

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 23, 2015

*“Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory.”
Psalm 115:1*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 149:1-2,4-5*

Leader: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

All: Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Leader: For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

All: Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds. Praise the LORD!

*(*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.*

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)

***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.

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.

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.

*Alleluia! He has loved us so abundantly,
Brought from death to life because my God has ransomed me! (x2)*

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)

Tuesday, Sept. 1 – Trustees Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Friday-Monday, Sept. 4-7 – FCC Family Camp at Middle Thompson Lake
Sunday, Sept. 6 – One Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. at the church
Sunday, Sept. 6 – Senior High Youth Group Kick Off at Family Camp
Tuesday, Sept. 8 – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross’ home
Thursday, Sept. 10 – Feed the Flathead, 5:30 p.m. at Central Christian Church
Saturday, Sept. 12 – Beth Moore Simulcast 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Easthaven
Sunday, Sept. 13 – Fall Worship Service Times begin at 8:15 & 11 a.m.
Sunday, Sept. 13 – Sunday School Resumes for all ages at 10 a.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 15 – Elder/Deacon Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
Wednesday, Sept. 16 – Sr. & Jr. High Youth Groups resume, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 22 – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross’ home
Tuesday, Sept. 22 – Men’s Fraternity Year One Begins, 6 a.m. at the church

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.

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)..... Carol Van Duyne & Maria Bay
 First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM infants)..... Hearn
 First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Neumanns
 Second WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM infants)..... Carlsons
 Second WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Buckners
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Judy Fosberry & Donelle Holderbaum
 COMMUNION PREP..... Barb Makowski
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Yvonne Hernandez

NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 30

USHERS/GREETERS (8:30 AM).....Lloyd & Eileen Pierson
 USHERS/GREETERS (10:30 AM).....Nick & Hanni Hanson
 CHILDREN'S CHURCH (10:30 AM service only)..... Sharon Salyer
 First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM infants) Uzzis
 First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Hearn
 Second WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM infants)..... H. Hanson
 Second WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs) Lancasters
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Glenda Quick & Tamie Jentz
 COMMUNION PREP..... Amy Bennett
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Diane Nugent

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

**A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD - Hymn #92*

***SCRIPTURE OF PRAISE:** *Psalm 13:5-6*

All: I trust in your steadfast love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *1 Peter 1:14-16*

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you are rich in mercy to all who call upon you; Hear us as we come humbly to you, confessing our sins and seeking your mercy. We have broken your holy laws, by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our sins committed against our families and our friends. Have mercy upon us, O most merciful Father, and of your great goodness, grant that we may hereafter walk in the newness of life provided to us through our Lord Jesus. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *1 Peter 2:24-25*

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

*GOD OF ALL SPLENDOR

God of all splendor, wonder and might;
 awesome creator, author of life;
 Master and Savior, wholly divine;
 God of all splendor, wonder and might.

(Chorus)

*Who is like you, oh Lord, worthy of all praise.
 Who is like you, oh Lord, let all the earth proclaim.
 Your kingdom forever, love shining bright;
 God of all splendor, wonder and might.*

(song continued on next page)

***GOD OF ALL SPLENDOR, continued**

God of all splendor, wonder and might;
essence of beauty and all that is right;
King of all glory, heaven's pure light;
God of all splendor, wonder and might.

(Chorus 2x)

*Who is like you, oh Lord, worthy of all praise.
Who is like you, oh Lord, let all the earth proclaim.
Your kingdom forever, love shining bright;
God of all splendor, wonder and might.*

OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

*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)*

WEARY OF EARTH, MYSELF AND SIN

Weary of earth, myself and sin, dear Jesus set me free,
And to Your glory take me in, for there I long to be.

(Chorus)

*Let a poor laborer here below, when from his toil set free;
To rest and peace eternal go; for there I long to be.*

Burdened, dejected and oppressed, ah! Where shall I flee,
But to Your arms for peace and rest? For there I long to be.

(Chorus)

Empty, polluted, dark and vain, is all this world to me;
May I the better world obtain; for there I long to be.

(Chorus 2x)

Weary of earth, myself and sin, dear Jesus set me free.

SERMON – In Search of the Blessed Life – Psalm 115

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

***HOSANNA**

I see the King of Glory coming on the clouds with fire;
the whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes.
I see his love and mercy washing over all our sin;
the people sing, the people sing.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Calvary Lutheran Church, Evergreen, Pastor Kurt Rau

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Please pray for Matt and Becky Allhands with Reformed University Fellowship currently at Covenant Seminary.

FCC FAMILY CAMP: We can always make room for more if you would like to attend FCC Family Camp on Labor Day weekend, Sept. 4-7. Contact the office ASAP if you would like to join us at Middle Thompson Lake! Total cost is \$80/family or \$40/individual.

