

### Statement Of Faith:

I believe in the triune God—traditionally known as God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—who is Creator, Reconciler, and Redeemer, and, yet, who is neither isolated nor independent selves, but who is one in personal relationship. God, who has created the universe including humanity, still shapes and reshapes all God's creation. Human disobedience to God has brought sin to the world. Nevertheless, God reigns all over God's creation, and through God's grace and covenant, humanity is called to respond to God and to be good stewards for all God's creation. I believe that God is also revealed and known in and through Jesus Christ, fully divine and fully human, God incarnate, who suffered, died, and resurrected from the dead for all humanity and for the entire world, and God's self-revelation through and in Christ shows us God's unfailing grace and love that have reconciled a broken relationship between God and humanity. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God also invites us to confess our sins and receive God's forgiveness in the name of Jesus Christ, and through the Spirit, God's redemption or saving work graciously continues to be present in humanity in a new way of calling and equipping human beings to become all that are created and meant to be. As God is community, each member of the Church is called to have communion and fellowship with one another and to extend God's communal love to all. Scripture witnesses the unique witness to the liberating and reconciling activity of God in the history of Israel and above all in Jesus Christ. The sacraments signify the forgiving, renewing, and promising love of God in Jesus Christ and enfold us in faith, hope, and love. Through baptism we participate in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, and we begin a new life in Christ. Continuously, through Lord's Supper, we are nourished with God's grace and love, forming a new community in Christ and uniting the world with Christ. I contend that the Church is united and grounded not primarily in structures, offices, doctrines, or ethical lives, but in new fellowship with God through Christ in the Spirit, and the unity of the church extends its relationship to all. Just as Jesus was present with the poor, the hungry, the sick and the imprisoned, the church is not only the church of the eye or the ear, but also the church of the outstretched. That is to say, the church is a missional church for those who are isolated, ignored, discriminated, helpless, or hopeless in the world. I uphold the Book of Order and the Book of Confession through which PCUSA affirms the faith and theology of the Reformed tradition. I join voice with "the Historic Principles of the Church Order," which Book of Order sets forth form of government, worship, and discipline. I believe that PCUSA is established as a confessional church under one Church of Christ, in which the grace and love of the triune God can be revealed and witnessed and can further the kingdom of God on earth.

