

Presbytery of Hudson River, 23 May 2017
Statement of Faith – Jae H. Chung

I believe in the Triune God who creates, redeems, and sustains. He revealed concretely in the person of Jesus Christ.

I believe God the creator of the universe is the Father of Christ and, by grace obtained in Christ and mediated through the Spirit, is also my Father and I am His child as one adopted. God is a Loving Father who calls me to a life of trust.

I believe in God the Son, the unique, and eternal Son of God, who emptied himself and took on flesh and became like us, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. Christ died for the sins of the world. On the third day, God raised him from the dead as evidence of Christ's divinity, and as one fully God and fully Human reconciled sinful human beings to a Holy God. He ascended to the right hand of the Father from where Christ intercedes for us, sent us the Spirit, and continues to work in us. I believe Christ will return as promised to call all people to account, to be judged justly, according to His Gracious Truth.

I believe in God the Spirit, present in Creation, present in the life of Christ, and now present in the saints, teaching us the truth in Christ, securing all the graces obtained by Christ to become an effective grace in our lives. The Spirit lives in us to produce the character of Christ, and also empowers us with gifts to do the ministry of Christ.

I believe the Church is the resurrected Body of Christ continuing the mission of God today. The church consists of redeemed but imperfect people of God, but the church is not a human institution. God has called the church into being and Christ continues to purify it with His blood. Thus Christ is the ultimate authority and sustenance of the church. The mission of the church is the mission of Christ which is service and sacrifice to transform the world *into* and *for* the glory of God. The church takes form in local congregation and though no one local church is the universal church, there is no universal church except for the embodiment in the local church and the local churches working interdependently.

I believe that the Scriptures are the inspired word of God speaking to us. The Old Testament reveals God's continual desire for Israel to come into full covenant and that all nations might come to know God through this special relationship. The New Testament is a witness to the full extent of God's willingness to save us even to the point of giving Christ as a sacrifice for our sins. God sent Jesus to save the fallen humanity. It is clear for us, then, to continue the work which Jesus did two thousand years ago. Our Lord Jesus Christ established the church for this purpose.

