

## **Rev. Ben Nti**

### **Education:**

*Bachelor of Commerce; Accounting and Finance; 2000*  
University of Cape Coast, Ghana, West Africa;

*Associate Degree; Health Information Management; 2012*  
Northern Virginia Community College; VA

*Master of Divinity Degree; 2017*  
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA

*Doctor of Ministry---current—projected 2023*  
Dubuque Theological Seminary,

### **Pastoral Experience:**

*Solo Pastor, Yoked Church: First Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn IA & First United Presbyterian Church, Malcom, IA.*

*Chaplain Resident, VA Hospital, Pittsburgh PA. 2016 - 2017*

*Student Intern; Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh PA. 2015 - 2016*

*Student Pastor; African Christian United Fellowship (Congolese Immigrant Church), Pittsburgh PA. 2014 – 2015*

## **Statement of Faith—Rev. Ben Nti**

I believe in One God who is eternally existent as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and is the maker of all things both living and non-living. God is sovereign and controls all things through his son Jesus Christ, who holds all creation together. Jesus, who being in the very nature with God did not consider equality with God. He became human and took the form of a servant and humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on the cross. Jesus dwelt among us and showed the glory of God the Father, full of grace and truth.

I affirm Jesus' virgin birth, sinless humanity, divine miracles, death on the cross, bodily resurrection and ascension and finally, his return in power and glory at the appointed time. I believe Jesus is seated on the right hand of God interceding for all humanity.

I believe in the Holy Spirit as the power of God who regenerates sinners and indwells God's children. The Holy Spirit is God's force and power who is poured out on all who believe to guide, equip and empower willing Christians for Christ-like living and service.

I believe all human beings are created in God's image and in the image of male and female, he created us to be in relationship with one another and God. I believe our human nature is corrupted by sin and as a result, we have a broken relationship with God. I believe that through the salvation of Jesus Christ we are renewed and reconciled to God.

I believe the church is the body of Christ consisting of all true believers and Jesus Christ is the head of the church. The church is to carry out the love of God as revealed by Jesus, proclaiming the Good News to the poor and rich, providing the sacraments, loving all people as Christ did without exception, and seeking to bring about God's goodness and justice.

I believe Jesus Christ provided the church with two sacraments: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Both are signs and seals of the covenant of grace. Baptism is a sign and seal of the forgiveness of sin, the gift of the Holy Spirit, new life in Christ, and incorporation into the body of Christ. Infants are also baptized because they too are included in the covenant of grace, which depends wholly on God's initiative and love. The Lord's Supper is a sign and seal of continued communion with Christ and the church. I affirm the Bible as God's divine inspiration, truthfulness and authority in both the written words of the Old and New Testament given for interpretation and application for holy living.