

# Neighborhood Fellowship

## DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

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We teach and hold to those doctrines that have their basis in the Scriptures, are in keeping with the creeds of the early church councils and have been held in common by all communions of orthodox believers. We desire to be in the “mainstream” of what the church has always taught, both in doctrine and in practice. We are not interested in new or novel doctrines. Therefore, as concise statements of our belief, we have chosen these creeds that are universally accepted by all orthodox churches.

We believe man is justified by the grace of God alone, through faith alone, in the Person and Work of Christ alone, for the glory of God alone, and that no authority is greater than or equal to Scripture alone.

We believe the Bible is the written word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and without error in the original manuscripts. The Bible is the revelation of God’s truth and is infallible and authoritative in all matters of faith and practice.

We believe in the Holy Trinity. There is one God, who exists eternally and in three Persons: The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

We believe that all sinners are totally unable to save themselves from God’s displeasure, except by his mercy.

We believe that salvation is by God alone, as He sovereignly chooses those He will save. We believe His choice is based on His grace, not on any human individual merit, or foreseen faith.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, who through His perfect life and sacrificial death atoned for the sins of all who will trust in Him, alone, for salvation.

We believe that God is gracious and faithful to his people not simply as individuals but as families in successive generations according to his Covenant promises.

We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells God's people and give them the strength and wisdom to trust Christ and follow Him.

We believe that Jesus will return, bodily and visibly, to judge all mankind and to receive His people unto Himself.

We believe that all aspects of our lives are to be lived to the glory of God under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Maker of Heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ His only son our Lord;  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost.  
Born of the virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried.  
The third day He rose from the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
The holy catholic Church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting,  
Amen.

## THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God the Father All-sovereign,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
And of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
Begotten of the Father before all the ages,  
Light of Light, true God of true God,  
Begotten, not made,  
Of one substance with the Father,  
Through whom all things were made;  
Who for us men and for our salvation  
Came down from the heavens,  
And was made flesh of the Holy Spirit in the virgin Mary,  
And became man,  
And was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;  
And suffered and was buried, and rose again on the third day  
According to the Scriptures,  
And ascended into the heavens,  
And sits on the right hand of the Father;  
And comes again with glory to judge the living and dead;  
Of whose kingdom there shall be no end; And in the Holy Spirit, the lord  
and the life-giver  
That proceeds from the Father and the Son  
Who with the Father and the Son is  
Worshipped together and glorified together,  
Who spoke through the prophets;  
In one holy, catholic and apostolic church;  
We acknowledge one baptism unto remission of sins  
We look for a resurrection of the dead,  
And the life of the age to come.  
Amen.

## THE CHALCEDONIAN CREED

Therefore, following the holy Fathers  
we all with one accord  
teach men to acknowledge one and the same Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ,  
at once complete in Godhead and complete in manhood,  
truly God and truly man,  
consisting also of a reasonable soul and body;  
of one essence with us as regards His manhood;  
like us in all respects, apart from sin;  
as regard His Godhead,  
begotten of the Father before the ages,  
for us men and for our salvation,  
of Mary the virgin, the God-bearer;  
one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten,  
recognized in two natures,  
without confusion,  
without change,  
without division,  
without separation;  
the distinction of natures  
being in no way annulled by the union,  
but rather the characteristics of each nature being preserved  
and coming together to form one person and subsistence,  
not as parted or separated into two person,  
but one and the same Son and Only-begotten God of the Word,  
Lord Jesus Christ;  
even as the prophets from earliest times spoke of Him,  
and our Lord Jesus Christ Himself taught us,  
and the creed of the Fathers had handed down to us.

We identify with the Protestant Reformation by holding to the five *Solas* of the reformation:

*Sola gratia* – grace alone

*Sola fide* – faith alone

*Soli Christo* – Christ alone

*Soli deo Gloria* – to the glory of God alone

*Sola scriptura* – Scripture alone

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