

The Presbyterian Church (USA) What We Believe...

... about Jesus

Jesus Christ is the only Savior and Lord and redemption is solely through Christ.

“Jesus Christ is the only Savior and Lord, and all people everywhere are called to place their faith, hope, and love in him. ... No one is saved apart from God’s gracious redemption in Jesus Christ.” (*Hope in the Lord Jesus Christ*, adopted by PC(USA) GA 2002)

... about the authority of scripture

The Bible is the one sufficient revelation of God in Jesus Christ.

(The Bible is) “the one sufficient revelation of God in Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the word of God written. The Scriptures are not a witness among others, but the witness without parallel.” (The Confession of 1967, 9.27)

... about the Trinity

God is eternally Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

“Belief in the Triune God runs throughout the confessional tradition of the church, and the renewal of Trinitarian conviction has been a major theme of theology in our time.... The task force urges the church to continue to renew this core commitment of the faith.” (*Peace/Unity/Purity Report*, 2006)

... about the ordination of women

Men and women are called and gifted to serve in all offices of the church.

“Both men and women shall be eligible to hold church offices.” (Book of Order G-6.0106)

... about the ordination of gay and lesbian people

Officers of the church are required to live in fidelity in marriage between a man and a women, or chastity in singleness.

“Those called to office in the church are to lead a life in obedience to Scripture and in conformity to the historic confessional standards of the church. Among those standards is the requirement to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman, or chastity in singleness. Persons refusing to repent of any self-acknowledged practice which the confessions call sin shall not be ordained and/or installed as deacons, elders, or ministers of the Word and Sacrament.” (Book of Order G-6.0106 b)

...about obedience to ordination VOWS

Obedience is required.

“We understand that no presbytery may grant an exception to any mandatory church wide behavioral ordination standard.” (Synod of the Trinity PJC decision, 2007)

