

Getting to Know Our Senior Pastor Candidate

As a part of the Pastoral Information Form, each candidate crafts a very brief Statement of Faith to give the PNC a sense of his theology and language of faith.

“The first thing that caught my attention was the manner in which our candidate approached theology. His statements were simultaneously Reformed and attuned to modern life. He will bring a fresh, culturally relevant perspective as he teaches the timeless truths of our Christian faith.”

– MARK

“What made our candidate’s sermons remarkable to me, was, in addition to having the characteristics we were looking for (clarity, illustrations, and a call to action), he opened himself up and made it a very personal experience between himself and the congregation.”

– KEVIN

Statement of Faith: I believe in one Triune God; the Father Almighty who made the heavens and the earth, His only son Jesus Christ and in the Holy Spirit. The God of Israel whose faithfulness is

eternal, the God of Jacob whose power is declared by the creation, the God of David whose forgiveness is our salvation from the power of sin which humanity has brought to bear upon itself, the God of Naomi who provides redemptive relationship in the midst of sorrow. The God who has made Himself known to us through the incarnation of Jesus, the Christ, through the work of the Holy Spirit, and through the faithful witness of scripture, the Word of God, written.

I believe the eternal Word of God became flesh in Jesus of Nazareth and died upon the cross for the atonement of sins- assuming the consequence of death in God abandonment which humanity had acquired and replacing it with the gift of righteousness through faith. Jesus was raised in a bodily resurrection from death and ascended into heaven where he now remains seated at the right hand of God until the Day when he returns in his full glory to judge both the living and the dead. Christ is the Savior and Redeemer of the world and all who have faith in him and confess that Christ is Lord will be justified before God.

I believe the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ has done more than attained a future deliverance from God’s judgment for those whose faith is in him. I believe that Christ’s life, Christ’s death and Christ’s resurrection have offered to the cosmos a reason for hope, has issued to all people an invitation to experience repentance and redemption and extended a summons to a new way of living. I believe life lived as a follower of Jesus Christ is simply a better way to live than what the world or its idols can offer. I believe the Kingdom of God is both a present and a future reality; a reality which is available to all.

“We sought a pastor who incarnates a love for God and of others and models the struggle to be more like Jesus. After two intensive weekends together, I knew we’d found him.”

– EM

I believe the followers of Christ comprise the holy, catholic, universal and apostolic church. The mission of the church is to go into all the world and proclaim through word and work the good news of Christ’s life, death and resurrection, making disciples of all nations and baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, being confident that it is God at work within us to will and to do in love and in service. It is the work of all individuals in the church to love and worship God through life and sacrament seeking to establish in the earth the justice, peace and reconciliation of Christ, making use of the gifts for ministry given to us by the Holy Spirit.

**Join us on Sunday, January 8, 2012 at 10 am
for Worship to hear our candidate preach.**

Congregational meeting will be held after the service.