Statement of Faith - Walter Kondratowski, 2026
Understanding of the Triune God

I believe that God is a Family, the original Family, who has always existed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, embodying all that is best and most beautiful in one Being. This Family is entirely complete, united in power and glory. Each Person is co-equal, co-eternal, and fully shares in the work of creation, provision, and redemption of the world over which God sovereignly rules and reigns, not only in love but as Love.

Matthew 28:19 | John 17:21 | Revelation 1:8 | Genesis 1:26 | 1 John 4:8

Understanding of Each Person of the Godhead

God, the Father
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, who brings all things into being and sustains creation by providence. The Father calls humanity into a covenantal relationship marked by justice, mercy, and steadfast love. Dwelling in unapproachable light yet near to the brokenhearted, the Father is our provider and protector, our strength and shield, who rules and reigns in goodness over creation.

Genesis 1:1 | Colossians 1:17 | Psalm 103:13 | 1 Timothy 6:16 | Psalm 34:18 | Matthew 6:26 | Psalm 18:2

God, the Son
I believe in Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son, our Lord. Jesus is the Word of God who spoke creation into being and holds all things together. Jesus is the Second Adam and firstborn among many siblings, fully human and fully divine. Sent by the Father for the salvation of the world, Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and lived in perfect obedience and submission to the Father, proclaiming the reign of God in word and deed, empowered by the Spirit. Jesus suffered and died on the cross, was raised bodily from the dead, reigns as Lord, and is preparing our forever home.

John 1:14 | John 1:1 | Colossians 1:16-17 | Romans 5:19 | Colossians 1:15 | John 3:16 | Luke 1:35
Galatians 4:4 | Philippians 2:8 | Luke 4:18 | 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 | Romans 8:29 | Romans 14:9 | John 14:2

God, the Holy Spirit
I believe that the Holy Spirit hovered over the waters at creation, breathed life into humanity, and now seals us within the Family of God in redemption. The Spirit, who nurtures, sustains, and brings forth life, dwells within the hearts of those who follow Jesus, producing incorruptible fruit and guiding faithful witness. The Spirit inspired the Scriptures in wisdom, gathers God's children as a mother gathers her young, equips the Church for the work of ministry through generous gift-giving, and empowers believers to live as God's faithful people in the world.

Romans 8:9 | 1 Corinthians 3:16 | Genesis 1:2 | Genesis 2:7 | Ephesians 1:13 | Galatians 5:22 | Romans 8:1
2 Peter 1:21 | Matthew 23:37 | 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 | John 14:26 | Acts 1:8

Understanding of Humanity and Sin

I believe that humanity was created to participate in and fully enjoy the Family of God. Humanity, created in God's image, bears the dignity and responsibility to live in relationship with God and each other, yet is fallen and in need of God's redeeming grace. All people are affected by sin, which disrupts our relationships with God, our neighbors, and creation. God responds not with abandonment but with grace, calling all people to repentance, renewal, and restored Family life.

Genesis 1:27 | Psalm 8:5 | Romans 3:23 | Isaiah 59:2 | Romans 8:22 | John 3:16 | Acts 3:19 | Ephesians 2:4-5

Understanding of the Saving Work of Jesus Christ

I believe that salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Jesus Christ alone. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, God overcomes sin, death, and evil, reconciling the world and granting forgiveness, new life, and entrance into the Family of God through adoption as children.

Ephesians 2:8 | John 14:6 | 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 | 2 Timothy 1:10 | 2 Corinthians 5:19 | Colossians 1:13-14
2 Corinthians 5:17 | Romans 8:15

Understanding of Scripture

I believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and fully trustworthy for guiding faith and life. Scripture is rightly interpreted within the community of faith under the lordship of Jesus Christ and serves as the standard by which the Church discerns its faith and life.

Luke 24:27 | 2 Timothy 3:16 | Psalm 119:105 | 2 Peter 1:20-21

Understanding of the Sacraments

I believe Baptism and the Lord's Supper are signs and seals of God's covenant of grace, visibly affirming God's promises and our participation in Jesus. They capture the heart of the gospel, through which we are united to Christ and incorporated into the covenant community.

