

To Be a Church that is:

Faithful...True...Obedient

A Prescription for a Healthy and Salty Church

Faithful to the Scriptures, True to the Reformed Faith, and Obedient to the Great Commission.

PCA Motto

"The founders of the PCA had sinful their sinful flaws, as do we all. But, that founding generation was heroic. Those pastors, elders and members took a bold stand for the truth of the inspired, inerrant and infallible Word of God. They defended the Gospel and the fundamentals of the faith. For that, they lost their church buildings and pensions, but they gained a faithful, true and obedient church which we have inherited from them, by God's grace."

Sean Michael Lucas

"From its inception, the PCA has affirmed a high view of God, a robust view of grace and a low view of human ability."

Jason Helopoulos

"As a young denomination, I believe the PCA can show the world that <u>real</u> unity can only be found in truth, that the richest doctrine leads to the fullest doxology, that the highest Christology produces the best missiology, and that staunch Calvinists can be the most loving people you've ever met."

Kevin DeYoung

"Christ calls his Church to be on Mission-on Message-in Ministry."

Harry Reeder

I. Faithful to the Scriptures: A Church Born from Conviction

Isaiah 40:8 2 Timothy 3:16 Luke 24:27

WSC #2 The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

II. True to the Reformed Faith: A Church Bound and Accountable to a Confession

Jeremiah 6:16

Protestant Reformation Westminster Standards

III. Obedient to the *Great Commission:* A Church that Continues (an Enduring Legacy of faithfulness)

Mt. 28:16-20

PCA statistics of growth from beginning to now:

1973: 200 churches, 41,000 members **2023:** 2,000 churches, 400,000 members

Conclusion: Our Call to Be Healthy, to Be SALTY and to Not Drift! (Hebrews 2:1)

Luke 14:34-35

34 "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? 35 It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out. Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

Isaiah 40:8

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Luke 24:27

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

Jeremiah 6:16

16 This is what the Lord says:"Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 28:16-20

16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Hebrews 2:1

We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.