

Jesus, guide me through the tempest,
keep my spirit staid and sure.
When the midnight meets the morning,
let me love you even more.

(Chorus)

*May this journey bring a blessing,
may I rise on wings of faith;
and at the end of my heart's testing,
with your likeness let me wake.*

May the treasures of the trial
form within me as I go.
And at the end of this long passage,
let me leave them at your throne.

(Chorus)

*and at the end of my heart's testing,
with your likeness let me wake.*

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

– Elder Grady Bennett

**BE THOU MY VISION – Hymn #642*

***BENEDICTION**

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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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“I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel.” Philippians 1:12.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY: *Compassion International*

His Calling and Our Praise

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Revelation 5:11-14*

Leader: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice...

All: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

Leader: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying...

All: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

Leader: And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshipped.

*(*Indicates when to stand)
We ask that you please turn off cell phones during the worship service. Thank you.*

***GOD, ALL NATURE SINGS THY GLORY** – Hymn #122

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***SALVATION BELONGS TO OUR GOD** – words included

Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne,
and unto the Lamb; praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,
honor and power and strength...

(Chorus)

Be to our God forever and ever!

Be to our God forever and ever!

Be to our God forever and ever!

Amen!

And we the redeemed shall be strong in purpose and unity,
declaring aloud praise and glory, wisdom and thanks,
honor and power and strength...

(Chorus 2x)

***WORTHY IS THE LAMB** – words included

Thank you for the cross, Lord.

Thank you for the price you paid.

Bearing all my sin and shame
in love you came and gave amazing grace.

Thank you for this love, Lord.

Thank you for the nail-pierced hands.

Washed me in your cleansing flow,
now all I know, your forgiveness and embrace.

(Chorus)

Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne.

Crown you now with many crowns, you reign victorious.

High and lifted up, Jesus Son of God.

The treasure of heaven crucified. Worthy is the Lamb.

(Repeat all)

(Chorus)

Worthy is the Lamb.

Worthy is the Lamb.

His Renewal and Our Hope

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Isaiah 55:6-7*

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him
while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the
unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD,
that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for
he will abundantly pardon.

**All: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have
our being, your face is hidden from us because of
our sins. Cleanse us, we ask, from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain
desires. We need your righteousness, for all our
works are dead apart from you. Grant that we may,
in humility and meekness, seek you and draw near
to you. Confessing our faults and confiding in your
grace, we look to Christ Jesus, your Son and our
Lord.**

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Isaiah 61:10*

I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my
God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation
and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom
adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself
with her jewels.

***BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR** – words included

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.

(song continued on next page)

(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!*

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)

PRAYER, OFFERTORY & RESPONSE

Reminder: please sign and pass the Attendance Register down the pew.

*Children ages 4-6 are excused for Children's Church
(held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall)*

***FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH** – Hymn #116; vs. 1,5

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

His Word and Our Response

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Philippians

Sermon Title: Paul's Prayer and Suffering

Sermon Text: Philippians 1:9-14

(See pages 8-10 for sermon outline, text and questions)

***JESUS DRAW ME EVER NEARER** – words included

Jesus, draw me ever nearer
as I labor through the storm.
You have called me to this passage,
and I'll follow though I'm worn.

(Chorus)

*May this journey bring a blessing,
may I rise on wings of faith;
and at the end of my heart's testing,
with your likeness let me wake.*

(song continued on next page)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL OR REGIONAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR:

Faith Free Lutheran Church, Kalispell, Pastor Stephen Snipstead.

MISSION PROJECT OR MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR:

Mission to the World (PCA).

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE would like to thank our children for their encouragement of Clarisse and Andy, the youth we support in Madagascar with our Sunday School offerings. We will continue taking the offerings in our classes beginning this week. If you want a reminder slip to post at home, help yourself to one from the missions table in the Fellowship Hall.

ANYONE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AGE who is interested can come rock climbing immediately following Sunday school today. Parents are also welcome. They will need to bring a lunch. Harnesses and shoes will be provided. We will return around 5:30 p.m. Contact Trent Neumann with questions or for more information.

OUR FALL SESSION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS BEGUN.

Classes for Babies thru Adults will follow the morning worship service and coffee/fellowship hour beginning at 11:15 a.m.. Room locations are listed below:

- Babies & 1's:** Infant Nursery, main bldg, lower level
- 2's & 3's:** Toddler Nursery, main bldg, lower level
- 4's thru K:** Fellowship Hall, main bldg, lower level
- Grades 1-2:** Carriage room, office bldg, main floor
- Grades 3-4:** Fellowship Hall, main bldg, lower level
- Grades 5-6:** Overflow room, main bldg, main floor
- Grades 7-8:** Balcony room, up foyer stairs in main bldg
- Grades 9-12:** Sanctuary for fall session (with adult class)
- Adults:** Sanctuary, "Film and Faith: Watching Movies as a Christian"
- Adults:** Library, office bldg main floor, "The Crescent Through the Eyes of the Cross"

REMINDER to PARENTS with young children in Sunday School: Please remember to pick up your child immediately following your SS class so the teachers can clean up and head home to spend time with their own families as soon as possible. **Thank You!**

GENERAL OFFERING SUMMARY THRU AUGUST 31:

Targeted Budget = \$159,183.96; Offerings received = \$165,876.28

THE SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP IS LOOKING for volunteers who would be willing to periodically provide snacks for their group. If you can help or have questions, please contact Annalise Pierson at 756-6465.