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE SEPTEMBER 6: Due to Family Camp Labor Day weekend there will only be one worship service here in town that Sunday morning, Sept. 6, at 10:30 a.m.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF: High school students are invited to kick off the school year with a night at family camp Sunday, Sept. 6. Come for the day or stay overnight. For those not already at family camp, cost will be \$3 for food and carpool will meet after church at 11:45 in the church parking lot. Contact Trent and Becky Neumann for details (212-7664).

LIVING PROOF LIVE SIMULCAST: Ladies are invited to the national Living Proof Live simulcast with Beth Moore Saturday, Sept. 12, at Easthaven 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for the seminar and lunch with an additional \$15 to preorder Moore's new book. Please purchase tickets by Aug. 30 at the church office or Sundays in the fellowship hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPT. 13: Sunday School classes for all ages will begin Sunday, Sept. 13, at 10 a.m. between the two worship services. Classes for adults will include *Christ in the Old Testament* with Pastor Aaron Scott and *The Reason for Our Hope: Christian Apologetics* with Pastor Lloyd Pierson. Sign up for adult classes in the foyer.

SMALL GROUPS RESUME: Small groups will begin meeting again the week of September 13. If you are interested in joining a small group, or if you would like to change groups, please sign up at the table in the foyer. There is no need to sign up if you were in a small group last year and you would like to remain in the same group.

ELIZABETH WOMEN GROUP will begin meeting Tuesday, Sept. 8. All ladies of the church are invited! Meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at noon for a sack lunch at the home of JoAnne Ross, 15 Primrose Crt. Ladies will pray for the needs of the church and learn from Nancy Guthrie's book *Discovering Jesus in the Old Testament*. For details, call JoAnne (755 3516).

MEN'S FRATERNITY: Men's Fraternity "The Quest for Authentic Manhood," a 24-week course that helps men (18 and older) understand their masculine identity as defined in scripture will begin Tuesday mornings at the church at 6-7:30 a.m. starting Sept. 22. Sessions include: Season's of a Man's Life, Defining Manhood, Deepening the Marriage Relationship, Raising Sons and Daughters, and Developing a Manhood Plan for Life. *Sign up in the foyer!* For those who have already completed year one of this program, a year two class will start October 14.

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. **What idols are you tempted to trust in, and why?**
2. **How has trusting in these idols drained the life out of you?**
3. **The beginning of the sermon emphasized that God's glory is connected to our good. How does this give you hope when you face times of trial?**
4. **How has God blessed you in the past? How does that give you confidence that he will continue to bless you in the future?**
5. **How does an eternal perspective help you to turn away from your idols and trust in the Lord?**

**HOSANNA, continued*

(Chorus)

*Hosanna, hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna, hosanna. Hosanna in the highest!*

I see a generation rising up to take their place;
with selfless faith, with selfless faith.
I see a near revival stirring as we pray and seek;
we're on our knees, we're on our knees.

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

Heal my heart and make it clean.
Open up my eyes to the things unseen.
Show me how to love like you have loved me.

Break my heart for what breaks yours.
Everything I am, for your kingdom's cause,
as I walk from earth into eternity.

(Chorus 2x)

Hosanna in the highest!

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

**JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN*

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee;
destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known;
yet how rich is my condition, God and heav'n are still my own.

Take, my soul, thy full salvation, rise o'er sin and fear and care;
joy to find in every station something still to do or bear;
think what Spirit dwells within thee, what a Father's smile is thine,
what a Savior died to win thee: child of heav'n, shouldst thou repine?

Hasten on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;
heav'n's eternal day's before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, swift shall pass thy pilgrim days;
hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight and prayer to praise.

***BENEDICTION**

SERMON OUTLINE

August 23, 2015

Sermon: Pastor Shane Waldron

Sermon Series: Summer Psalms and Proverbs

Sermon Title: *In Search of the Blessed Life*

We must trust in the Lord rather than idols, because:

I. God's glory is connected to our good.

II. Idols drain the life out of you.

III. The Lord fills us with blessing.

SERMON TEXT

Psalms 115 (ESV)

- ¹ Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!
- ² Why should the nations say,
“Where is their God?”
- ³ Our God is in the heavens;
he does all that he pleases.
- ⁴ Their idols are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.
- ⁵ They have mouths, but do not speak;
eyes, but do not see.
- ⁶ They have ears, but do not hear;
noses, but do not smell.
- ⁷ They have hands, but do not feel;
feet, but do not walk;
and they do not make a sound in their throat.
- ⁸ Those who make them become like them;
so do all who trust in them.
- ⁹ O Israel, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.
- ¹⁰ O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.
- ¹¹ You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.
- ¹² The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us;
he will bless the house of Israel;
he will bless the house of Aaron;
- ¹³ he will bless those who fear the LORD,
both the small and the great.
- ¹⁴ May the LORD give you increase,
you and your children!
- ¹⁵ May you be blessed by the LORD,
who made heaven and earth!
- ¹⁶ The heavens are the LORD's heavens,
but the earth he has given to the children of man.
- ¹⁷ The dead do not praise the LORD,
nor do any who go down into silence.
- ¹⁸ But we will bless the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore.
Praise the LORD!