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Statement of Faith

I believe in the one Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as revealed to us in the Bible. God created the earth and the heavens and everything in it including us, out of nothing.

Jesus Christ called God, "Father". Jesus calling God "Father" does not mean that God is male. But his doing so does tell us much about how God - the creator of heaven and earth, wants a personal relationship with us. The Lord God, creator of all has also demonstrated this desire for relationship by revealing Himself to us through the Bible, through Jesus Christ, and through the Holy Spirit.

As humans we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We sin when we do not worship God, but worship ourselves and other created idols. Through our sin we have defaced the image of God in which we have been created. God has created us to be in relationship with Him, but our sin breaks this relationship.

In God's sovereign power, God reconciled us to Himself. God showed what love really means when he sent His only son, Jesus Christ, to earth. Jesus shows us that to really be powerful means giving up power for others. Though Jesus was God incarnate, he gave himself up as a sacrifice for us on the cross. Though sinless, Jesus died for us sinners. Therefore, we are saved by the grace of God alone. After dying for our sins, Jesus permanently defeated sin for all time by rising from the grave. He beat death for us and is no longer dead but alive and living for us. Jesus left earth to be with God the Father in heaven, but did not leave us helpless on earth. He left the Spirit with us always, so we can know God, because no one can confess that Jesus Christ is Lord except through the Spirit.

While on earth, Jesus displayed to us two sacraments: Baptism and Communion. These sacraments are signs and seals of the Triune God's power at work in the church and in God's people. The water of Baptism represents the washing clean of sins and the inclusion in the covenant of God. The Lord's Supper is the communing of the community of believers with the crucified and risen Christ Jesus and the community of believers.

Our sins have been washed away by Jesus Christ, as shown in our Baptism. In Baptism we are included in God's covenant, like circumcision included the Israelite children in God's covenant. We are called to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with our lives. We are also called to "sin no more." It is impossible for us to be sinless, but we can become more Christ-like, with the help of the Holy Spirit. We constantly strive for Sanctification in the Holy Spirit.

As a community of believers we are a part of the universal church of all believers from all time. God does not just save us, God also calls us to serve Him and enjoy Him forever. We are called to share God's love and the Good News of Christ Jesus with the world. We also await the return of Jesus Christ, where He will come in his glory and rule the earth forever. Then there will no longer be sin or despair for those who are with God.

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Biography

I was born and raised in Charlotte, NC. My parents are both members and elders of Good Shepherd PC. I have always gone to church and was raised in the faith. I have been very blessed to have two wonderful, loving, Christian parents. They both have teaching backgrounds.

My relationship with Christ became personal and really began to grow on a mission trip to Cranks Creek, Kentucky, when I was fifteen. I finally realized that there was something more important than myself. That is when I began surrendering my life to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I continued to go on as many mission trips as I could in high school. This is where my relationship with Jesus Christ grew the most. It culminated when I was on summer staff for a youth mission organization in 1998. I had the opportunity to spend the summer traveling doing mission work around the country and world.

I graduated from Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC. I had planned to be a Business major, but changed to Religion. This is when God made real to me my call into ministry. I still did not want to accept it fully, so I did non-ordained church youth work for the next three years.

I surrendered my life again to God's call and attended Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 2004. This was a major move for me, going completely out of my comfort zone and away from everyone that I knew. It was a major time of growth in my life. Even though I had not lived with my parents since high school, I had always lived in the Carolinas, until I moved to Austin. My faith was challenged and through that became stronger. God also helped me to develop some good spiritual disciplines, like Bible reading, devotion, and journaling on a daily basis.

I have been the Youth Director at FPC Hendersonville since February 2007. It has been great being back in North Carolina and serving in a Christ centered congregation. I have enjoyed ministry in Hendersonville and it has also challenged me. I am looking forward to being ordained and being able to expand my ministry there.

In May 2007, I married a wonderful woman named Cortney. She is a great partner in life and ministry, joining me for mission trips, Bible Studies, and a variety of other ministry opportunities.