

Statement of Faith

I believe in one God, the sovereign Creator, who made the universe and all life therein and who makes all things well.

I believe that this one God exists in three persons, a mystery described by the Christian doctrine of the trinity. This triune God has been revealed to us in personal terms as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit or in functional terms as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

God has chosen to be revealed to us through nature, the Scriptures, and through Jesus Christ. Through the Scriptures we learn of God's initiative and activity in human affairs. The revelation of Scripture is authoritative in our lives.

As human beings, we were created in the image of God. Selfishly, we chose to turn our backs on God and to disobey God. As a consequence of this choice we experience broken relationships with God and one another. We are utterly helpless to repair the damage done by sin. Only by God's freely given grace can these relationships be restored.

Through Jesus Christ, God incarnate, we find the most complete revelation of God. Through the lifestyle and teachings of Jesus, we learn of God's priorities and intentions for our lives. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God provided for reconciliation with humanity. We are invited to respond in faith to God's gracious offer of salvation.

God's Spirit works within us to empower us to live as God originally intended. The Spirit of God also empowers the church, the people of God, to carry out God's work on the planet. The preaching of the Word and the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper are primary means by which the Spirit works in our lives.

In God's time, Jesus Christ will be revealed to all people upon his return to earth. Then all things will be disclosed, including the fullness of God's intentions for the world. Justice will be done and God's purposes for the creation will be carried out.

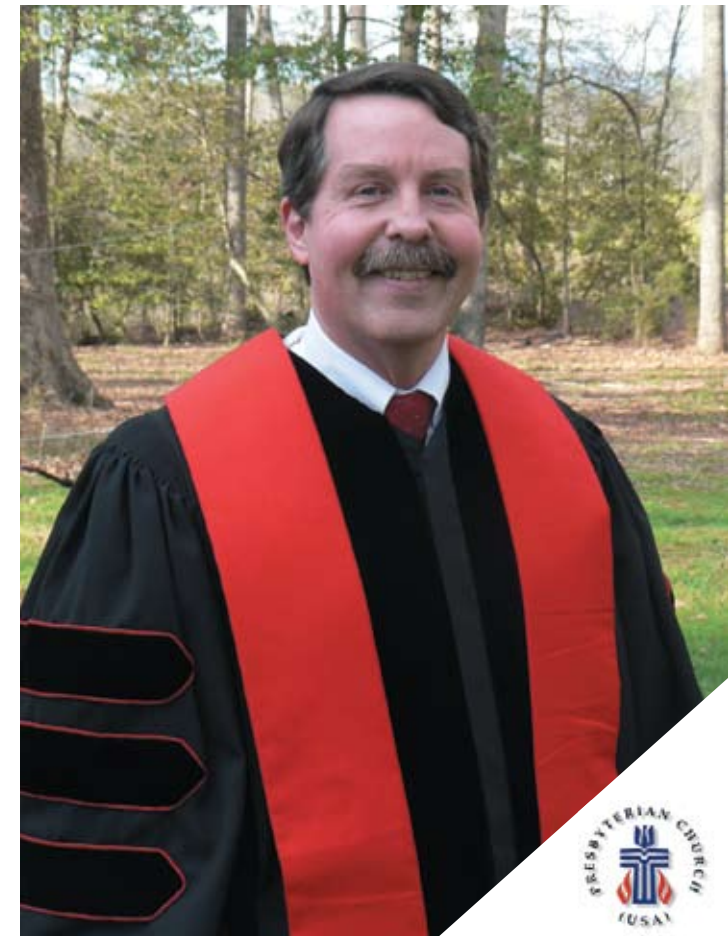
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welcomes the Reverend
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Educational Background

- B.A. Wheaton College (Wheaton, IL)
Majored in Biblical Studies and Christian Education
- Graduate work at University of Maryland (College Park) in Marriage and Family Therapy
- M.Div. Wesley Theological Seminary (Washington, D.C.)
- D.Min. Union Theological Seminary (Richmond, VA)

Experience

Dave served as a Youth Director and Director of Christian Education in churches for several years. While leading a youth ministry of several hundred youth at the Vienna Presbyterian Church in suburban Washington, D.C., the Session approached him and asked him to consider ordained ministry. After giving the matter serious thought and prayer, he resigned his youth director position a few years later and began seminary under the direction of the National Capital Presbytery. After completing

his studies, he was called back to the Vienna Presbyterian Church as an Associate Pastor, where he remained for eight years. He worked with many areas of ministry there, including overseeing a large mission program, beginning a contemporary worship service, and coordinating Sunday morning worship.

In late 1999 Dave accepted a call to be Sr. Pastor at Fairfield Presbyterian Church, located outside Richmond, VA. Since that time, Fairfield has experienced significant spiritual growth as well as growth in numbers, staff, budget, and facility. Dave's experience at Fairfield has included:

- Visioning & strategic planning
- Multiple worship services, including contemporary worship
- Attracting and assimilating church members of all ages
- Discipleship programs
- Annual mission projects for youth and adults
- Major facility expansions and related capital campaigns
- Active participation with Presbytery
- Many other roles and responsibilities.

Personal Life

Dave grew up in Northern Virginia. He has been married to Bonnie Wright for 32 years. They have two adult children. Stephen is a professional kayaker (current U.S. champion in freestyle kayaking!) who travels most of the year. Melissa is in medical school in Denver, CO, working on a Ph.D. and an M.D.

Bonnie grew up in Uniontown, PA, holds a degree in music and has spent most of her career directing youth and adult choirs in churches. She has also worked with a customer service training company in a variety of roles.

Dave enjoys outdoor activities such as running, hiking, caving, and gardening. He recently ran in the Monument 10K Race in Richmond. He also enjoys reading, traveling, and radio-controlled airplanes. He and Bonnie enjoy attending athletic events and concerts together.



Photo of the Wright family

Sense of Calling

"I was very impressed with the description of Gettysburg Presbyterian Church I found in the Church Information Form. I sensed a real vitality and vibrancy. I also resonated with your passion for missions. Right away I wondered if there might be a fit between the gifts and interests you were looking for in a pastor and my own gifts and interests. I was extremely impressed with the members of the Pastor Nominating Committee the first time I met with them. It was clear that they shared a deep love for Christ and the Gettysburg Church. My "under cover" visit to worship and my conversations with several staff members reinforced my very positive impressions. I believe that Gettysburg is a healthy and committed church that wants to do great things for God. If it is God's will, I would be honored and excited to be your pastor!"