

Introduction of Rev. Jordan Warntjes

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Trinity Presbyterian Church



Jordan was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Reformed Church of America November 30, 2014. He graduated from Trinity Christian College in Theology and Church and Ministry Leadership, December 2010. He received his Masters of Divinity from Western Theological Seminary in May 2014. He is certified as a counselor for relationship, pre-marital, marital and marriage crisis. He has also attended the Susan Beaumont class in Supervising Staff in Large Congregations. Jordan served as Youth and Education Director at the 1st Christian Reformed Church in Zeeland, Michigan from 2011 to 2014. He was Youth and Education Director at Evergreen United Methodist Church in Evergreen, Colorado upon moving to Colorado in 2014. He became the Children's Ministry Director at New Hope Presbyterian in Castle Rock in 2015. In 2016, Jordan was promoted to Family and Youth Director at New Hope where he has served until he was called to be the new Associate Pastor. Rev. Warntjes says that his biggest success at New Hope has been the reenergizing of the youth at New Hope and where he has been able to create an atmosphere of safety, value and love.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

God – God is the creator of the universe. The being that held so much love that it could not be contained anymore, so God created the earth and humanity out of love. God is love. God can be known through creation and each other. Humanity bears the image of God and are co-creators on this earth with God. And God’s creativity is on display throughout creation. It all bears witness and reflects the image, light, and love of God and through the compassion and love of others we can know and connect with God. And this is especially true through the person of Jesus.

Jesus – God revealed God’s self in the human form of Jesus. Jesus is the intersection of divine and human, born together so that we may know more about God and what it means to be human. Jesus’ life is an example of the greatest commandment given, to love God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength and love your neighbor as yourself. Jesus tells us that the love he has for us goes so deep and wide that it makes a statement on the cross that we are worth dying for. Jesus reorients us to the love of God, so that we reflect that love to the world so that others may understand their worth as a child of God.

Holy Spirit – After the resurrection, Jesus ascended to heaven. At this time Jesus let his disciples know that there would be a friend left with them, a spirit. The spirit is the spirit of Christ that is within us and stays with us as we continue to grow in faith and love. This spirit guides us and helps us discern between right and wrong. The spirit continues to speak to us throughout history pulling us in the direction that God desires us to go. The Holy Spirit opens our eyes to all the ways that we can be the love of God in our world.

I can talk all day about theology and what I believe God is or is not, but if we get down to it, what difference does believing in God make in my life? Giving my trust and life to God helps me see outside of myself. It humbles me to a point to think of others before myself. Knowing Jesus gives me courage in this life that I am not alone in the many different struggles and joys of life. I have a God who is right there beside me through it all. The Holy Spirit convicts me to help the oppressed and reach out to those who are in need of love.

My faith encourages me to be a better person each day. It encourages me to grow the spirit of God in me to show the love of Jesus to others, so that they might know that they are enough and that they are worth dying for. Having a God who became human in Jesus is what makes Christianity unique. It’s a God that isn’t distant, but is here with us, hurting like us, knowing the trials we face each day, through the statement of the cross. And to me that is a real and lasting faith that is worth telling others about.