

Statement of Faith
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1 I believe in God, the Almighty, revealed to us in the form of three persons: God, the Creator; Jesus
2 Christ, the Redeemer; and the Holy Spirit, the Sustainer. I believe it is through God we are molded
3 into God's image. I believe it is through the life and death of Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God,
4 we witness the great sacrificial love of God. I believe it is through the Holy Spirit we are able to
5 share that love with all of God's children. I believe all three were at work in the creation of the
6 universe and continue to have an active role in sustaining grace.

7 God's providence unfolds into three forms of benevolent intervention: the protection of all
8 creation, the accompaniment of humanity, and in directing the story of God's children. God reveals
9 this to us through the life of Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. I believe in the
10 traditions of the Reformed Faith – that by grace alone, faith alone, and scripture alone – we are
11 empowered to live a life of faith.

12 I believe in a confessional and confessing faith. Like an anchor for a ship, a confession of faith
13 centers Christians to the Gospel, while also allowing us to explore doubts without fear of losing
14 our beliefs.

15 I believe the Son of God, Jesus Christ, was born of Mary and lived among enemies and friends,
16 experiencing despair and hope, temptation and peace, anger and joy, hate and love. God sent Jesus
17 to earth, so that we might learn how to live as one community; but gave us Jesus' atoning life,
18 death, and resurrection so that those who believe might be saved as one, eternally in the kingdom
19 of God.

20 I believe that all people sin and fall short of the glory of God, but it is by the grace of God we are
21 forgiven. I believe in God's beloved community, that people of every race, gender, sexual
22 orientation, identity, and age are welcome in the kingdom of heaven.

23 The Bible is the living Word of God. As an extension of God, it is prevalent for Christians from
24 different generations of time, therefore it was not written from one monolithic voice, but used
25 different voices. We read the Bible through the Holy Spirit to not only understand God's divine
26 will, but also to experience the expansive love and grace of Jesus Christ.

27 As followers of Christ, the Church is called to serve with a heart filled with loving-kindness for all
28 of God's creation: humankind, the earth, and all creatures that live among us. I believe as Christians
29 we are also called to reflect the life of Jesus Christ by feeding the hungry, providing water to the
30 thirsty, clothing the naked, caring for the sick, visiting the imprisoned and welcoming the stranger.
31 In doing so we answer Christ's Great Commission: to go and make disciples of all nations.

32 I believe that in Baptism we are claimed by God, washed clean of sin, called to a new way of life
33 as Jesus' disciples, and united in God's eternal kingdom with the holy communion of saints. At
34 Communion, with God as our host, we testify the offered bread and cup, as signs of Jesus Christ's
35 body and blood broken for us, so that we may live without fear of death.

36 I believe in the spirit of Advent, that Jesus Christ will come again as he promised, to unite all
37 believers: past, present, and those to come. In Christ's return there will be an end to all sufferings
38 of this world and we will live as one eternally in the kingdom of God.