In Baptism, we take our first steps into the Family of God as we identify and are claimed as adopted children. Baptism unites us to Christ's burial and resurrection, and incorporates us into the covenant community. Through the waters, we publicly recognize that we have been claimed by God, stake our claim in the finished work of Jesus, and embrace the reality that in Christ all belong.

In the Lord's Supper, we celebrate the finished work of Jesus as we gather around the Family table. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, believers are nourished by Christ's presence, strengthened in faith, and sent forth in service. As we receive the bread and cup, we remember what Jesus has accomplished, rejoice in our present union with God in Christ, and look forward with anticipation to our ultimate Family reunion.

Genesis 17:7 | Colossians 2:11-12 | Titus 3:5 | Galatians 3:27-28 | Acts 2:38-39 | Romans 6:4 | 1 Corinthians 12:13 | Luke 22:19 | 1 Corinthians 10:16 | John 6:56 | 1 Corinthians 11:26 | Matthew 26:29

Understanding of the Church

I believe the Church is the body and bride of Christ, called by the Word and Spirit to worship God, proclaim the gospel, nurture disciples, and participate in God's mission of justice, reconciliation, and peace. The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic, continually reformed according to the Word of God. The Church is the tangible representation of God's Family. Through feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, caring for the sick, being present for the prisoner, and welcoming the stranger, we embody the love and grace of God's Family.

1 Corinthians 12:27 | Ephesians 5:25 | Acts 2:42 | Matthew 28:19 | Micah 6:8 | John 17:21 | Matthew 25:35-36

Understanding of Eschatology

I believe in the living hope of God's promised future, that one day the Family will be reunited through the restoration of all things. Christ will come to judge the living and the dead, bringing final justice, completing reconciliation, and establishing God's reign of peace and righteousness. On that day, we will know as we are known and enter into our forever Family.

1 Peter 1:3 | Acts 3:21 | Revelation 21:5 | Acts 1:11 | Matthew 25:32 | 1 Corinthians 13:12

Biography - Walter Kondratowski 2026

I was born and raised in New Jersey and currently live in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, with my wife, Kristin, and our five children: Teresa, Maria, Sophia, Lucia, and Josiah. As the son of a pastor, I was shaped by congregational life from an early age and immersed in the rhythms and responsibilities of ministry. My grandmother, Teresa, was especially influential in shaping my early faith and was the first to lead me in prayer toward a relationship with Christ.

I have been involved in ministry for most of my life. By middle school, I led congregational music, taught Vacation Bible School, and participated in short-term mission trips. In high school, I served as a worship leader for weekly chapel services and for my father's congregation. I attended Christian schools throughout my formative years, including Hawthorne Christian Academy and Cornerstone Christian School, and later studied at Philadelphia College of Bible, now Cairn University. After college, I served in youth ministry, worship leadership, and Christian contemporary music, performing with a band at regional festivals. During this time, I married Kristin, and we began raising our family. Despite my vocational involvement in ministry, I came to recognize as an adult that I had not yet truly passed from death to life in Christ.

In September 2014, while driving through Lancaster County on my way to work at a church, I experienced a profound encounter with God's grace that reshaped my faith and identity. I reaffirmed my baptism the following summer, marking a decisive turning point as ministry shifted from profession to calling. Since then, several significant events have further shaped my discernment. The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted patterns of complacency and reignited a long-standing call to become a Teaching Elder. I completed my Master of Divinity degree last year with an emphasis in discipleship. The death of my father in August 2022, along with the loss of a child in September 2024, deepened my understanding of grief, grace, and pastoral presence and clarified my desire to serve the church faithfully.

On Black Friday, 2022, a small team of friends on mission banded together to form a New Worshiping Community called Our Table with the goal of reincorporating the Agape Feast of the early church back into the weekly gatherings. "We feed hungry people" became our mission statement, and we accomplish that by feeding people's spiritual, physical, and relational needs. What I did not expect as I set out to care for the community by serving the "least" among us is that my heart has been healed by sharing a meal with Jesus every Friday night. He never fails to show up in the faces of those around the table, and it is a joy to look for Him each week.

As the Organizing Pastor at Our Table, I prepare and facilitate weekly interactive Bible studies. Through my work in church ministry and ministry coaching, I remain engaged in ongoing theological reflection, preaching, and leadership development. I hope to continue with Our Table as long as God wills it, dedicating the rest of my life to feeding hungry people.