

Laurel Community Church

STATEMENT OF FAITH

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Section 1. The Holy Scriptures

We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the inspired Word of God and that they are to be received through the Holy Spirit as the true rule and guide for faith and practice. (II Timothy 3:16, 17; II Peter 1:19-21)

Section 2. The Godhead

We believe in the one true, holy, and living God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, distinct but inseparable. (Deuteronomy 6:4; John 10:30; II Corinthians 13:14)

Section 3. The Person and Work of Christ

We believe in Jesus Christ, truly God and truly man, in whom the divine and human natures are perfectly and inseparably united.

We believe that the Lord, Jesus Christ, died for our sins according to the Scriptures and that all who believe in Him are justified by faith in His shed blood and have eternal life. (Luke 1:35; John 3:16; Hebrews 7:25; I John 2:12, 13; I Peter 2:24)

Section 4. The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

We believe in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit who reveals Jesus Christ through the Word of God, convicting and converting sinners and comforting and instructing saints. (John 16:7-11; Romans 8:9-16)

Section 5. The Sinfulness of Man

We believe that man is a moral and rational being created in the image of God and that the fall of man into sin brought all men under Divine condemnation from which only Christ can deliver us. (Genesis 1:26, 27; Romans 3:23; Romans 8:1; Ephesians 2:1-15)

Section 6. The Sacraments

We believe that Christ ordained the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

We believe that Baptism is a symbol of repentance and inner cleansing from sin.

We believe that all who trust in Christ as their Saviour shall have the privilege of partaking of the Lord's Supper. (Matthew 3:16; Luke 22:17-20; Acts 2:39; Acts 8:36-39; I Corinthians 11:23-28)

Section 7. The Christian Life

We believe in the Spirit-filled life by which man may live a righteous life before God and grow in Christian maturity.

We believe that the grace of God that saves, teaches believers to deny ungodliness and to live righteously in this present world. (John 17:14-18; Ephesians 5:18b; I Thessalonians 5:23; I John 2:15-17)

Section 8. The Second Coming of Christ

We believe in the personal coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for His redeemed ones and in His return to earth with His saints to establish His kingdom. (Acts 1:10, 11; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 19:11-16)

Section 9. The Future State

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they who are saved unto the resurrection of life and they who are lost unto the resurrection of damnation. (Luke 16:19-26; John 5:18, 19; I Thessalonians 4:16, 17; II Thessalonians 1:7-9; Revelation 10:11-15)

Section 10. The Church

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe that the Church is a fellowship of believers who observe His ordinances and who seek to serve and witness for Him. (John 17:21; I Corinthians 12:12-14; Ephesians 1:22, 23, 5:25-27)