

Statement of Faith

I believe in God the Creator, the One who formed the heavens and the earth, who breathes life into all creation and declares it good. God is powerful, loving, just, and kind whose wisdom surpasses all understanding. I believe God created humanity in God's own image, blessing us with purpose, dignity, and the capacity to love and be loved. God sees beyond our outward lives into the depths of our hearts, and God's mercy and faithfulness endure through every generation.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Savior, Redeemer, and Teacher. Conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus walked this earth fully divine and fully human. He lived a life without sin, yet shared in our pain, our suffering, and our joy. He taught, healed, forgave, and welcomed the outcast. Through His death on the cross and His resurrection on the third day, Jesus broke the power of sin and opened the way to eternal life. He ascended to heaven and now reigns with God and He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, our Sustainer and Advocate, who was poured out on all believers after Jesus' ascension. The Spirit lives within us, empowering us to live in truth, to worship in spirit, and to bear witness to the Gospel. The Holy Spirit comforts, convicts, teaches, and intercedes for us. Through the Spirit, we grow in the character of God producing love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

I believe in the Word of God the holy scriptures as the inspired and authoritative revelation of God's will and love. Through the Word, God speaks to us, instructs us, and equips us to live faithfully in this world.

I believe in the sacraments instituted by Christ Baptism and the Lord's Supper as visible signs of God's invisible grace. In Baptism, we are named, claimed, and welcomed into the body of Christ. In Communion, we remember Christ's sacrifice, celebrate His resurrection, and are nourished by His presence as we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

I believe in the Church the body of Christ in the world. The Church is the gathered community of believers, called to worship, witness, and serve. It is a place where we share our joys and burdens, where we are shaped by scripture, where we respond to God's call, and where we extend Christ's love and justice to the world. The Church is God's living testimony a sign of hope and healing in a world that longs for redemption.

I believe that sin separates us from God and from one another. Sin is personal and systemic, individual and communal manifesting in injustice, violence, pride, and apathy. But I also believe that grace has the final word. God's grace meets us in our brokenness, forgives our failures, and calls us into transformation. It is by grace that we are saved, and it is grace that sends us into the world with courage, compassion, and a commitment to God's kingdom.

With all my heart, I believe in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who creates, redeems, and sustains. It is because of this faith that I say “yes” to God’s call, seeking to live a life of gratitude, witness, and love for the sake of the world God so dearly loves.