

BIO: Rev. Mike Capron was ordained in Geneva Presbytery in 1998. He has come full circle via 5 presbyteries, 3 long-term pastorates, 5 interim/temporary pastorates, 2 capital campaigns and loving 1 congregation through closure. He is currently laboring within the bounds of Lackawanna Presbytery, serving the First Presbyterian Church of Troy, PA.

He and Rev. Lynn Rubier-Capron (1st Presbyterian, Elmira) fell in love arguing about theology at Columbia Theological Seminary and were married in 1997. They have purchased a home in Elmira and never want to see another moving van again.

Before switching careers to ministry, Mike was a software developer in Rochester and a Ruling Elder at the newly-formed Perinton Presbyterian Church. His oldest and most favorite hobby are TTRPGs (Table-Top-Role-Playing-Games, such as Dungeons & Dragons). His newest thing is being a coach through the Synod Coaching Network. (Synod coaching scholarships are available!) He is easy to get a hold of at MikeDaPastor@gmail.com

Statement of Faith

1. In the beginning was the sovereign God, three persons in one, perfect in love and perfect in righteousness.
1. As Creator, God brought forth the universe in all its goodness.
2. But our sin and rebellion caused humanity to despoil the goodness of God's creation.
3. This fall from right relationship with God estranged humans from God and from each other, leading to all manner of misery.
4. But through the covenant made to Abraham and Sarah, through the Law given to Moses and through the witness of all the prophets of Israel, God did not forget humanity but promised redemption through a coming messiah.
5. As Son, God became incarnate in Jesus of Nazareth, God's promised messiah, who through his life showed us how to reconcile with one other, through his crucifixion reconciled us with God and in his resurrection gives us hope for his coming kingdom.
6. As Christ promised his apostles, God the Holy Spirit is in and among us, giving us comfort and enabling us to live with each other as a community of faith and to minister to the world in God's name, opposing evil in all forms, whether it be in individuals or in systems.
7. Jesus said that the greatest commandment is to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." The Church is to do this with prayer, singing, preaching, Baptism, the Lord's Supper and all manner of worship.
8. Jesus also said "the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" So too the Church is to care for the spiritual and physical needs of all persons in Jesus' name following this maxim.
9. It is through the testimony of good and faithful witnesses recorded in Scripture that we know these things. The Bible is the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ, who said "I am the way and the truth and the life."
10. I am a disciple of that same Christ. I seek to follow his way, believe his truth and live a life in which I pray to become more like him. I am a Christian.
11. Exactly how this happened, I cannot say. There is no single moment when I became a disciple. Rather, I have found myself to be one over time and for this I am joyously grateful.
12. I suspect that my salvation and my discipleship has far more to do with Christ seeking me than any act of my own will. I also believe that Christ sought me by means of the Church and my family who nurtured me in the faith.
13. As a Minister of Word and Sacrament, I seek to help others hear Christ's call in their lives, deepen their discipleship and become more like Christ.
14. Praise be to You, Lord Christ as you live and reign in unity with your heavenly Father and the ever-blessed Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever!