STATEMENT OF FAITH

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I believe in the one true and living God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Creator and sustainer of all things, sovereign in wisdom, steadfast in love, and abundant in grace. God created humanity in his divine image, with dignity and worth, and calls us into a covenant relationship. Though sin separates us from God and injures our relationships with one another and creation, God's mercy calls us to repentance and offers reconciliation and new life.

I believe in Jesus Christ, fully God and fully human, the living Word of God and head of the Church. In His life and ministry, Christ revealed God's love and proclaimed the kingdom of God. Through His death on the cross and bodily resurrection, He conquered sin and death and reconciles us to God. Salvation is God's gift of grace, received through faith, not earned by our works. Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who awakens faith, convicts us of sin, leads us into truth, and empowers the Church for worship, witness, and service. The Spirit gives gifts to believers, nurtures holiness, and continually renews the Church. I depend upon the Spirit's power in preaching and pastoral ministry, trusting that God transforms lives through the faithful proclamation of the Gospel.

I believe the Old and New Testaments are the inspired and authoritative witness to God's revelation in Jesus Christ and the rule for our faith and life. Through prayerful study and the illumination of the Holy Spirit, Scripture guides our preaching, teaching, discernment, and daily obedience. I am called to proclaim its truth with biblical integrity, conviction, and pastoral compassion.

I believe the Church is the body of Christ, gathered by grace to worship God, nurture disciples, celebrate the sacraments, and serve the world. Our witness must be visible in compassion, justice, reconciliation, and care for our neighbors. I affirm Baptism and the Lord's Supper as signs and seals of God's grace. Baptism marks our belonging to Christ's covenant community and at the Lord's Table, the risen Christ spiritually nourishes us through the Holy Spirit.

I affirm the essential tenets of the Reformed faith, grounded in the sovereignty of God, salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, and the authority of Holy Scripture. I receive the Book of Confessions as faithful witnesses to the Gospel and embrace the Book of Order as the constitutional framework for the governance, worship, and ministry of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Through my years of pastoral service, I have come to appreciate shared leadership, spiritual discernment, and accountability within the connectional Church, always recognizing Jesus Christ as its head.

I believe Christ will come again to judge the living and the dead, fulfill God's redemptive purposes, and bring the promise of resurrection and new creation to completion. This hope calls the Church to faithful service in the present.

Ordained in the Baptist tradition, I have grown in appreciation for Reformed theology and Presbyterian ministry through my service at Trinity Presbyterian Church since 2019. I seek to serve with humility and gratitude, proclaiming Christ, shepherding God's people, and following the guidance of the Holy Spirit. To God be the glory. Amen.