

STATEMENTS OF FAITH  
Class of 2009

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I believe that God loves everyone, forgives everyone, is good and does no evil. Also, I believe God is the maker of life and everything on this Earth. I believe that Jesus' purpose was to die on the cross and save every one of their sins. I believe Jesus is the son of God and that Jesus was a good man like his father. I believe the Holy Spirit is like the wind as in you can feel it, hear it, and see its actions. But, you can't see it. The Holy Spirit is always with us and is what keeps our spirits up when we are down. I believe the Bible helps people in times of despair and that it helps to explain how the Earth and people were created. Stories that perhaps would not be remembered today are still alive because of the Bible. I believe the church is a good place of worship and is a place of tranquility. We go to church to worship God, congregate with other believers, study the Bible, and help others in need. I believe my part in the church is to learn, make friends with other worshippers around me and help those in need. I believe that by becoming a member of the church I will not only grow in mind and body, but also in heart.

Joshua Epps Forst

I believe that God is the creator of the universe and everything that inhabits it. I believe that God created all the heavens and the earth in six days and rested on the seventh day. I also believe that God created us in His image and that He will be with us always, even in the darkest moments of our despair. I feel that God loves everyone, no matter if they are Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, or any other religion or even no religion at all. I have faith that God is eternal and has a purpose for each of us. I trust that God forgives us of our sins. I know that He is patient, kind, and forever loving. He shapes our lives with the experiences we need to be His servants.

I believe that Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. Jesus performed many miracles, such as feeding thousands of people with few fish and walking on water. He was called Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." I believe that Jesus Christ teaches us about love, especially to our enemies and to those we don't like. I feel that He teaches us not to judge, but to be accepting and forgiving of everyone. I believe that Jesus Christ is fully human and fully divine and that He has never sinned.

I believe that the Holy Spirit gives us wisdom, knowledge, and an understanding mind. I trust that God's Spirit remains alive inside of us. I believe that the Holy Spirit helps us to walk in God's path and teaches and guides us in our daily lives. I feel that the Holy Spirit gives us strength and peace and helps us to understand right from wrong. The fruit of the Holy Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, and faithfulness.

I believe that the Bible is the holy book of the Lord. The Bible tells us stories that teach us lessons and gives us commandments that show us how to lead our lives. I know that the Bible has two parts, the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament is the story of the people and events before the birth of Christ, while the New Testament is the story of Jesus and the events that occurred during and after His life. I trust that the Bible is the written word of God. I feel that it reminds us of our faith in God and helps us to understand how we are blessed. One of my favorite verses is from The Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 2 Verse 25: "I saw the Lord always before me, for He is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken."

I believe that the church is a place to worship the Lord, to give thanks, and to confess our sins. The church reminds me to trust in the Lord. It is a site where I can learn about God and Christ's teachings. The church

is also a place to make friends and to reconnect with God. The church is not only a building for worship but also a congregation that reaches out to those who are needy.

I have been fortunate to be able to participate in a variety of church activities here at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Being in the Cherub and Children's Choirs was a big part in helping me realize the importance of church participation and service. I have enjoyed being in the bell choir and playing the piano during the worship service. I was in the Solomon Scholars program. I also participated by being a liturgist for the worship service where I led the Call to Worship, prayed, and read from the Bible. When I am older, I plan on working on an ASP team and doing my part to help out the church and community in as many ways as I can.

Renae Nichole Henry

What I believe about God is that he is the guy that is your best friend and will always be there for you in your time of need and comfort. I say that because he listens to you when you need help or even when some one lets you down. He loves you and has faith in you no matter what you have done to him or to other people. God also cares about you even when you think that nobody else does. I also believe in God because of what he has done for us. He gave us faith, life, and Jesus. God also gives us love and hope. Two things that I know I wouldn't be able to live without.

I believe that Jesus died so that when we commit sins, they will be forgiven. And that when he died he went to hell and 3 days later he rose from the dead and went to haven. I also believe that Jesus was a miracle worker. For example he took a loaf of bread and a 1 fish and fed hundreds to millions of people! I also believe that Jesus is God's son and that he was born in a manger. He was baptized by John the Baptist and had 12 prophets.

