

## **FAITH STATEMENTS – CONFIRMATION CLASS 2010**

**Tyler A:** I believe in God. I believe in the Holy Spirit. I believe in Jesus Christ.

God, your creations are good. They are here for us, the animals for food, the people to meet, and the places to go, and the families you put us in are amazing. And we couldn't live without you. You set me on a path for my life that led me to this church and beyond. The distant relationships with the people whom we meet and the ways they impact our lives are there even if we can't see them. When we meet a person that we love and they leave us, You are still there.

**Kyla B:** I believe the Bible is a book to live by. I believe Jesus is a healer. God is my Creator and the originator of the whole world. The Holy Spirit is the breath of life. Father, Son and Holy Spirit are 3 in 1. The Bible helps me understand my life, purpose, and who I am. God is there in hard times and times of joy. Faith is one thing I will always have; especially after all the years I spent at Dwight. I am much more aware of my religious faith now after my confirmation journey

**Grace C:** I believe in God. I believe that God makes everything and everyone for a purpose. Because of his love for creation, God sent Jesus to the world. Jesus died for me, and for everyone, to show God's love to the world. I believe that God and Jesus are one. The Holy Spirit makes faith come alive, and is also one with God and Jesus, creating the Trinity. I believe that God, in all forms of the Trinity, creates love and faith in my life. Without God, life means nothing. With God, life is complete.

**Alisha D:** I believe in God. God is like a loving Father that has and always will help my family through the hardest and darkest of times even though I never knew He was there for me before. He is my Father in Heaven, the creator of all. I believe God never puts us through anything that we can't handle.

**Maddie D:** I believe God is Immanuel, always with us. He is the Lord of Lords, my saving grace. God is my redeemer and my friend.

I believe Jesus is my way – the way I will act for others, not for myself. He is my truth – the truth about what is right and wrong, good and evil. He is my life – the life I will live will be for God, guided by Jesus' footsteps.

I believe the Holy Spirit is the giver of life. The Holy Spirit is the form of God that is always with us. He unites us in happy times, said times, and in times of worship.

**Miklynn E:** In the past nine months I've been on a journey of faith and I have learned a lot. I believe God is the creator of Heaven and earth and what the Savior has planned for me will be the best for me. I believe Jesus Christ died on the cross for us, and he is the Son of God. I believe the Holy Spirit is the giver

of life. I believe the holy catholic church is a place where you can learn more and more about the scripture.

**Julie F:** God is the leader of the dance, Creator, Ruler, King. The Holy one of Israel is ever present among us and guides us through life, while allowing us our free will. Jesus is God in human form, here in a humble being, and God's representation on a more personal level. He is the one thing that truly changes our religion from others. The Holy Spirit is hope in our hearts, present yet hidden. The Trinity is one Being, one true God that is there in our times of need and our times of joy. Because Jesus died for us, we are given his grace, which we respond to through faith and good deeds. The Bible is a 'guideline' to Christian life, a storybook to help us live our lives as better people. The church is a gathering of people responding to God's grace, together in worship and thankfulness.

**Katie M:** Nine months ago, I started on a journey to find what I believe. After long thought and consideration, I believe I have found my statement of faith: God is open to interpretation. God has no name. God is an entity that is above everything else. God is always there to protect us, care for us, listen to us, and guide us and sometimes to speak to us. God loves everyone and everything. We are all God's children. God has a purpose for each and every one of us. We may not always be happy with what God decides will happen, but there's not much we can do to change fate, now is there?

Jesus gave himself up to wash away the sins of the world. We do not necessarily need to be baptized, take communion or go through confirmation. We have already been saved and will always be saved. While sacraments are things that remind us of who God is, or what Jesus did for us, they are not necessary. Signs and symbols of God are all around us. The tree outside is a sign of God's good earth. The fact that you, yourself are saved is a sign of Jesus' sacrifice and God's love. But sacraments to me personally are signs that are easy to recognize because we never fail to proclaim that they remind us of God's love for us. I find this very comforting.

Everyone is my neighbor. It is important to obey the laws that have been laid down throughout history, but ultimately it is our personal belief that we should forgive and not fill up with hate and fear. Nothing good comes from revenge. And just because we should forgive everyone does not mean that we have to like everyone.

I believe that this set of beliefs belong to me and me alone. I believe that this could be copyrighted, so don't get any ideas. Go get your own beliefs! This I Believe.

**Kaylee R:** I believe the Christian faith consists of two major things. God and living a “Christ-like” life. God is the creator of all living things. He surrounds us in our daily lives. Although he doesn’t create success, he guides me through my troubles and helps me make the best decision for me. He has a plan for me and little by little I will figure out this plan.

Living a “Christ-like” life means to show others that with the light of God a person can be amazing. That is how we show people that Christians are amazing people with an amazing God.

**Lori W:** I believe God is like a mother/father that always protects and loves you no matter who or what you are. God is the balance in my life, he keeps me grounded. God has blessed me by giving me all that I have.

I believe Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. He is God’s word that became flesh. Jesus always knows what we are going through and is there to help us. He gives us purpose to all live. I believe that he died for us on the cross to take away sin.

I believe the Holy Spirit is like a flame that always sustains us. I believe that the Spirit guides us on our journey. I believe the Church is a way to bring and learn about God. The Bible for me is God’s way to tell us more about how he loves us and what he expects us to do.

**David W:** I believe in God the Father Almighty. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins. I believe what I believe and who I believe in.

The Bible is the holiest book in our universe and it has a lot of things to say and I follow the Ten Commandments.

I know the church goes back to John Knox. Some of our greatest presidents were Presbyterian, like Abraham Lincoln.

God is the creator of Heaven and earth. Beginning and end, alpha and omega. God is the light of my life; God is the eagle that flies over on a bright morning day. God is the protector from evil and new things. God is the only lover that I love back.

Father, holy one of Israel, Rock of salvation, and the Lord is my only salvation and God is the creator of heaven and earth.