These Things We Believe: Creator God Wylie United Methodist Church Pastor Jeff Hatcher - August 9, 2015

Romans 1:20

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities — his eternal power and divine nature — have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

By faith, we believe...

1. GOD IS THE <u>CREATOR</u> OF ALL THINGS.

Apostles Creed:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth...

Genesis 1:

I In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. 3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good...

By faith, we believe...

2. WE ARE GOD'S <u>MASTERPIECE</u> (CREATED IN HIS IMAGE)

Gen 1:

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over [it] ... 31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good...

Ephesians 2:10a

For we are <u>God's workmanship</u> (<u>masterpiece</u>), created in Christ Jesus...

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a <u>new creation</u>; the <u>old</u> <u>has gone</u>, the <u>new has come!</u>

By faith, we believe...

3. WE ARE CREATED WITH PURPOSE

TO BRING GOD GLORY!

Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus <u>to do</u> good works, which <u>God prepared in advance for us to do</u>.

2 Corinthians 5:20-21

20 We are therefore <u>Christ's ambassadors</u>, as though <u>God were making his appeal through us...</u> 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that <u>in him</u> we might <u>become the righteousness of God</u>.