

### Tenets of the Reformed Faith Expressed in the Confessions of Our Church

Confession	Date & Country	Historical Context	Contrasting View	Central Doctrine	Theologian
Nicene Creed	4 <sup>th</sup> Century Middle East	Unifying Constantine's empire	Arians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Person of Jesus Christ</li> <li>• The Reality of the Holy Spirit</li> </ul>	Athanasius
Apostles' Creed	2 <sup>nd</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> Centuries France	Baptism of New Christians	Greek gods & Roman emperor worship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One God in 3 persons</li> <li>• Creator of heaven &amp; earth</li> </ul>	Unknown
Scots Confession	1560 Scotland	Scottish civil war	Medieval Catholicism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election</li> <li>• The Church</li> </ul>	John Knox
Heidelberg Catechism	1563 Germany	Breaking the Peace of Augsburg	Lutherans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stewardship</li> <li>• The Lord's Supper</li> </ul>	Ursinus & Olevianus
Second Helvetic Confession	1566 Switzerland	Black plague & help for Heidelberg	Anabaptist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covenant</li> <li>• Baptism</li> </ul>	Bullinger
Westminster Confession and Catechism	1647 England	English civil war	High Church Anglicans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The sovereignty of God</li> <li>• The authority &amp; interpretation of Scripture</li> </ul>	Reynolds

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Theological Declaration of Barmen	1934 Germany	Nazism	Nationalism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The sin of idolatry</li> <li>• The Lordship of Jesus Christ</li> </ul>	Barth
Confession of 1967	1967 USA	Civil Rights	Civil Religion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reconciliation</li> <li>• The equality of persons</li> </ul>	Dowey
A Brief Statement of Faith	1983 USA	Denomination Reunion			Stott