

## First United Presbyterian Church, Troy, NY

The Session adopted the following Inclusiveness Statement on July 21, 1996. Revisions followed in November 1998 and May 2001.

*"We believe that all people are created by God, in God's image, and that our value as human beings is given to us by God. God calls us to relate to and nurture one another as whole persons, with love, accountability, responsibility and trust. Discrimination against any group of people should not exist within God's family. We welcome as members all our brothers and sisters who declare their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and who promise discipleship to Christ. We invite all people of every racial/ethnic background, economic and worldly condition, and sexual and gender orientation into the full fellowship, ministry, and mission of God's Good News in Jesus Christ. All who join the church are extended the full privileges of membership, are challenged to lead lives of Christian discipleship, and are eligible to be considered for church office. We welcome and celebrate those leaders who are and will be called by God through the voice of this church."*