

# Confirmation 2008



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## Sunday, November 23, 2008

Today is a very special day in the life of Siesta Key Chapel as eleven of our young people stand before the congregation to profess their faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior and to become full-fledged members of the church. Over the past three months this energetic group of "Confirmands" has prepared for their public declaration of faith in Jesus by:

- † studying the Scripture
- † participating in a Mission Trip
- † interacting with Sunday worship
- † learning key words and concepts of the Christian faith
- † practicing daily prayer and Bible reading
- † writing a personal *Statement of Faith*

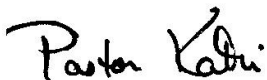
On November 21<sup>st</sup> they were examined, confirmed in their faith, and approved by the Session as full members of Siesta Key Chapel. God's grace is very real to each of these new members and they invite you to read through their *Statements of Faith* and join them in following Jesus.

It has been an honor and privilege to walk with the Confirmands through this important process. Many thanks to each parent for their steadfastness and encouragement to their children.

*Start children off on the way they should go,  
and even when they are old they will not turn from it.*  
Proverbs 22:6

*Love God, your God, with your whole heart:  
Love Him with all that is in you, love Him with all you've got!  
Write God's commandments on your hearts.  
Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children.  
Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street;  
talk about them from the time you get up in the morning  
To when you fall into bed at night.*  
Deuteronomy 6:5-7

Grace and peace to you,



Pastor

# Ian Christian Asselstine

I AM in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and attend Pine View School. MY FAVORITE ACTIVITIES are sports.

MY FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE is "I speak words of wisdom, and they make sense."

MY ALL-TIME FAVORITE MEMORY is when I met Andrew Chen.

IN MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD I most want to know if he is the miracle, if he answers all prayers.

ONCE A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH, I HOPE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY letting people know about the Church and getting more people to come.

## THIS IS WHAT I BELIEVE, MY STATEMENT OF FAITH

**I believe** That God is a loving and forgiving God. He is very wise and He is a father to all living things.

**I believe** That Jesus is the Son of God and that he died for our sins, and to help us all see that the kingdom of heaven is for all who believe in God.

**I believe** That the Holy Spirit lives within all of us and is the true essence of God, or God's true spirit.

**I believe** That human nature is our feelings and our goodness, and if we believe in God, we will know His true salvation is with Him.

**I believe** That the Bible is the word of God, and for all of those who followed Jesus.

**I believe** That the Church is anywhere, where people come together to worship God and be inspired.

**I believe** That the Lord's Supper was Jesus' last meal and a way in which he could give something of himself for his disciples to remember him and all of those who followed him.

**I believe** Baptism shows my commitment to God and tells us that our sins are forgiven by the Lord, when we confess our sins.

**I believe** Prayer is the way we communicate with God. If you want a friendship with someone, you must communicate with words and Prayer is the way we do this with God.

**I believe** That there is life after death with God. All who believe will be offered the kingdom of Heaven.

# Emily Brooksbank

**I AM** in the 6th grade and attend Pine View School. **MY FAVORITE ACTIVITIES ARE** crew, (rowing), reading, and hanging out with friends.

**MY FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE IS** Genesis "*In the beginning, God created the Heavens and the Earth. The Earth was barren with no form of life. It was a roaring ocean covered with darkness.*"

**MY ALL-TIME FAVORITE MEMORY** one summer, one of my best friends and I created this world. It was in this lady's backyard and had a creek and treehouse. I remember how much fun it was.

**IN MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD I MOST WANT TO...** talk and be able to confide in Him (pray). I want to teach others through mission and helping them that God is there.

**ONCE A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH, I HOPE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY** helping others in need and teaching them Christ's word.

## **THIS IS WHAT I BELIEVE, MY STATEMENT OF FAITH**

**I believe** That God is the one and only true God. He is stronger than any evil and is the creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe** In the Son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for humankind's sins to be forgiven. He died and on the third day rose again. He is the Son of God and self-proclaimed Son of Man.

**I believe** That the Holy Spirit is watching over mankind all the time and is active in everything and everyone.

**I believe** That the Bible is filled with stories for mankind to understand who God is and it is a library showing us how to live our lives.

