

Statement Of Faith:

God, three-in-one and one-in-three, is the One true God- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Infinite and present everywhere, God is Perfect Creator of the heavens and the earth, of every race and people. God is abundant love, and comes to us through the grace of Jesus Christ and is made real in our lives through the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

In Jesus Christ, God entered the world as it was falling apart, suffered for the sins of humanity and paid the cost of our salvation. Jesus Christ is fully human and fully God, Savior of humanity from sin and death, incarnation of God on earth. Humankind, created good and in the image of the Creator, are also sinners who have fallen from goodness and are in need of saving. Christ came to earth to befriend and forgive sinners. Because God loves us, our sins have been forgiven through Jesus Christ, who sacrificed his life to save us from our sins. Christ triumphed over sin and death, rising from the dead and ascending to heaven where he rules with God as the ultimate judge of all. When Christ returns in final victory, the Kingdom of God, which is now and not yet, will be made clear and Christ will reign.

The Holy Spirit, also fully God, sustains all of Creation. We are sanctified to be members of Christ by the Holy Spirit, who produces faith in our hearts through the preaching of the Word of God and through the Sacraments. The Spirit unites all believers into the Body of Christ in the world, reveals God to us, unites us to Christ, and through Christ with the Creator.

Scripture is the true, unique and authoritative Word of God, inspired by God and brought to us through the prophets and apostles. Scripture reveals God's way for faith, obedience, and life. The Bible is witness to Christ and his saving power.

The church is the community of people in Christ, where God dwells by the presence of the Spirit, where people encounter the love of God through the grace of Jesus Christ in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit and come to know that love through faith. This community of people in Christ is witness to the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ. An instrument of God's mission of reconciliation in the world, the church is a foretaste of the kin-dom for which we hope.

The Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are holy signs of God's covenant with humanity through Christ. Sacraments are outward and visible signs of an inward and spiritual grace. They are participatory practices, expressions of the grace of God and our receiving and responding to that grace. Baptism represents our being cleansed of sin and marks our receiving of the Spirit. The Lord's Supper declares to us that our sins are forgiven through the sacrifice of Christ, and is a celebration of the reconciliation of humanity with God and with one another.