

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in -

The one true God, almighty creator of all things, eternally existing in three persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit, full of love and glory.

*(Genesis 1:1, 26; Matthew 28:19; John 1:1, 3; 4:24; 12:26; 16:12-15; Acts 5:3, 4; Rom. 1:20; Eph. 4:5-6; 2 Cor. 13:14; 1 John 4:7-21)*

The unique divine revelation and entire trustworthiness of the Bible, our final authority in faith and life.

*(2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20, 21)*

The value and dignity of all people, created in God's image to live in love and holiness, but alienated from God and each other because of sin and rebellion.

*(Genesis 1:27; 2:16-17; 3:1-24; 5:1-2; John 3:18-19; Rom. 3:23; 6:23; Eph 2:1-3; 1 John 1:8)*

Jesus Christ, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, fully human and fully divine, who lived and taught in perfect obedience, serving as our representative by dying in our place; who conquered evil by rising bodily from the dead; and who revealed his power by ascending as Lord of all things.

*(Isaiah 53; Matthew 1:18-25; 4:1-11; 28:6; Luke 1:26-38; Rom. 3:25; 5:12-18; 8:34; 1 Cor. 15:3-4, 14; 2 Cor. 5:21; Phil. 2:5-11; Heb. 4:15)*

Justification by God's grace to all who, convicted of sin by the Holy Spirit, repent and put their faith in Jesus Christ alone for salvation.

*(John 3:16; 16:8-9; Romans 3:23-24; 5:1-2; 10:9; Ephesians 1:7; 2:4-5, 8-9; 1 John 2:2)*

The indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit at work in the life of the believer, enabling life transformation and equipping the believer for loving service.

*(1 Cor. 2:12; 2 Cor. 3:18; Gal. 5:22-23; Eph. 1:13-14)*

The unity of all believers in Jesus Christ made evident through local congregations in worship, community, nurture, service and witness as the body of Christ on earth, a spiritual community that conveys God's love, justice and peace to the world.

*(Matthew 5:9; 28:18-20; Mark 12:18-20; 16:15; Luke 11:20; John 13:34-35; 17:20-26; 1 Cor. 12; 14:26; Eph. 1:22-23; 2:10; 4:11-13; 5:23; Col. 1:18; Heb. 10:25)*

The ordinances of baptism and communion: Baptism - declaring loyalty to Jesus as Lord through water baptism by immersion in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And communion - corporate remembrance of the saving work of Jesus.

*(Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:28-47; Acts 8:36-40; 10:47; 18:8; Rom. 6:3-4; 1 Cor. 11:23-29; 12:13; 1 Peter 3:21)*

The future return and victorious reign of Jesus Christ, who will judge all people with justice and mercy, giving over the unrepentant to eternal condemnation but receiving the redeemed into eternal life.

*(Matthew 24:30; 25:31-46; John 5:28-29; Acts 1:9-11; 2 Cor. 5:10; 1 Thess. 4:16-17; Titus 2:13; Rev. 20:4-6; 11-15)*

To God be the glory forever.