

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

We believe in one God, creator and sustainer of all things, eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; that, sharing the same nature, they are equal in every divine perfection and they act in distinct yet harmonious ways in the work of creation, providence, and redemption.

We believe in the divine inspiration, truthfulness, and authority of the Bible as the only written Word of God, and the final rule in faith and practice. God has revealed Himself through human authors in the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments.

We believe in God the Father, perfect in holiness, infinite in wisdom, measureless in power and love. We rejoice that He concerns Himself mercifully and justly in the affairs of people, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death unto everlasting life all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, God's eternal begotten Son, the God-man, conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, sinless in His life, making atonement for the sin of the world by His death on the cross. We believe in His bodily resurrection, His ascension into heaven, His ongoing high priestly intercession for His people, and His personal, visible return to the world according to His promise.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, sent by the Father and the Son, to convict the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. He regenerates, indwells and empowers for godly living all those who believe in Jesus Christ.

We believe that God created humanity, male and female, in the image of God and, therefore, all people possess inherent dignity and are worthy of love and respect. In the fall of Adam and Eve, we believe that all people became sinners by nature and by choice. We believe that those who repent of sin and trust Jesus Christ alone as their Lord and Savior will rejoice forever in God's presence and those who refuse will be forever separated from God.

We believe in the Church universal – the spiritual body of which Jesus Christ is the head and of which all those regenerated by the Spirit are members. We believe that, as a visible expression of the universal Church, a local church is an assembly of believers in Jesus Christ, identified with Him in baptism and gathered for worship, witness, work, and fellowship, mutually submitted to one another in love. We believe that to these local churches were committed, for observance “until He comes,” the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper; and that God sends His Church into the world as witnesses and ambassadors of His kingdom. As God's ambassadors, we share His passion for justice, reconciliation, and blessing of all peoples.

We believe that every local church has, as its highest authority, the Lord Jesus Christ, and, therefore, that each local church should be free to obey the Word of God without interference by any human political authority. We believe that all people are ultimately responsible to God in matters of faith and life according to His Word.