



## COLLEGE CHURCH

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### Articles of Faith

**We believe** that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are given by inspiration of God, are without error in the original writings and are the only infallible rule of faith and practice. 2 Tim. 3:16,17; 1 Th. 2:13; 2 Pet. 1:19-21

**We believe** in one God—the Creator and Ruler of the universe, existing in a divine and incomprehensible Trinity—the Father; the Son, Jesus Christ; and the Holy Spirit—each possessing divine perfection. 2 Cor. 13:14; Mt. 28:19; Jn. 14:26, 15:26; 1 Pet. 1:2

**We believe** that our first parents were created holy and upright, that they fell from this condition, and that in consequence the whole human race is by nature dead in trespasses and sins. Rom. 5:12; Gen. 1:27, 28, 31; Eccl. 7:29; Eph. 2:1-5

**We believe** in the Incarnation, death, and bodily resurrection of the Son of God; and that salvation is attained only through repentance and faith in Him. Jn. 1:1-14; 1 Cor. 15:3,4; Acts 4:10-12

**We believe** in the necessity of a radical change of heart and that this is effected through the truth by the agency of the Holy Spirit. Jn. 3:3, 1 Pet. 1:23; Ti. 3:5

**We believe** that the Christian is called with a holy calling to walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Because he has become a new creation in Christ Jesus and is indwelt by the Holy Spirit, yet during his earthly pilgrimage never delivered from the flesh with its fallen nature, he must be in constant subjection to Christ and His commandments by the power of the Holy Spirit. 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 5:22,23; Jn. 15:10

**We believe** that only those should be admitted to membership in the visible church who have experienced a change of heart. Jn. 3:5; 1 Cor. 5:6

**We believe** that the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, together with the observance of the Lord's Day, are of perpetual obligation in the church. Recognizing both immersion and affusion as valid, we leave the determination of the mode of adult baptism to the candidate. Provision shall always be made for the baptism or dedication of infants of believers. (This article shall be either printed in the church bulletin or read before baptism services at College Church). Mt. 28:19; 1 Cor. 11:24-26; Ex. 31:16,17, with Mt. 5:17,18

**We believe** in the resurrection of the dead and future judgments from which the righteous go away into everlasting life and the wicked into everlasting punishment. Dan. 12:2; Mt. 25:31-46; Rev. 20:11-15; 21:26,27

**We believe** in the personal bodily return of Christ in power and great glory as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and in Christ's ultimate and complete triumph and the establishment of "new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." Acts 1:11; 2 Pet. 3:10-13; Rev. 19:16, 21:1-7