

Biblical Cross-Reference
“A Brief Statement of Faith” PCUSA
Adult Study Guide
Sept 12th - Nov 17th, 2016



About The Emblem

THE CROSS. A rainbow of colors representing the celebration of unity with the diversity of cultures and races living in Christ.

THE BLUE BACKGROUND. Symbolizes the universe as the light of the Word of God bringing us together.

THE EARTH. Cracks symbolizing our divisiveness and diversity, yet the faith we confess unites us with the one universal Church.

THE SECURE HANDS OF GOD. Remind us that he who holds our world together in turmoil will unite us in the grace of Jesus Christ. This is the foundation of our knowledge of God's sovereign love and our living together in the Holy Spirit.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.). Symbol of A Brief Statement of Faith has a prominent position on this banner. This symbol represents the descending dove of peace and the baptism of Christ. The open Bible symbol is the Word of God. The Font recalls the Sacrament of Baptism, while the table image recalls the other Sacrament of Communion, the Last Supper, and the pulpit as the preaching of the Word. The flames represent the burning bush and Pentecost. The overall image suggests the human figure with stretched out arms.

Take a moment to read the complete document...

“A Brief Statement Of Faith”

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments. We violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Introduction Cross-Reference Study
“A Brief Statement of Faith”

The writers of “A Brief Statement of Faith” have endeavored to establish this confession on the broad base of Scripture as a whole and the consensus of Reformed theology, but due to our limited time and specific goals. We have excluded the annotations from the rest of the Creeds and most of the Old Testament Scriptures. If you wish to have these annotations please email revbolivar@skanpresby.org

These cross-references identify sources that have significantly shaped the specific part of the faith being confessed at the lines indicated. They show the congruence of “A Brief Statement of Faith” with the teachings of the Scriptures. They point to only a selected few of the passages and contexts that you could study in comparing the ways the faith has been re-confessed in diverse historical situations. The verse references and abbreviations for books of the Bible are based on the Revised Standard Version.

Checkout all our videos of this study on our webpage
<http://www.skanpresby.org/sermons/blog/revbolivarblog>

Begin each lesson this week with this prayer...

Lord God, direct our minds and bodies throughout this day, and make us holy. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Monday, September 12th – Day 1

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Tuesday, September 13th – Day 2

In life and in death we belong to God.

Rom 8:31–39; 14:7–9

Wednesday, September 14th – Day 3

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

Mt 28:16–20; Jn 3:16; 14:8–17; Acts 2:41–42; 27:21–26;

Thursday, September 15th – Day 4

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Mt 1:18–25; 11:27; Mk 8:27–30; 14:61–62; Lk 2:1–52; Jn 1:1–18; 5:1–18; 7:25–31; 10:30–39;

Friday, September 16th – Day 5

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Mt 4:23–25; 9:10–13; 13:1–58; Mk 1:14–15; 5:1–20; 6:30–44;

Lk 6:17–36; 7:1–27, 33–50; 8:1–3; Jn 11:1–44; 16:33

Begin each lesson this week with this prayer...

All-powerful Father, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to bring the new light of salvation to the world. May he enlighten us with his radiance, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever, Amen.

Monday, September 19th – Day 6

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Tuesday, September 20th – Day 7

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,

Mt 26:57–68; 27:32–37; Mk 14:53–65; 15:21–26; Lk 22:63–71; 23:32–35; Jn 10:22–39; 19:1–22;

Wednesday, September 21st – Day 8

Suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

Mt 27:27–31, 39–50; Mk 15:16–20, 29–37; 8:31–35; 10:45; Lk 22:39–46; Lk 23:11, 39–46; Jn 1:29–34; 3:16–18; 10:7–18; 19:28–37;

Thursday, September 22nd – Day 9

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,

Matt 27:3–4; 28:1–17; Mk 16:1–8; Lk 24:1–47; Jn 20–21;

Friday, September 23rd – Day 10

Breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Jn 3:16–18; 5:19–24; 11:17–27;
Rom 4:24–25; 5:1–21; 6:1–23; 8:1–11;

Begin each lesson this week with this prayer...

