

Faith Statement Guidelines
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia
2011 Confirmation Class

Part of the Confirmation process is declaring or saying out loud what you believe. The Presbyterian Church (USA) has a long history of using creeds, confessions, and statements to help interpret to the world what we believe. On confirmation Sunday, you will be asked these three questions:

- Do you profess your faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?
- Do you renounce evil and affirm your reliance on God's grace?
- Will you participate actively and responsibly in the worship and mission of the church?

These questions are ones that you need to think about and have meaning to you. That's why you are being asked to write a Faith Statement. It will be a record of what you believe at this time in your life. **Your Faith Statement must include the following:**

- 1. What do you believe about God?**
- 2. What do you believe about Jesus Christ?**
- 3. What importance does the Holy Spirit have in your life?**
- 4. What does the church mean to you?**
- 5. What will people see what you believe reflected in your daily life?**

Additionally, you can reflect on the following: what does it mean to be a disciple, what you believe about the Bible, how stewardship is a part of your life, what you believe about the community of faith, where you see God in this world and what it means to be faithful. Please add to this list as it reflects your faith journey.

Here are the specifics on how to format your faith statement: Your full name (first, middle last) in the top left hand corner. It needs to be typed and at least one full page, but not longer than two pages. Please use Times New Roman font size 12, single-spaced.

Your Faith Statement should be in your own words, your own beliefs, and thoughts. It can be a poem, a conversation, a letterform, or whatever creative form you chose. You could create an original art piece or musical composition too! Use your Confirmation Notebook, your parents and elder-Friends for help and inspiration. But, this needs to be your original work. If you have questions, please contact John Ryan.

Faith Statement Schedule

Group A: rough draft due October 24 and final version due on October 31.

Groups C1 & C2: rough draft due January 9 and final version on January 23.

Group D: rough draft due on April 10 and final version due on April 17.

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Your Faith Statements will be distributed to the Session and Ministerial Staff to read the first week of May and will be discussed when you meet with the Session to join the church.