**I believe** Prayer is a way to communicate with God, He will always pick up, even if we call the wrong number.

**I believe** The Church is God's home, a place where a group of people come together to worship God.

**I believe** That we are forgiven of our sins if we ask for forgiveness.

**I believe** In the resurrection of Jesus Christ, he died and rose again on the third day.

**I believe** In life after death, and that God will still be there for us.

**I believe** That humankind has the capability of sinning and can ask for forgiveness and be forgiven.

***I believe*** That Baptism is to wash away sin and then the Holy Spirit enters into our hearts.

***I believe*** That the Lord's Supper represents Jesus' sacrifice of his life for our sins.

***I believe*** In the Presbyterian Church, which believes that Jesus Christ is our savior. The *Book of Confession* and the *Book of Order* are the Presbyterian form of government, which stresses the active participation of members, and representation by leadership, ministers and elders.

## Morgan Johnson

**I AM** in the 6th grade and attend Pine View School. **MY FAVORITE ACTIVITIES** are soccer and reading.

**MY FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE IS** 2 Timothy 1:7 "God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline."

**MY ALL-TIME FAVORITE MEMORY** winning All-Star tournament as goalie.

**IN MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD I MOST WANT TO...** Understand God, have a stronger faith.

**ONCE A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH, I HOPE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY** spreading God's word, any chance I get!

### **THIS IS WHAT I BELIEVE, MY STATEMENT OF FAITH**

***I believe*** In God, the creator of Heaven and Earth.

***I believe*** That God is with me through the Holy Spirit at all times.

***I believe*** That God the Father is like a father to me. He will always be there whenever I need Him. Actually, I know He is there even if I don't need Him!

***I believe*** The Holy Spirit works with my conscience and helps guide me in making choices.

***I believe*** It is human nature that makes us sinners. We make our own choices in life and sometimes human nature makes us make the wrong decisions.

***I believe*** In Jesus, that he was the son of God, and that he was Jewish. Also that he died on the cross for us, to wash away our sins.

***I believe*** That on the third day after his death, Jesus rose again. He could heal anyone with the touch of his hand.

- I believe*** That the Bible is very important to the Christian religion and that it was written mostly by Jewish people. I believe that praying is talking to God. I can pray anytime and anywhere. While praying, I can tell God all my thoughts and feelings and I know he will always hear me.
- I believe*** That Church is a group of people that gather together to worship and pray to God. There is no limit to the number of people who make up the church.
- I believe*** That the Lord's Supper was a symbol of our relationship with Jesus. The two symbols are the bread and the cup. The bread means that Jesus gave his body for us and the cup represents Jesus' blood. It means he shed his blood for us.
- I believe*** That Baptism washes away our sins and gives us another chance.
- I believe*** That Salvation comes by our faith, confessing our sins, and forgiveness comes by the grace of God.
- I believe*** That life after death is either heaven or hell. If you believe in God, you will have eternal life. If you let God forgive you for your sins, you will go to heaven. If you don't, you will go to hell. I think everyone should go to heaven.

## **Autumn Lambert**

**I AM** in the 6th grade and attend Pine View School. **MY FAVORITE ACTIVITIES ARE** dance and volleyball.

**MY FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE IS** Galatians 5:22-23 "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control . . . If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another."

**MY ALL-TIME FAVORITE MEMORY IS** going skiing in Colorado.

**IN MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD I MOST WANT** to be closer to Him and be able to share the news of Him with others.

**ONCE A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH, I HOPE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE** by sharing with others, the Good News about God.

**THIS IS WHAT I BELIEVE, MY STATEMENT OF FAITH**

***I believe*** In the Trinity of God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

- I believe*** That God is God the Father, He is God of all things on Earth, and He lets us be free to live for Him. God the Father will also forgive our sins no matter how terrible they are.
- I believe*** That Jesus Christ died on the cross to forgive our sins, then rose again showing that whoever truly believes and receives him, will live for all eternity.
- I believe*** The Holy Spirit is like our guide. It influences us and helps us make good decisions and seeing right from wrong.
- I believe*** That human nature is that we are all created by God, however because of sin, people are separated from God and need a savior. The way to God is by confessing our sins.
- I believe*** That the Bible is God's word.
- I believe*** That the Church is not a building or a certain place to worship, it is anywhere in the world where people are worshipping God the Father.
- I believe*** The Lord's Supper is something we do in remembrance of Christ.
- I believe*** That Baptism is a way to show my commitment that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.
- I believe*** That Prayer is how I talk to God and it is like talking to your best friend.
- I believe*** In Life after Death, and if you accept and follow Jesus Christ, you will live for eternity in heaven. Heaven will be like nothing we could ever imagine!

## **Sawyer Lambert**

**I AM** in the 8th grade and attend Pine View School. **MY FAVORITE ACTIVITIES ARE** dirt biking and swimming.

**MY FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE IS** Jeremiah 29:11 Surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

**MY ALL-TIME FAVORITE MEMORY** when we took a family vacation to Lake Havasu and stayed at our relative's house with them.

