

Statement of Faith

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I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried, He descended into hell, the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen

I was raised in a Christian home. Both my parents were members of our church. My father served as a deacon; my mother served as an elder of the Session. I went to Sunday School on Sundays at 10:00 am at the Assembly of God church and at 2:00 pm at the Presbyterian Church. In 1964, I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. I attended evening worship at the Assembly of God Church until I became a member of the Olgonik Presbyterian Church in 1970. God placed great men of faith in my life. Billy Patkotak, a member of the Assembly of God church, (he became my spiritual father), the Rev. Samuel Simmonds and David Panik, who asked me to serve as an elder of the Session in 1982, and since then I have served in the Session as an elder. These three great men of God made a positive influence in my Christian walk. As time change, so do churches. Just as these men guided, taught and led me in my newfound Christian faith to become strong in faith, I believe that leadership today in churches is crucial to guide the community through changes in a way that eases the transition of "yesterday" to use tools of technology to draw people back into the churches.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him, nothing was made. IN Him was life and the life and the light of men. (John 1:1-3)

I believe that: All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteous, that the man of God may be complete thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Tim. 3:16-17)

I believe God has called me to a life of worship and evangelism. It is my prayer to be used by Him for His purpose and glory and that He can speak through me to reach out to people and the world to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, to gather for worship, and to bear the truth.

I believe that we are called to be beacons of light in a broken world, spreading God's love for all.