

## Your Statement of Faith

On Sunday, April 9, from 9-11am, you will present your statement of faith and creative expression to the Confirmation Class and church Elders. Don't worry; this is not a "test." Your faith statement will not be graded. This is a time where you will share your faith, hear the faith statements of your peers, and be affirmed by both your peers and church leaders.

**Your statement of faith should include 2 components: a Statement and Creation**

### The Statement

Email to Nick by April 8

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Write a one-page statement about your experience of faith, what you believe, and why your faith is important in your life. This is a personal statement, not an essay with right or wrong answers. There is no required format for your statement. Be creative with your writing (such as poetic, narrative/story, person reflection, Q&A). The most important thing is that you honestly share your faith.

Here are some thoughts to get you started (note, this is NOT an outline for your statement, just ideas to get you started).

#### Your Faith Experience:

Here are some questions to think about (don't try answering all of these, just use them as a starting point to think about why you believe what you believe).

- Where do you experience God? What is that experience like?
- How would you describe your faith journey up to this point in your life?
- Why is your faith important to you?
- How has your faith had an impact on your life?
- What aspects of faith do you struggle with the most?
- When have you felt closest and furthest from God in your life?
- What does it mean to be a Christian and follow Jesus?

#### What you believe:

Consider including the following in your statement:

- God
- The Holy Spirit
- The Bible
- Jesus Christ
- The Church
- Humanity
- Any other topics you wish to include (such as: worship, prayer, other religions, why do bad things happen?, church membership, sin and grace, the role of the church, being a Presbyterian, mission and service).

### The Creation

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Create an artistic expression of what you believe. Possibilities include:

Painting	Songwriting	Scrapbooking	Collage
Drawing	Video	Poetry	Word Art
Singing	Storytelling	Dance	Sculpture

If you have any questions or would like feedback on your work, feel free to ask your parents, small group leaders, or Nick. However, this is YOUR statement of faith. It's not your parents' statement, your siblings' statement, your leaders' statement, the church's statement, or anyone else's! It's YOURS!

**Both the written statement and the creation should be brought to class on April 9<sup>th</sup>, but the written statement should also be emailed to Nick at [nredmond@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:nredmond@firstchurchlf.org) by April 8<sup>th</sup>.**