Father, may everything we do begin with your inspiration, and continue with your saving help. Let our work always find its origin in you, and through you reach completion. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN

Monday, September 26th – Day 11

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Tuesday, September 27th – Day 12

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

Mt 6:25–34; Mk 14:32–36; Lk 11:2–4; Rom 8:12–17;

Wednesday, September 28th – Day 13

In sovereign love God created the world good

Gen 1:1–25; Is 40:21–28; Jn 1:1–5;

Thursday, September 29th – Day 14

And makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

Gen 1–5, 32; 10:32–11:1; Is 56:3–8; 66:18–21; Lk 10:29–37; Acts 17:22–28; Rev 7:9–12; 22:1–2.

Friday, September 30th – Day 15

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Jon 1:1–4; Mt 5:14–16; 19:16–22; 25:14–30 (especially 18, 24–25);

Mk 4:21–23; Lk 8:16–18; 8:43–48; 10:38–42 (Martha)

Begin each lesson this week with this prayer...

Lord, guide us in your gentle mercy, for left to ourselves we cannot do your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Monday, October 3rd – Day 16

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Tuesday, October 4th – Day 17

Ignoring God's commandments.

Mt 5:17–6:21; 7:12; 22:34–40; Jn 13:34; 14:15; 15:12–17;
Rom 13:8–10;

Wednesday, October 5th – Day 18

We violate the image of God in others and ourselves,

Mt 23:13–28; 25:31–46; Lk 16:19–31; Rom 1:28–32;

Thursday, October 6th – Day 19

Accept lies as truth,

Gen 2:16–17; 3:1–4; Job 13:1–12; Jn 8:42–45.

Friday, October 7th – Day 20

Exploit neighbor and nature, and

threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

Gen 2:15; Is 5:7–8; 24:4–6; 33:7–9; Jer 2:7–8; 9:4–6; Acts 16:16–24.

Begin each lesson this week with this prayer...

*God, our Father, your light of truth guides us to the way of Christ.
May all who follow him reject what is contrary to the gospel. We ask this through our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen*

Monday, October 10th – Day 21

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Tuesday, October 11th – Day 22

We deserve God's condemnation.

Gen 6:5–7; Jer 2:9; 9:7–11; 14:15–16; Jn 3:16–21;
Rom 5:18–21; 8:1–4.

Wednesday, October 12th – Day 23

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

Mt 1:18–21; Lk 1:67–79; 15:1–7; Jn 3:16–17;
Rom 5:15–17; 8:18–25;

Thursday, October 13th – Day 24

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Mt 9:9–13; 26:26–28; Rom 4:13–25; 11; 1 Cor 1:26–29; Gal 3:6–9;
Eph 1:3–10;

Friday, October 14th – Day 25

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Mt 6:13; 15:21–28; Mk 5:1–20; 2 Cor 1:8–11; Rev 1:4–11; 15:2–4.

Begin each lesson this week with this prayer...

God our Savior, bring us back to you and fill our minds with your wisdom. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Monday, October 17th – Day 26

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Tuesday, October 18th – Day 27

**Loving us still, God makes us heirs
with Christ of the covenant.**

Ps 33:20–22; 36:7–9; Is 54:4–10; 63:7–9; Mt 26:26–29;
Rom 8:15–17, 38–39;

Wednesday, October 19th – Day 28

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome
the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

Lk 13:34–35; 15:11–32 (esp. 20); 1 Cor 1:9; 1 Thess 5:23–24;
2 Thess 2:16–17.

Thursday, October 20th – Day 29

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver
and renewer of life.**

Lk 1:26–35; Jn 3:1–15; Acts 2:1–21; 10; Rom 8:1–11;

Friday, October 21st – Day 30

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

Rom 1:16–17; 3:21–28; 4:1–5; 5:1–2; Gal 3:1–14; Eph 2:8–9; Tit 3:3–7.

