

Mark S. Hinchcliff

Statement of Faith

As a Christian believer, I believe that all things are the creation of one perfect triune God. I believe that this God is the same God through time who is the Creator of all things, the Holy God of Israel, the God manifested in Jesus Christ, and the continuing divine presence in the Holy Spirit.

I believe in the communion of all of God's faithful believers through Jesus the Christ the Son of God, our Savior and Lord. I trust in the redemptive acts of Jesus Christ, fully human and fully divine, born of the Virgin Mary, and who ushered in the reign of God through his teachings, unselfish giving of self from early birth to his death and resurrection on the cross.

I believe in the true authority of Scripture second only to Christ himself. I believe that the Holy Scriptures are both the "dictated Word of God" as evidenced in the Ten Commandments given to Moses and "the inspired Word of God" through different vessels written to specific audiences inspired by the Holy Spirit.

I believe as a part of the community of faith, the Priesthood of All Believers, the Church, that I am moved by the Holy Spirit to follow in the ways of Christ. I believe no matter how faithful that response may be, I may only be fully

embraced by God through God's grace.

I believe that the One True God has loved, cared for, and nurtured me even before my earthly birth. I acknowledge God's claim on my life as a true expression of that love and recognize specific gifts given to me by God for God's honor and glory.

I further believe that God's grace extends to all of Creation which God acts with mercy and justice to redeem. Through God's real presence, through the Holy Spirit, I believe all believers may participate in the "Body of Christ" through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. In Baptism believers are not only grafted into the faith but also acknowledge the claim God has had on our lives all along. In Holy Communion, believers baptized into the faith are invited to not only remember Jesus' mighty saving acts of crucifixion and resurrection on and from the cross, but also to be lifted into His presence through the Holy Spirit.

While many things in God's great plan may remain a mystery, God's love will always remain constant and known to believers through Jesus Christ! As a response to God's claim and call upon my life in service to the One who was, is, and will continue to be, my very life. In life and in death I belong to God!

Mark S. Hinchcliff



Seldom has God ever spoken so clearly to me as in the call to ministry here in Martinsville! This is a community that knows what it means to experience Christ actively working in your midst, and I look forward to walking alongside each of you in our journey to discover what God has in store for us next. With the urging of the Holy Spirit and the true expression of hope, may we live the words of Colossians 3:12, "Therefore as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience", and trust the Holy Presence will do great things through you!

***With great anticipation and joy in service,
Rev. Mark Hinchcliff***

Mark S. Hinchcliff

Biographical Information

Background: Rev. Hinchcliff was born to American parents on April 5, 1958 in Münchweiler, Germany. When he was four years old, they moved to Texas and since that time Rev. Hinchcliff has lived primarily in and around the San Antonio area.

Rev. Hinchcliff's parents were founding members of a United Methodist Church where he was baptized and spent his formative years. In 1981, Rev. Hinchcliff became a member of Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church, and has been a faithful member within Mission Presbytery, where he has served and was ordained.

Education: In 2000, Rev. Hinchcliff graduated from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. He graduated from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 2005 with a Master of Divinity degree.

Experience: Rev. Hinchcliff's work experience in the secular world included working as a law clerk and as a revenue analyst and trustee for an oil and gas company. He was a Special Agent for the U.S. Treasury for 13 years before his retirement in 1999.

Rev. Hinchcliff's first call was as the solo pastor for First Presbyterian Church of New Braunfels, a multi-cultural church which is highly mission oriented in the community. He served as the chairperson for the Caring Communities Coalition, which focuses on teenage drug and alcohol abuse issues in the community, and was a chaplain for Hope Hospice, acting as a team leader for family and

children's bereavement camps.

As part of Grace Presbytery in the Hillsboro and Dallas/Fort Worth areas, Rev. Hinchcliff served as the pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Hillsboro and for Hill College Campus Ministry. Again his passion for outreach ministry called him to serve on the Habitat for Humanity Board, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Board, the Hillsboro Interfaith Ministries, and outreach to PTSD veterans.

Rev. Hinchcliff's Presbytery involvement includes former chair and member of the Hispanic Ministry Council and the Spiritual Director for Mission Presbytery's Youth Connection Division. In addition, he serves ecumenically as the Spiritual Director for the Greater San Antonio Chrysalis Board and the Spiritual Director for the Southwest Texas UMC Conference Chrysalis. Chrysalis is the youth version of the Walk to Emmaus.

Rev. Hinchcliff is currently completing a one year service as the Interim Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Uvalde, Texas, where he has continued to focus on intergenerational ministry, community outreach ministry, and active community involvement.

Personal: Rev. Hinchcliff has three adult children, Brittany, Ryan, and Ashley. Brittany has just moved to Tampa, Florida as a corporate trainer for Sprint. Ryan is in the Army, where he served in Korea and Afghanistan. Ashley is married to another PK (Pastor's Kid) and currently lives and works in Castroville, Texas. Mark is blessed with two grandsons, Ashton and Seifer, and a granddaughter, Brookland. Rev. Hinchcliff is married to Tracy, who for the last six years

has served as a church administrator for San Antonio's largest Presbyterian Church of over 3,000 members.

As for recreation, Rev. Hinchcliff is a forty year tennis player, enjoys hiking and camping, boating, and riding motorcycles. He and Tracy like being outdoors, where they can enjoy life abundant, serving the Lord!



The Pastor Nomination Committee has designed this brochure to acquaint you, the congregation, with the Reverend Mark S. Hinchcliff. We are proud and excited to present Mark to our congregation and we are looking forward to our ministry together.

Bob Davis, Chairman

Nancy Davis

Cindy Edgerton

Chris Wingfield

Billy Kirby, Vice Chairman

Jerri DeVault

Bonnie Price