

## Debra Trevino -- Statement of Faith

I believe God is eternal, holy, just, merciful and gracious, existing in what we understand as trinity of “persons” of the same substance we experience as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As creator, God is sovereign and provident over all, intimately involved in God’s creation.

I believe in Jesus Christ, fully divine eternal Son of God, fully human, born of a virgin. I believe Jesus lived a sinless life; he was crucified, buried and raised from the dead to provide assurance of God’s victory over sin and death and redemption of all of creation which had been marred through the fall and disobedience of humankind.

I believe in the eternal Holy Spirit, the One promised by Christ. Though created in the image of God to live in community with God, disobedient humanity broke that communion which was restored through the redemptive work of Christ and the Holy Spirit who seals and claims us in the waters of baptism. The Spirit is comforter, counselor, sustainer who empowers and enables us to follow Christ.

Christ is the head of the universal church, begun at Pentecost with the coming of the Spirit. It is the visible body of Christ, acting as His hands and feet in the world. Through the mysterious gifts of God, the church grows as each is baptized into the body and it is strengthened and renewed by celebration of the Lord’s Supper (1 Cor. 11:23-26). The church is to proclaim the good news (Rom. 3:21-26) and to evangelize (Mt. 28:19-20), which leads to repentance, acceptance of Christ and a new life as disciples, We are to love one another sharing worship, fellowship, nurture and Spirit-lead deepened prayer life. By the grace of God through the celebration of the sacraments, we receive and extend compassion, cooperation, commitment and commissioning for work in the world.