



Statement of Faith

We believe in one God, Who is our Heavenly Father, Who made all things and rules over all in wisdom, righteousness, and love. (Exodus 3:14; John 5:26; Genesis 1:1; Romans 1:18-19)

We believe that this one living and true God is a Trinity of persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:26; 11:7; Isaiah 6:8; Matthew 3:16-17; 28:19; II Corinthians 13:14; John 14:16)

We believe that man was originally created in the image of God. As he came forth from the hand of the Creator, he was truly righteous and holy. By a free act, man rebelled against God's rule, and by this rebellion, separated himself from God, who is the source of all life. (Genesis 1:26; 9:6; Genesis 3; Romans 5:12-19; I Timothy 2:14)

We believe that sin is rebellion against God. Whenever we break God's holy laws, we sin against Him. Since sin cuts one off from fellowship with God, who alone is the source of life, it can finally lead only to eternal death. (Romans 3:9, 10, 23; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 5:12, 16, 19; 3:19; I John 3:8-10; Romans 7)

We believe that, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

We believe that the Eternal Son of God became man for our salvation, and that He is forever the Son of God and Son of Man, in one Divine Person. (Romans 5:6-10; I Peter 3:18; I Timothy 1:15; Romans 6:23)

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary, that He lived a perfect and holy life, and that He died on the cross to bear the sin and guilt of His people. (Matthew 1:18; 2:11; Luke 2:40, 52; Hebrews 2:14; I John 3:5; Matthew 20:28; Romans 5:10)

We believe this same Lord Jesus Christ arose from the dead and is now reigning at God's throne in heaven. (I Corinthians 15; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1)

We believe that by faith we have applied to our hearts all the benefits which Christ merited for us on Calvary's cross. (John 1:12; Romans 5:1; Galatians 3:26; Ephesians 2:8-9; Acts 26:18; I Peter 1:5)

We believe that by a living faith in the Savior, our sins are forgiven us by God and the perfect righteousness of Christ Jesus is declared to be ours. (Romans 3:22-25; Galatians 2:16; Philippians 3:9; Hebrews 12:2)

We believe everything we receive, including our faith and salvation is due only to the grace of God. By grace, we mean God's unmerited favor toward us. God blesses us because of what He is, rather than what we are. This marvelous truth forever cuts off all grounds for human pride and vain glory. (Ephesians 2:8-9; John 3:5-6; I Corinthians 2:9-12; Titus 3:5)

We believe we are saved from sin and condemnation by God's grace, through faith alone. Faith, however, is never without good works. As Christians, we are called upon to pattern our lives after the example of the Lord Jesus Christ. These good works can never become a source of pride, as though God has saved us because we are better than other men, for these very works also are the result of God's grace in our lives. (Ephesians 2:8-10; James 2:14-26; Galatians 2:16)

We believe the Church is the special possession of the Son of God, who, in every age and in every place calls people into its fellowship by His Word and Spirit. (Matthew 16:16-18; Acts 1 - 2:47; I Corinthians 1:2)

We believe all those who, by true faith are united to the Savior, are part of His body, the Church. (Acts 2:38-41; Matthew 16:16-18)

We believe it is the duty of every Christian to unite himself to a worshipping congregation where the true Christian faith, as presented to us by the witness of the Holy Scripture, is proclaimed. (Colossians 4:16; Philippians 4:15; I Corinthians 1:2; Hebrews 10:23-25)

We believe there are but two sacraments instituted by Christ for the edification or strengthening of the faith of His followers. The sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion are signs and seals of God's activity and grace. In Baptism, we receive the mark which sets us apart as belonging to the family of God. The water of Baptism symbolizes the washing away of our sins by the blood of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:19; I Corinthians 11:20-34)

The sacrament of Holy Communion presents to us in visible and symbolic form the same Savior, who is proclaimed in Holy Scripture. Thus, when by faith we partake of the bread and the fruit of the vine, we reaffirm our faith in Jesus Christ. (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:17-20; I Corinthians 11:23-26)

We believe the same Lord Jesus Christ, who ascended into Heaven, shall one day return as the judge of the living and the dead. (II Thessalonians 1:7-10; Revelation 19:11-16; 20:11-15)

We believe that at the return of Christ, the dead shall arise, and all men receive their just judgment of God. (I Corinthians 15:51-52; II Thessalonians 1:7-10; Revelation 19:11-16; 20:11-15)

We believe that those who have confessed Christ before men, Christ will own and confess before God and the holy angels and receive them into the eternal joys of heaven. (Matthew 5:1-11; 25:46; John 10:28; 14:1-3; Colossians 3:4; I Thessalonians 4:17; Revelation 7:15-17; 21:3-4, 22-27; 22:1-5)

We believe these doctrines are confessed in The Apostles' Creed, which reads as follows:

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 Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
The third day He arose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven
and sitteth on the right hand of God,
The Father Almighty;
From thence, He shall come
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy universal Church;
the communion of Saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (Psalm 139)

We believe that God creates each person as male and female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Genesis 1:26-27)

We believe that the term “marriage” has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Genesis 2:18-25).

We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other and that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of this marriage covenant. (1 Corinthians 6:18; 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4)

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, or pornography) or attempt to change one’s sex, or disagreement with one’s biological sex, is sinful and offensive to God. (Matthew 15:18-20; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10)

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:19-21; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of Canyon Lake Community Church and Preschool. (Mark 12:29-31; Luke 6:31)

We believe that no member has more value than any other and that every member of the church is called to fulfill his or her distinct, biblical role. We believe that the offices of Pastor, Elder and Deacon are to be held solely by men who meet the qualifications established in 1 Timothy. (1 Timothy 1:1-13; 1 Corinthians 11:2-3; Ephesians 5:22-33)

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Canyon Lake Community Church and Preschool as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model for our communities at large, it is imperative that all persons elected to the Church Council become members, are employed or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by these statements. (Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:22)