



HARBOR
COMMUNITY CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Harbor Community Church is a multi-denominational church, which means we are a community of believers from many different walks of life. What binds us together is a conviction to certain first tier theological truths.

Scripture

We believe that the Bible is the breathed-out, written word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and has primary authority of all matter of faith and conduct.

Trinity

We believe that there is one God, the Creator of all things, eternally existing in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

God the Father

We believe in God the Father who is infinite and personal, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love.

God the Son

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in his virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, teaching, death, burial, and bodily resurrection.

God the Holy Spirit

We believe in the third person of the Trinity, the fully divine and eternal holy spirit of God, who was sent to convict the world of sin, righteousness, judgement, and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ.

The Fall of the Human Race

We believe that human beings, originally created in the image of God, fell from their innocent and sinless condition by disobeying God in the Garden of Eden. As the consequence of this disobedience, sin and the penalty of death entered into human history, alienating and separating us from God.

The Necessity of the New Birth

We believe that because of sin no one can enter the Kingdom of God unless that person is born again by the Spirit of God through Jesus Christ and has received a new spiritual nature.

Salvation

We believe that all humanity has sinned and thereby endure physical, spiritual, and eternal death. We believe that those who repent of and forsake sin to place their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior through his substitutionary death on the cross are regenerated by the Holy Spirit to become new creatures, delivered from condemnation, and recipients of eternal life by God's grace.

Eternal Security

We believe that all who are born again by the Holy Spirit through faith in Jesus are assured of their salvation the very day they take Jesus to be their Savior.

The Believer's Position Before God

We believe that the moment we receive Jesus Christ as our Savior and we put our trust for eternal life in Him; we pass out of death and into everlasting life.

The Life of the Believer

We believe that as Christians we are called to live a holy life such that our spirits and our bodies are subject to the control of the Holy Spirit and not the control of the lusts of our flesh.

The Church

We believe in the universal church, a living spiritual body of which Christ is the head and all regenerated persons are members. We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized on a credible profession of faith, and associated for worship, work, and fellowship. We believe that God has laid upon the members of the local church the primary task of giving the gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost world.

Spiritual Gifts

We believe that the Holy Spirit bestows spiritual gifts on all believers for Christian service and the building up of the Church. These spiritual gifts are to be exercised according to biblical guidelines.

Church Ordinances

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has committed two ordinances to the local church: baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of the believer in water into the name of the triune God. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ for commemoration of His death. We believe that these two ordinances should be observed and administered until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Life after Death

We believe that, at death, the souls of those who have trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation pass into His presence immediately and remain there in conscious bliss until the resurrection of their bodies at His Second Coming. At death, the souls of unbelievers remain in conscious misery until the final judgment.

Eschatology

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will bodily return in the future to establish the new heavens and new earth.

Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen 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 (Gen 2:18-25). We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor 6:9-10). All persons employed by Harbor Community Church in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers or who wish to become members of Harbor, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality. (Matt 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thess 5:22).

Final Authority for Matters of Belief and Conduct

The statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Harbor Community Church's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our Pastoral staff and board of Elders is Harbor Community Church's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.