**IN MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD I MOST WANT TO...** I want to live with Him all my life and only get closer to Him.

**ONCE A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH, I HOPE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY** influencing friends to come and join our church or even to just learn about God and I want to volunteer a lot at the church.

**THIS IS WHAT I BELIEVE, MY STATEMENT OF FAITH**

***I believe*** In the Trinity, which consists of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

***I believe*** In Jesus Christ, God's only begotten son, who died on the cross for humanity. Jesus Christ suffered the payment for our sins, fully God and fully man.

***I believe*** The Holy Spirit is our guide through the winding path of life. God in a spirit-like form. The Holy Spirit which takes on life with you, when you accept Christ.

***I believe*** As we take on Baptism, we are accepting God into our lives, the Holy Spirit starts to travel with you.

***I believe*** That prayer is special interaction time with God. A time to confess to God who is a best friend that you can tell any secret to and you don't have to worry about it leaking out. God is a friend to whomever wants to be His friend.

***I believe*** Human nature is where we are all created by God in the beginning of time, we are imperfect, and we are sinners.

***I believe*** That Salvation is where we were saved by Jesus Christ and we can live eternally.

***I believe*** That the Bible is God's word, written through people by the Holy Spirit.

***I believe*** That the Church can be anywhere, where a gathering of people are worshiping God.

***I believe*** That the Lord's Supper is something we do in remembrance of Christ. Where Jesus referred to his body and blood as a memorial of him.

***I believe*** That Life after Death for people who do not accept Christ are going to Hell. I believe that for people who believe in Jesus as their Savior and place their faith in God will ascend to Heaven. Amen.

# Joshua Menezes

**I AM** in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and attend Brookside Middle School.

**MY FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE** is Joshua 8:1, "Do not be afraid nor dismayed."

**MY ALL-TIME FAVORITE MEMORY** when I got my first puppy.

**IN MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD I MOST WANT** to be able to connect with God and be able to open up to Him.

**ONCE A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH, I HOPE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY** working with younger kids to help them realize the joy being a part of the church and God.

## **THIS IS WHAT I BELIEVE, MY STATEMENT OF FAITH**

***I believe*** In God, Alpha and Omega, ruler of the universe.

***I believe*** In Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, Son of God, he was born in a manger by the Virgin Mary. He was crucified on the cross, died, rose again on the third day so that our sins would be forgiven.

***I believe*** In the Holy Spirit, who was poured out among all humans by God and it is the goodness in every soul.

***I believe*** In the Bible, for it is the documentation of miracles, a reference book to living a good life.

***I believe*** In prayer, an everlasting call to God, a phone call when you are never put on hold. Though he may not always give you the answer you want, all of our prayers are answered.

***I believe*** In the Church, a community of people who come together to recharge their hearts and minds and worship God.

***I believe*** In Baptism, the welcoming into the church. It is a way of accepting God's love by confessing my sins and accepting His forgiveness.

***I believe*** In Holy Communion, a reminder of the Lords Last Supper, a representation of the sacrifice of Jesus' body, his blood, and his life for our sins.

***I believe*** In salvation from my sins. When I confess my sins and ask God for forgiveness they are forgiven by God's grace.

***I believe*** In life after death, and if you believe in Jesus' sacrifice for our sins then you will go to Heaven.

***I believe*** In Heaven, God's palace and kingdom.

# Kimberly Menezes

**I AM** in the 7th grade and attend Pine View School. **MY FAVORITE ACTIVITIES ARE** dancing, going to the mall, hanging out with friends.

**MY FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE IS** John 14:1 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. . . I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

**MY ALL-TIME FAVORITE MEMORY IS** going to Minnesota to visit the Mooneys—we did all of my favorite things.

**IN MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD I MOST WANT TO** learn more about the Bible

**ONCE A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH, I HOPE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY** going on mission trips and becoming a better member of the community.

## **THIS IS WHAT I BELIEVE, MY STATEMENT OF FAITH**

***I believe*** In God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, who is always forgiving.

***I believe*** In Jesus Christ, our savior, who loves everyone no matter what, who died for our sins, and will always be there to guide me along the way. He is our Lord, and we can always pray to. Him.

***I believe*** In the Holy Spirit, a part of the Trinity, who is within me and is like my conscience, and will always love me.

***I believe*** That Baptism is a way to show others that Jesus is our Savior. It also symbolizes that our sins are forgiven.

***I believe*** In the Bible, which is like a library within itself. It is our guide, where I can find God’s purpose for life, and is a Holy Book.