A CHILI LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT

NEIGHBORS IN NEED will be held on Friday, October 5. The cost per lunch is \$10.00. To order a homemade chili lunch (includes corn muffin, salad, pie) that will be delivered to your office between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., call ahead (752-7266) or pick up an order form off the table in the foyer. **Volunteers are needed** to help make pies, to put the lunches together and to deliver the lunches. Contact Sharon Salyer if you are able to help.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN-FEEDING THE FLATHEAD: Those of you who are volunteering with Feed the Flathead will serve next month on **Thursday, October 11** at **Central Christian Church**. If you have questions, contact Sharon Thompson or Joyce Schmutz.

SEPTEMBER MINISTRIES

DEACON OF THE MONTH Bill Gamble
NURSERY M.O.M. (Mom of the Month).....Leah Wiersma
NURSERY COORDINATOR.....Darcy Hearn
Direct Nursery questions, concerns, praises, etc., to Darcy at 471-9770.

TODAY

USHERS/GREETERS..... Matt & Elenie King
CHILDREN'S CHURCH..... Rose Ann & Aaron Clark
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants)..... Neumanns
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Salyers
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS..... Kelly Brown & Joni Jenks
COMMUNION PREP Carolyn Duncan
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Lori VanderArk

NEXT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 23

USHERS/GREETERS..... Matt & Elenie King
CHILDREN'S CHURCH..... Rose Ann & Aaron Clark
WORSHIP NURSERY (infants) Nick Hansons
WORSHIP NURSERY (toddlers thru 3yrs)..... Wiersmas
FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS.... Judy Fosbery & Paula Saldamando
COMMUNION PREP Carlynn Stahlberg
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP Jeanie Brenneeman

CALENDAR

TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. – WORSHIP SERVICE
- 10:45 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Fellowship
- 11:15 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:15 a.m. – Missionary presentation in the Sanctuary

THIS WEEK

- Tuesday – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- Sr. High Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. at the Bennett home, 513 Crestview Rd. in Kalispell

LOOKING AHEAD

- Tuesdays – Music practice, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays – Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m.
- Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups (Sept.-May)
- Sundays – Adult Small Groups (Sept.-May)
- 1st Sundays – Diaconal Offering
- 1st Tuesdays – Elder home visits
- 3rd Tuesdays – Elders/Deacons' meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 2nd & 4th Tuesdays – Elizabeth Women, noon, at Jo Anne Ross' home, (Sept.-May)
- Last Sunday of month – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.

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- Tuesday, September 25 – Elizabeth Women, noon at Jo Anne Ross' – Cancer Support group, 5:00 p.m.
 - Sunday, September 30 – Prayer & Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday, October 2 – Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 - Tuesday, October 9 – Elizabeth Women, noon at Jo Anne Ross' – Women's Ministries meeting, 4:00 p.m.
 - Fellowship Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 - Thursday, October 11 – Community Kitchen: Feeding the Flathead
 - Tuesday, October 16 – Elder/Deacon meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday, October 23 – Elizabeth Women, noon at Jo Anne Ross' – Cancer Support group, 5:00 p.m.

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.

SERMON OUTLINE

September 16, 2012

Sermon: Pastor Lloyd Pierson, Ph.D.

Sermon Series: Philippians

Sermon Title: *Paul's Prayer and Suffering*

Sermon Text: Philippians 1:9-14

I. Prayer for fruitfulness

II. The fruit of suffering

SERMON TEXT: Philippians 1:9-14 (ESV)

1:9 And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment,¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.¹² I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel,¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ.¹⁴ And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

Questions and thoughts for discussion:

1. When you think of how you pray for yourself or others, what challenges you about Paul's prayer in vs. 9-11?
2. What are the three goals Paul presents in his prayer in 9-11? Explain what they mean?
3. In v-11, Paul points us to a something beyond the individual believer –to the glory and praise of God. This is the goal of our righteousness. Our sanctification then is focused on God's glory. What pitfalls do we need to avoid so that we do make it all about us, our growth, our spiritual well-being?
4. How does Paul demonstrate a healthy view of our activity now while we wait for Christ's return (v-10)?
5. The Lord advances his kingdom through weakness and suffering. No matter how many times we hear this, we always want to avoid suffering and weakness. How does the Lord 'help' us overcome this problem?
6. In what way does Paul's imprisonment serve the gospel?
7. Why would his suffering encourage and embolden others to share the good news of Jesus?
8. Paul firmly centers his life and ministry on the person and work of Jesus. His own activities (and the Philippian believers') are like spokes that radiate from this central hub. In what areas of your life is the Lord calling you to recenter on himself? How does serving others help you in this task?