Begin each lesson this week with this prayer...

Father, you guide your people with kindness and govern us with love. Give the Spirit of wisdom to those you have called to lead your Church. May the growth of your people in holiness be the eternal joy of our shepherds. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Monday, Oct 24th – Day 31

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Tuesday, October 25th – Day 32

Sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

Mk 12:28–34; Lk 10:25–37; Jn 3:1–15; Rom 8:26–27; 12; 13:8–10;

Wednesday, October 26th – Day 33

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles

Mk 12:35–37; Jn 20:19–23; Acts 1:1–9; 2:1–4; 9:17–19

Thursday, October 27th – Day 34

Rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed,

Mt 5:17; Mk 13:9–11; Lk 24:13–27, 44; Jn 5:30–47; 16:13

Friday, October 28th – Day 35

Claims us in the waters of baptism,

Mk 1:1–12; 6:30–52; Jn 1:19–34; 3:5; 7:37–39; Acts 2:38–42; 8:26–39; 9:10–19; 10:44–11:18;

Begin each lesson this week with this prayer...

Father, keep before us the wisdom and love you have revealed in your Son. Help us to be like him in word and deed. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Monday, October 31st – Day 36

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Tuesday, November 1st – Day 37

Feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,

Mt 26:17–29; Mk 14:22–25; Lk 22:14–20; 24:13–35; Jn 6: 35,48

Wednesday, November 2nd – Day 38

and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

Judg 4:4–10; Lk 1:46–55; 2:25–38; 8:1–3; 10:38–42; Jn 4:7–42; 20;
Acts 1:12–2:47; 13:1–4; 16:1–15; 18:24–28;

Thursday, November 3rd – Day 39

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage

Acts 4:13–31; Phil 1:19-20; 2 Cor 1:18–22.

Friday, November 4th – Day 40

To pray without ceasing,

Mt 6:5–15; Mk 14:32–42; Lk 18:1–8; Jn 17; Rom 12:12;

Begin each lesson this week with this prayer...

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN

Monday, November 7th – Day 41

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Tuesday, November 8th – Day 42

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

Mt 28:19–20; Lk 24:45–47; Acts 1:8; 9:27–29; 23:11; Rom 1:1–6;

Wednesday, November 9th – Day 43

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,

Mt 6:24; Lk 18:18–23; Acts 19:21–41

Thursday, November 10th – Day 44

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

Mt 15:21–28; Mk 5:15–20; 9:38–41; 16:9–11; Lk 7:36–50; 10:30–35;
Jn 4:27–30, 39; 20:11–18;

Friday, November 11th – Day 45

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

Mt 5:9; 25:31–46; Rom 14:17–19; Gal 5:13–26

Begin each lesson this week with this prayer...

God our Father, you conquer the darkness of ignorance by the light of your Word. Strengthen within our hearts the faith you have given us; let not temptation ever quench the fire that your love has kindled within us. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Monday, November 14th – Day 46

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Tuesday, November 15th – Day 47

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,

Mt 13:44; Lk 9:23; 24:44–53; Jn 15:10–11; Acts 1:8, 13:52;

Wednesday, November 16th – Day 48

Even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

Mt 24:42–44; 25:1–13; Mk 13:32–37; Lk 14:15–24;

Thursday, November 17th – Day 49

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Is 25:6–9; Jn 3:16; Rom 8:31–39; Eph 2:1–10;

Feedback is important to us!

Let us know if you found this study, videos or prayers helpful; or why you did not. Remember that we grow in spirit ONLY when we trust the spirit of each members of the body.

We will not be able to grow and improve without knowing what you think. Furthermore, know that we know that feedback can be good or bad. Please be honest and let us know what you think.

You will N☺T hurt our feelings!

Please email all questions or comments

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