***I believe*** In the Holy Church, where we learn the teachings of God and how to make a good difference in ourselves.

***I believe*** In salvation from our sins. When we have a good relationship with God and we confess our sins to Him, they are forgiven because Jesus died for them.

***I believe*** That human nature means that we make our own choices in life, whether they are right or wrong, but that as long as we have faith in Jesus, our sins can be forgiven through the Grace of God.

***I believe*** In life after death. This means that if you are faithful to live a life following Christ’s example you will have a place in heaven, and God will be waiting for you.

***I believe*** That to be a Presbyterian means that we have our own unique form of

government, as we do believe that Jesus is our Savior. It is a community of people who share our faith, and is where we study together and learn through God's love and care. Amen.

## Alex Mooney

**I AM** in the 6th grade and attend Pine View School. **MY FAVORITE ACTIVITIES ARE** soccer and tennis.

**MY FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE IS** Genesis 6:14 "Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. . . I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you."

**MY ALL-TIME FAVORITE MEMORY IS** winning Region C

**IN MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD I MOST WANT TO** understand and be with him.

**ONCE A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH, I HOPE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY** being a very loyal member.

### **THIS IS WHAT I BELIEVE, MY STATEMENT OF FAITH**

**I believe** In God and that He is superior to everything and everyone. He created heaven and earth.

**I believe** In Jesus Christ who is the Son of Man and also the Son of God. He died on the cross for our sins.

**I believe** In the Holy Spirit and that is the good in everyone and everything.

**I believe** That prayer is talking to God. He is always understanding and passionate to everything you say. He can always hear you. He will always be there for you.

**I believe** That Baptism is accepting Christ as the Messiah and asking him to forgive our sins.

**I believe** Church is anyplace where Christians meet to worship the almighty.

**I believe** That human nature is just and that God created us and everything else. It is a part of human nature that makes everyone a sinner and except for Christ, no one human being can be absolutely and completely holy.

**I believe** Salvation is given to people who believe in Jesus.

**I believe** In the Bible and that it is our way to learn about God and Jesus Christ

through the stories and teaching in it.

**I believe** The Lord's Supper was Jesus breaking the bread (his body) and drinking the wine (his blood). It was the last time Jesus talked to his disciples.

**I believe** In Life after Death and that everyone who confesses their sins and believes in Jesus Christ goes to Heaven.

## Jenny Mooney

**I AM** in the 8th grade and attend Pine View School. **MY FAVORITE ACTIVITY** is soccer.

**MY FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE** is Galatians 5:22 "By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. . . If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another."

**MY ALL-TIME FAVORITE MEMORY** is being in Minnesota.

**IN MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD I MOST WANT TO** be able to talk openly and freely.

**ONCE A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH, I HOPE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY** teaching God's word and helping others.

### **THIS IS WHAT I BELIEVE, MY STATEMENT OF FAITH**

**I believe** That God is the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in one, and I believe in the Trinity with all my heart.

**I believe** In Jesus Christ, that he was born of the Virgin Mary, that he died on the cross for our sins and then rose again.

**I believe** In the Holy Spirit as part of the Trinity. I know that it's the Holy Spirit who makes us one with God and was poured inside everyone. I believe that it's the Holy Spirit that gives me a measurement to differentiate from right and wrong and gives me the opportunity to choose the right thing.

**I believe** That prayer is where I can talk to God with no need to lie, for He knows the truth, and that whenever I feel like talking, God is faithful and will always be listening.

**I believe** That the Bible isn't merely a book but a library of the examples and rules by which we should live and our purpose is to decipher and understand it so that we can live by it and be closer to God.

**I believe** In Baptism, and know that it's a time when we accept Christ as our savior and

messiah. I understand that Jesus was baptized as well.

**I believe** That as a Presbyterian Church we accept both male and female priests and that we follow the book of confession and the book of order.

**I believe** That salvation is God's generous gift to us. It is achieved by our faith and God's grace that is given to us when we confess our sins.

**I believe** That life after death is our promise for never-ending happiness because we will get to sit beside God and Jesus.

**I believe** That the Lord's Supper is of great importance. Jesus told us that the bread symbolized his body, the wine symbolized his blood which he said was his life given up as a sacrifice for us.

## James Niffenegger

**I AM** in the 6th grade and attend Pine View School. **MY FAVORITE ACTIVITIES ARE** tennis and helping animals.

**MY FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE IS** Genesis 6:14 "Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. . . I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you."

**MY ALL-TIME FAVORITE MEMORY IS** When I saw a red wolf.

**IN MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD I MOST WANT TO** impress him.

**ONCE A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH, I HOPE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY** helping humans and animals.

