## Statement of Faith

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I believe in the Triune God who is the only and living God. God is One God, but is three persons; God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I believe in God the Father who is the God Almighty, the Creator of the universe. God's creation belongs to God and is protected, preserved, and governed by God. God also created humans to watch over God's good creation. However, out of disobedience, we turned away from God and became the subject of judgment and condemnation. But, God did not let us fall and sent God's only Son, Jesus Christ, to redeem us from our Sin, claimed us as God's children by God's grace alone.

I believe in God the Son who is the incarnate Word of God, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born from a woman. He was fully human and fully divine. He was sent from God the Father to redeem us from our eternal punishment. Jesus Christ suffered and died for our Sin by dying on the cross and God raised Jesus from the dead, promising us with the hope of resurrection on the day that Jesus Christ our Lord returns. I believe Jesus proclaimed the Kingdom of God throughout his life and calls his disciples to follow and obey his life and teachings.

I believe in God the Holy Spirit who is the Spirit of God working in and among us, binding us to Jesus Christ and to his Church. The Holy Spirit works in and among us to renew our faith and to transform our lives. The Holy Spirit enables us to know and acknowledge God in our life of faith, bringing us into the Church to glorify God, and empowers the Church to be the witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

I believe the Bible is the word of God, revealed and inspired by the Holy Spirit. It describes how God relates to God people so that we may know and acknowledge God. I believe the Bible testified to Jesus Christ, who is the Word of God revealed to us. I believe the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments is the foundation of Christian faith and it teaches believers God's wisdom, power, and glory, reminding us of God's provision and guidance, and patience and reconciliation.

I believe the Church is the community of faith established by Jesus Christ that proclaims the gospel of Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. The Church, as the body of Christ, brings people into a community of worship and ministry. I believe the true Church is marked by the preaching of the Word of God, the administration of the Sacraments, and the discipline of its members according to the Bible.

I believe the Sacrament of Baptism and the Lord's Supper were given by Jesus Christ to his Church, to celebrate God's love for us. I believe the Holy Spirit works in us through the Sacraments where we are called to affirm and reaffirm our faith in Jesus Christ. The Baptism is sign and seal of incorporation into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and we are joined to the resurrected life of Christ. Through the Holy Spirit, we are received into God's new covenant and have a new life in Jesus Christ. The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of communing with Jesus Christ who was crucified, died, and resurrected. The Holy Spirit unites us with Christ through the Lord's Supper and invites us to the joyful feast of the people of God where we are called to partake and be assured and strengthened in the promise of God in Christ.

I believe our Christian hope remains in the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, there the dead will be resurrected and Jesus will judge the sinners. It is our duty as Christians, to follow his teachings as his disciples and to exhibit the Kingdom of God throughout our life of faith by the power of the Holy Spirit. I believe God has called all believers to be a part of God's ministry by engaging with others in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. I believe we are called by God to live out to be the 'light and salt' of the world until the day of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.