

God the Father

I believe . . .

- God the Father is the first person of the Trinity (Jn 14:25-31).
- God the Father planned creation, redemption, and providence. He reigns with providential care over all life and history in the created universe.
- the Scriptures know him as the creator (Ex 20:11), the heavenly Father (Matt 5:45), and the Judge of all creation (Judg 11:27; Acts 17:31; Rom 2:16).
- God initiated salvation by sending his Son and he is Father to all those who believe in him (Jn 1:12; 1 Jn 3:1).
- These familial terms provide a point of contact familiar to humans, but they are all metaphors to aid our understanding.
- God the Father hears and answers prayer (1 Chron 29:11-13; Matt 7:11). We pray to the Father through the Son in the power of the Holy Spirit (Rom 8:26).