



“THE SHIELD OF THE BLESSED TRINITY” compliments of First Presbyterian Church, Topeka, Kansas

The medallion contains words in Latin which depict the Trinitarian nature of God. The center circle has the word Deus, which is Latin for God. The three outer circles have the words Pater (Father), Filius (Son) and Sanctus Spiritus (Holy Spirit).

In the bands connecting the circles is the Latin word est, meaning “is.” Reading from the center outward: God is Father, God is Son, God is Holy Spirit. The outer circles are also connected with an outer band containing non est, meaning “is not:” The Father is not the Son, the Son is not the Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is not the Father. In the words of Kenneth L. Mauldin, “The great value of this symbol and the value of our historical creeds is not the mystery (of the Trinity) is explained, but that the mystery is retained!” (Make Me a Sanctuary)

****The above information taken directly from the website of First Presbyterian Church, Topeka, KS.**



OPENING PRAYER

Dear Lord,

As I take in the beauty of this collection of magnificent stained glass windows, transform my soul into Your living sanctuary; a holy place of worship. Open my eyes that I may see the vision You have for my life. Open my ears that I may hear the calling of your still small voice. Open my heart that I may receive the message You have for my life and follow with complete obedience.

Amen