study, 6-7:30 a.m., at the church (Sept.-April)
- 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, Aug. 4 – Trustees Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the church
 - Sunday, Aug. 9 – Mission Meal, 11:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall
 - Thursday, Aug. 13 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church
 - Tuesday, Aug. 18 – Elder/Deacon Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
 - Friday-Monday, Sept. 4-7 – FCC Family Camp at Middle Thompson Lake
 - Sunday, Sept. 13 – Sunday School Resumes for all ages

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.

AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

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

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM).....Lloyd & Eileen Pierson
 USHERS/GREETERS (10:30 AM).....Nick & Hanni Hanson
 CHILDREN’S CHURCH (10:30 AM service only).....Niam Moody & Zephy Hanson
 First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM infants)..... Motleys
 First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Hearn
 Second WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM infants)..... Jentz
 Second WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Brown/Hernandez
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS Gloria Hanson & Joni Jenks
 COMMUNION PREP..... Eileen Pierson
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UPGloria Hanson

NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 9

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 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Ellen Rowe & Julie Thompson
 COMMUNION PREP..... Dar Wassink
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UPHanni Hanson

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Jeremiah 23:5-6*

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

*SCRIPTURAL CONFESSION: *Ephesians 2:8-10*

All: For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

*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.*

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)

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)

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM OF:

Asher Moss Olmsted

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.
 10:30 a.m. Service: Children ages 4-6 excused for Children’s Church (downstairs)*

OLD HYMNS/NEW HEARTS

When I was lost my guilty heart was leading me astray
I put my trust in idols that shall falter and decay.
While in the depths of my despair the sinless Savior died
And bore the wrath for all my sin as He was crucified.

(Chorus)

*Alleluia! He has loved us so abundantly,
Brought from death to life because my God has ransomed me!*

O what a gift so freely given and grace so undeserved,
That Jesus came from Heaven to earth to serve and not be served.
For all the wrong that I have done my Lord has paid the price
And reconciled me to His throne by Jesus' sacrifice.

(Chorus)

The power of our glorious God the grave could not contain,
Death is defeated, once for all, because He rose again!
Jesus you and you alone sustain me and suffice,
Alleluia! I'm forgiven and made alive with Christ.

(Chorus 2x)

SERMON – Deep Desires for God – Psalm 27

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

***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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Aletheia Church, Kalispell,
Pastor Scott Keller

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Pray for J & E, PCA missionaries who served Arab refugees for the past two years, and are now part of a pastoral plant team for the next two years in the US.

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 MEAL AUGUST 9: Join us for our last Mission Meal of the summer August 9 after the second service with J & E, PCA missionaries in the Middle East. RSVP by signing up in the foyer or contacting the office at office@faithcov.com



FCC FAMILY CAMP: Register now for FCC Family Camp Labor Day weekend Sept. 4-7, 2015. Plan to celebrate the end of summer with a weekend together at Middle Thompson Lake with your church family! Registration forms are available in the foyer or **register online at faithcov.com**. Lodging includes bunk rooms, tent or RV sites. Total cost is \$80/family or \$40/individual - payment due when you arrive. *Please register by Sunday, Aug. 16, to help with planning.*

COMMUNITY KITCHEN–FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next on **Thursday, August 13**, at **Central Christian Church**. If you have questions, contact Joyce Schmautz at 249-6370.

SALVATION ARMY SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS: The Salvation Army provided 400 backpacks of school supplies for needy children last year. Supplies are collected all summer and distributed August 24. If you can donate backpacks and/or school supplies of any kind, take them to the Salvation Army office at 110 Bountiful Dr., Kalispell.

ONLINE GIVING: You may now give your offerings through the church website at www.faitcov.com. Click on the “launch secure giving” button and follow the simple directions to set up an account. Contact the office (752-2400) if you have questions.

LOST AND FOUND: Check out the lost and found items on the table in the fellowship hall for anything that might belong to you. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

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.

Questions for Reflection & Discussion

- 1. Consider: “God is [our] highest good ...the enjoyment of God is the only happiness with which our souls can be satisfied...Fathers and mothers, husbands, wives, or children, or the company of earthly friends, are but shadows; but God is the substance. These are but scattered beams, but God is the sun.” — Jonathan Edwards**
- 2. Consider: “We can have no peace...until we are persuaded that our lives are sufficiently guarded, because they are protected by God’s omnipotent power.” — Calvin**
- 3. Consider: “Emotionalism is ever the most real, because the most subtle, enemy of evangelicalism.” And “Tears are a poor criterion for faith, being carried away in a meeting by eloquence or singing or excitement is not the same as committing oneself to Christ.” — Martin Lloyd Jones**
- 4. Which side of the donkey do you fall off of? Trusting your emotions too much or avoiding them? What challenge does the gospel bring to you in this? What hope?**
- 5. How might v-10 help us in talking to someone with a difficult upbringing?**
- 6. When people lose hope, they often refuse to desire anything so that they are not hurt again; yet David continues to desire after God. How does this challenge you in your faith to continue to desire?**
- 7. In what way can we be free from the tyranny of our emotions at the same time we rejoice in them? How does your walk with Christ enable this?**

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

***ON JORDAN’S STORMY BANKS I STAND**

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
to Canaan’s fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o’er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day.
There God, the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.

(Chorus)

*I am bound, I am bound,
I am bound for the Promised Land.*

(Repeat)

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
sickness, sorrow, pain, and death are felt and feared no more.

(Chorus)

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father’s face, and in his bosom rest?

(Chorus 2x)

***BENEDICTION**

SERMON OUTLINE

August 2, 2015

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Summer Psalms & Proverbs

Sermon Title: *Deep Desires for God*

I. The Truth of my God

A. Confidence in the Lord

B. Joy in his gift to me

II. A Cry from my Heart

A. I have been heard

B. I will confess

SERMON TEXT

Psalm 27:1-14 (ESV)

¹ Of David.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

² When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

⁴ One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

⁶ And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸ You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."

⁹ Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

¹⁰ For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

¹² Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

¹³ I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

¹⁴ Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!