### **THIS IS WHAT I BELIEVE, MY STATEMENT OF FAITH**

**I believe** That the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (or Trinity) live in every single one of us, even those who don't believe. We are responsible for taking care of the world.

**I believe** That God the Father is the God of all of us, the creator of heaven and earth. I believe that God did not need to create Earth but it is nice that He did. I believe that God made the world to share the love and being of Him.

**I believe** That Jesus, His Son, loves us and cares for us. Jesus lived a life of sacrifice, ultimately with his death on the cross.

**I believe** That the Holy Spirit removes disobedience from our hearts. I believe that

God is so powerful that He will eradicate all evil from the world.

***I believe*** That God created everything in the Bible. God's people are every single person in the world and that we are responsible for taking care of the Earth and each other following God's teachings in the Bible.

***I believe*** That God guides me in everything I do, think and plan. That through prayer I feel strong and able to conquer my fears. I pray every night and talk with God. I ask him to help me be strong and not afraid.

***I believe*** The Church is like a house of people who will devote themselves, work, and live their lives for God. It's also a place where people can worship and love God with other people.

***I believe*** I believe that He put us in this world to have free will but He did not try to make us seem different from each other. My relationship with God started with experiences where I was afraid. This relationship will take me in a life-changing journey for now and in the future. Human nature is that we are supposed to help and care for the world and protect it.

***I believe*** God forgives me when I confess that I am sorry and helps me follow his teachings. I feel protected by God every day and at every moment.

***I believe*** That the Lord's Supper is the time when Jesus told his Disciples that he is leaving and that he will have died for them.

***I believe*** That Baptism is a way to become spiritually and physically a part of the church. It is also a way to forgive sins.

***I believe*** That there is a Heaven with God's presence. He is the God that I follow through every circumstance in life and death.

## Julia Shea

**I AM** in the 6th grade and attend Pine View School. **MY FAVORITE ACTIVITIES ARE** sports and hanging out with friends.

**MY FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE IS** Mark 5:19 "Jesus said, 'Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has shown mercy to you.'"

**MY ALL-TIME FAVORITE MEMORY IS** going on cruises with my family.

**IN MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD I MOST WANT TO** understand and have faith with God, that I can talk to Him about anything.

**ONCE A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH, I HOPE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY** going on mission trips and spreading my joy to all the places I go.

## **THIS IS WHAT I BELIEVE, MY STATEMENT OF FAITH**

***I believe*** In God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

***I believe*** In God, The Father almighty. He always has a reason for everything even though we can't always see it. I believe in God the Father. He is my Father and I can share anything with Him without worrying that someone will find out. I go to Him when I am stuck and need help getting out.

***I believe*** In Jesus, God's Son, Jesus was Jewish and he died on the cross for us. On the third day he rose from the dead.

***I believe*** In the Holy Spirit who is our guide and helps us make choices.

***I believe*** In the Bible it gives me stories to help me and others better understand who God is. I read a chapter of the bible every week and I find it so interesting.

***I believe*** In prayer. Prayer is how you talk to God. I can talk to God any way I want. He is like a close friend that I can share anything with. I can let out my thoughts, feelings, and fears through prayer and know that it is safe inside Him.

***I believe*** In the Church. The church doesn't necessarily mean a building that you go and worship in. It can mean a group of people who believe and can feel comfortable around each other. They can act like your family. You need to be nice respectful, and patient. The church is God's home.

***I believe*** In the Lord's Supper. It has two symbols, the bread and the wine. The bread stands for God breaking off his body for us. The wine stands for God's blood that he is giving to us and sharing it to us for all.

***I believe*** In baptism. Baptism is the washing away with water and the washing away of sins by God. Galatians 3:26-27, "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ, you have clothed yourself with Christ." Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist.

***I believe*** In Salvation. Salvation is when you are saved by God who gave His only son to die for our sins.

***I believe*** In Human nature. We are all sinners and we are all imperfect. We all make our own choices in life, when we sin we can ask God for forgiveness and receive God's good grace.

***I believe*** In life after death. You either go to Heaven or hell. You would go to hell if you don't believe in Jesus and God. You would go to heaven if you do believe in Jesus and God and that you believe that all your sins are wrong.

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## "Great Ends of the Church"

outlined in the Book of Order  
of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are:

- The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind
- The shelter, nurture and spiritual fellowship of the children of God
- The maintenance of divine worship
- The preservation of the truth
- The promotion of social righteousness
- The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world

# **The Apostle's Creed**

## **A Statement of Faith for All Ages**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.