

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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*“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them
will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”
Matthew 7:24*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *1 Chronicles 29:10-13*

Leader: Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

All: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.

Leader: Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.

All: Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

*(*Indicates when to stand)*

***SING TO THE KING**

Sing to the King who is coming to reign.
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain.
Life and salvation his empire shall bring,
and joy to the nations, when Jesus is King.

(Chorus)

*Come, let us sing a song,
a song declaring that we belong to Jesus;
he's all we need. Lift up a heart of praise.
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus; sing to the King.*

For his returning we watch and we pray;
we will be ready the dawn of that day.
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed,
'cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King.

(Chorus 2x)

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

***PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
give my praise to the fountain of delights;
for in my helplessness you heard my cry,
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer;
I will sing of the blood that never fails,
of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,
of death defeated and life without end.

(Chorus)

*Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor,
clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
you're the Way, the Truth, the Life.
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,
you're the Risen One, heaven's champion,
and you reign, you reign over all!*

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CALENDAR

TODAY

- 8:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
- 9:45 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship
- 10:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
- 11:45 a.m. – Mission Meal

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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- 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
 - Tuesday, Sept. 1 – Trustees Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
 - Friday-Monday, Sept. 4-7 – FCC Family Camp at Middle Thompson Lake
 - Tuesday, Sept. 8 – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross' home
 - Wednesday, Sept. 9 – Sr. & Jr High Youth Groups resumes, 7 p.m.
 - 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 – Sunday School Resumes for all ages
 - Tuesday, Sept. 15 – Elder/Deacon Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the church
 - Tuesday, Sept. 22 – Elizabeth Women, noon, at 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.

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)..... Hearn
 First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Bennetts
 Second WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM infants).....Putzlers
 Second WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)Salyers
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Ellen Rowe & Julie Thompson
 COMMUNION PREP..... Terry & Judy Fosberry
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UPHanni Hanson

NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 16

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) J. Thompson
 First WORSHIP NURSERY (8:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Hearn
 Second WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM infants)..... C. Miller
 Second WORSHIP NURSERY (10:30 AM toddlers thru 3yrs)C. Hanson
 FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Cathy Hanson & Kelly Brown
 COMMUNION PREP..... Eileen Pierson
 COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Jeanie Brenneman

**BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR, continued*

I long to be where the praise is never ending;
 yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,
 where countless worshipers will share one song,
 and cries of “worthy” will honor the Lamb!
 (*Chorus 2x*)

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Ephesians 4:1-3*

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

All: Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves; though you should rule us, we control ourselves; though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. Heal our confused minds with your word, heal our divided wills with your law, heal our troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Ephesians 2:4-10*

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 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.

**AMAZING GRACE - Hymn #460 vs. 1-3, 6*

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)*

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 – *Obedience Is An Acquired Taste* – Matthew 7:13-29

(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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: The Church at Creston, Pastor Darold Reiner

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.

MISSION MEAL AUGUST 9: Join us for our last Mission Meal of the summer TODAY after the second service with J & E, PCA missionaries in the Middle East. Thanks to all of those who have served lunch and attended this summer's Mission meals for making this a great connection between our church and God's work in the world.



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.*

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.

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 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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

“Serving One Another in Love” Galatians 5:13

CHURCH OFFICE: 752-2400 / office@faithcov.com
SENIOR PASTOR: Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.
ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Shane Waldron
PASTOR OF MUSIC: Aaron Scott
OFFICE STAFF: Kristin Bay, Hanni Hanson
BOOKKEEPER: Carlynn Stahlberg
CUSTODIAN: Kelly Brown

ELDERS

Grady Bennett..... 314-4207 Matt Riley 756-8913
Tom Jentz 755-2029 Micah Tinkham 471-0080
Duane Martin.....sabbatical Steve Thompson..... 857-3326
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DEACONS

Buford Bennett 261-7124 Micah Hill 270-7940
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BUILDING TRUSTEES

Brian Bay..... 752-9087 Nick Hanson..... 253-4668
Paul Hobus 270-5434 Russ Hadley (lead)..... 752-3661
Josh Turner 212-9617 Matt Vander Ark..... 871-0615

FCC MINISTRIES & COMMITTEES:

There are many opportunities to serve at Faith Covenant both in the church and out in the community. Contact the following leaders about their ministry:

Children’s Church: Dar Wassink (249-6589)
Community Kitchen: Joyce Schmautz (249-6370)
Fellowship: Donelle Holderbaum (212-9715)
Meals Ministry: Jenny Heyboer (616-901-7742)
Missions: Joe Swenson (871-5273)
Nursery: Darcy Hearn (270-8933)
The Refuge: Church Office (752-2400)
Small Groups: Pastor Shane Waldron (752-2400)
Women’s Ministry: Becky Neumann (212-7664)
Senior Youth Group: Trent Neumann (212-7625)
Junior High Youth Group: Sean & Lisa Iddings (871-5157)

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

**BE THOU MY VISION - Hymn #642 vs. 1, 2, 4, 5*

***BENEDICTION**

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

SERMON NOTES

August 9, 2015

Sermon: Pastor Bruce Clark, Ph.D.

Sermon Title: *Obedience Is An Acquired Taste*

SERMON TEXT

Matthew 7:13-29 (ESV)

¹³ “Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.

¹⁴ For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

¹⁵ “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

¹⁷ So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ ²³ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

²⁴ “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

²⁸ And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, ²⁹ for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.