

Presbytery of Hudson River
Statement of Faith – Ryan Larkin
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I trust in one triune God. God alone receives my worship and I serve God above all. I believe God created all things, concrete and intangible. God made God's people good; to love God and to be in relationship with God forever. God loves God's people and forgives. God has forgiven me and is forgiving me.

I trust in Jesus Christ, who walked the Earth, both fully human and fully God. Jesus was unjustly condemned by human judges and crucified. God raised Jesus from the dead, allowing Jesus and all God's children life eternal.

I trust in the Holy Spirit, who works in and through the world. The Holy Spirit creates community that sustains and heals. The Holy Spirit directs our faith and life through Scripture, engages us as the Word is proclaimed, claims us in baptism, gives us the gifts of table fellowship, and calls people to all ministries.

I rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. I rejoice that a New Heaven and a New Earth is promised by the God of perfect promises. I listen for God's word in all God's chosen forms. I speak with God often in prayer. I worship and serve God with others as we form the church together, with Jesus Christ as our sustainer, teacher, and head. I am taught by God's faithful servants. I try to lead, with the Holy Spirit's help, when I am so called. I try, in love, to equip the saints for their service, far beyond what I can do alone. I love God with all my heart, mind, and try to find daily how to be more effective as Christ's hands and feet, as I am lovingly and brilliantly commanded.

I invite all to join in the walk with Christ, honoring those who have honest, compassionate paths similar to mine and different than mine. I recognize where the Scriptures tell of Jesus saying "no one comes to God except through me," and also recognize no passage of Holy Scripture makes a barrier preventing God from gathering up God's people into a perfect, loving embrace. I love God's people and, out of that love, pray and work for peace for all in the world.