

Statement of Faith

God: We believe in one eternal God, who exists in 3 distinct Persons: The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. *Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30*

The Father is the Creator and Sustainer of all things. He is holy, infinitely perfect, and has eternally existed. He has limitless knowledge and sovereign power. He is love and He is wholly good. He has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory. *Genesis 1:1; Psalm 139; Ephesians 1:3-6; Romans 8:21; Revelation 4:11, 21:4-5*

Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God. He is fully God and fully man. He was supernaturally conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary. Through Him, all things came into being and were created. He was before all things, and in Him, all things hold together by the word of His power. He is perfect in nature, teaching and obedience and is the only Savior for the sins of the world. By His death on a cross, He revealed divine love and upheld divine justice. He took the punishment for our sins, removing our guilt and reconciling us to God. He was resurrected from the grave on the third day, victorious over death and the powers of darkness. After physically appearing to many people, He ascended into heaven where, at God's right hand, He intercedes for His people and rules as Lord over all. At the right time, He will return and restore all things. He is the undisputed Leader and Savior of the Church. *John 1:1-4; Ephesians 1:22, 5:23; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:15-20; Hebrews 12:2*

The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. He draws the unredeemed to repentance and faith, and at salvation, imparts new spiritual life to the believer, uniting them with Jesus and His Church. The Holy Spirit sanctifies, seals, fills, guides, instructs, transforms, comforts, equips, empowers, indwells, and bestows spiritual gifts to the believer for Christ-like living and service. *John 16:8-14; Romans 8:9-17; 1 Corinthians 3:16, 12:4-13*

Humanity & Salvation: We believe that God created all people in His own image—both male and female—that they might glorify Him and enjoy His fellowship. But that relationship became damaged through sin from the very beginning. Human beings are sinners by nature and by choice and are incapable of regaining a right relationship with God through their own efforts. Only through God's saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled and renewed. In Him, we can be made new and complete. We also believe in the future resurrection of both the saved and the lost; those who are saved by grace through faith in the finished work of Christ unto the resurrection of eternal life, and those who are not unto the resurrection of eternal judgment. *Genesis 3; Matthew 10:32-33, 25:31-46; John 5:28-29; Romans 3:9-26, 5:18-19; Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 2:4-8; Colossians 2:10*

The Church: We believe that upon placing one's faith in Jesus Christ as Savior, the believer is welcomed into the family of God and made part of the Body of Christ, the one universal Church, of which Jesus Christ is the Head. These believers are called to be a vital and committed part of a local church. They are to gather regularly in order to devote themselves to worship through music, prayer, Bible study, fellowship, and in service to one another using their gifts and abilities. The church also celebrates the ordinances of baptism and communion. In fulfilling the Great Commission of Jesus, the Church is called to glorify God throughout the world, advancing His Kingdom, as it makes disciples by sharing the love and transforming power of Christ to all that would receive it. *Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:42-47; Ephesians 4:11-16; Hebrews 10:24-25*

The Bible: We believe that the Bible, including the 39 books of the Old Testament and 27 books of the New Testament, is the inspired, authoritative, written Word of God. God supernaturally inspired human authors to record what He spoke. The Bible reveals His nature, His plans, and His will for all humanity. All believers are

exhorted to study the Scriptures and diligently apply them to their lives. The Bible is the final authority and guide of all Christian life, practice and doctrine. *2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:3-4, 20-21; Hebrews 4:12*