The Holy Spirit to me is something that moves you. The Holy Spirit makes you feel empowered to do great things. A great way to think about is that it's like the wind. You can feel it but you can't see it. Except you can see what it makes something do. I believe that when you experience that Holy Spirit's presence that it is a good feeling. It just takes over your body and all your troubles along with worries will go away. That God will handle it.

I believe that the Bible is a book of law, history, letters, wisdom, prophecies, and biographies of Jesus. The Bible is divided into two parts, the Old & New Testament. The Old Testament describes how the world came to be and how life was without Jesus. The New Testament is stories about Jesus and how he helped people. I believe that the Bible is a guide that guides us down the path of Holiness. It helps us make sense of all that has happened and how we should live and the examples of what we should follow.

To me the church is where you would go to worship God. The place that would help you better understand who and what the Trinity is (God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.) Because everybody in the church us in the same predicament that you are in. Trying to learn more about the Father almighty and trying to spread the word of God. I also believe that the church is where you ask to be forgiven of all your sins. In addition to that I think the church is where you would start to help people out. The church provides us with opportunities to work with the church family and to help other people who are less fortunate with there struggles.

I believe that there will be a lot more of me participating in the church once I have been confirmed. I say that because I will be an active member of the church and will be able to do more work. I also believe that as I attend church, my faith will grow. That my attending church will help me think about others and not be selfish.

Jefferson Daniel Kappers

As I stand before you the Session and Deacons I reflect on what I have learned about my belief in my Lord, the Son of God, Jesus, the church, the Holy Spirit, and the Bible. I feel that the purpose of church is to worship and learn about our God and his son, and to confess to our sins and pray to God to forgive us because we are all humans with individual flaws. The other purpose of the church I think is where kids like me are taught to love and respect everyone and to help others who are less fortunate than we are. I believe that I go to church to get a better understanding of the Lord and Jesus, who they are, what they did, and why they did it. I believe that the church is God's holy place of worship. I go to the church to hear God's message about serving others and not just worrying about ourselves.

Jesus is an important part in our belief because he sacrificed himself on the cross to repay for our sins. The thing I believe about Jesus is that his message is for everyone. I believe that God loves everybody. God sacrificed his only son for us to forgive us. God is all-powerful and can do everything. The Bible is God's word and it tells the story of Jesus and God.

Matthew David Singles

I believe God is everywhere and will forgive you no matter what you do. God also loves everyone equally.

Jesus is the son of God and died on the cross for us. Jesus came to earth to spread the word of God and help teach us how not to sin. The Holy Spirit guides us and helps pull off miracles. Or things we thought we couldn't do before. The Holy Spirit helps us do important things. The Holy Spirit helps us do things God wants us to do. The Bible is the book of God and tells the story of Jesus and is a guide of how we should live. I believe the church is the house of God and Jesus. We also should treat the church with respect and care. I believe my participation in the church means that more people are in it and church family will grow.

Kayla Elisabeth Struck

I believe God is our creator. I trust God and I love God because he gave his life for us. Jesus came to teach us how to live right. I go to church to learn about God and the Bible and to worship.

God is the creator of everything and his son is Jesus. Jesus Christ died for us to take away our sins. He is a great teacher. He's God in human form.

The Holy Spirit is the spirit of God. The Holy Ghost is what sometimes moves us to show God's love.

The stories in the Bible show that God is good to us and that God respects us. God and Jesus really do love us. God tells us through the Bible how we should live today and be good Christians and show our love.

I go to church to worship God. I go to show my appreciation and gratitude toward God. I like to keep God with me everywhere I go and show my thanks by helping other people, and by taking part in different mission activities at Trinity. I look forward to being a part of the ASP team in a couple of years.

Megan Gray Townsend

I believe that God loves me and everyone else. I believe that He is the creator of all things that are good.

I believe Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary as God's only son.

I believe Jesus died on the cross to forgive us of all our sins.

I believe that the Holy Spirit lives within me and will guide me and help me. It will always be with me.

I believe that the Bible is the word of God, written for all people to help us understand him better and to follow him.

I believe Church is a place to learn about God and get closer to him.

I believe I am called to help people and be good to them, to always do my best and try with all my heart but most of all to love and follow God.