

Statement of Faith

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2 My faith dwells in the Lord, the creator, redeemer, sustainer of all. God created the world
3 out of nothing and brought forth life and it was good. I believe the origin of humanity resides in
4 the hands of God, yet the fall of humanity derives from our condition. Through the disobedience
5 of Adam and Eve Sin emerged and, in that Sin, we have been alienated from God and therefore
6 from each other. That alienation has corrupted our goodness, we are therefore totally depraved;
7 unable to reach, only ever able to grasp at the Truth revealed by God.

8 That Truth was revealed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God's only
9 Son. I believe the incarnation is the inconceivable reality of the creator entering into creation, the
10 point in which the eternal being became a temporal becoming. I believe that by showing us the
11 light of God's love, the ministry of Jesus reconciled us with one another. I believe that all
12 humanity has been reconciled with God through the death and resurrection of Christ. Christ Jesus
13 died for the sins of the world and bridged the eternal divide between us and God, ultimately
14 eliminating the Sin caused by our alienation from God. This redemptive action is rooted in the
15 unbound mercy and everlasting grace of God.

16 Going out into the world, Christ gave us two signs of God's love and commitment to
17 creation. I believe in Baptism and the Lord's Supper as the two sacraments of the Presbyterian
18 church. I believe in Baptism we are sealed by God's grace as members of the Church visible. I
19 believe that in this act we are renewed in Christ and gifted with the Holy Spirit. I believe that the
20 Lord's Supper draws us into relationship with the risen Christ and is an act of remembrance for
21 what has been done and what will be done in Christ. The Lord's Supper is also a time when we
22 give our praise to the Lord for the loving acts of God throughout history. That history is recorded
23 in Holy Scripture which is the Word of God for the people of God. The Scriptures reveal the
24 history of God's people and the completion of God's works, past, present, and future.

25 Our assurance is found in the resurrection of Christ. Therefore, no work done by human
26 hands can earn salvation, and no evil deed done by human recourse can undo salvation. We are
27 saved by the grace of God alone. After the ascension of Christ, the Holy Spirit, which has always
28 been and will always be, graced the disciples with the Spirit of the Lord to go out as conduits of
29 God's Will in the world. The gift of the Holy Spirit continues to act through the church of Christ
30 and all those who profess Christ to be their Savior. I believe that the church has no authentic
31 voice, apart from the voice of the Lord calling out for us to follow and act.