

STATEMENT OF FAITH
SOUTH CLACKAMAS
COMMUNITY CHURCH

GOD: We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three sharing one essence, co-equal, triune. He has decreed all things that come to pass for His own glory and He graciously involves Himself in the affairs of men. (Genesis 1:26, Deuteronomy 64, Isaiah 43:10-11, Genesis 1:2, Isaiah 45:5-7, Matthew 28:19, Matthew 3:16-17, 2 Corinthians 13:14, Ephesians 1:3-6)

CHRIST: We believe that Jesus was begotten of God, conceived of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary; that He was fully God and fully Man, yet without sin. (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, Isaiah 9:6, John 1:14, 17,18, Colossians 1:15, Galatians 4:4-5, Titus 2:11-13, Philipppians 2:5-11)

HOLY SPIRIT: We believe in the Holy Spirit who convicts the world of sin, righteousness and judgment. He also indwells, counsels, instructs, prays, gifts, and empowers the preaching, teaching, and witnessing of the gospel. (John 16:8-14, Romans 8:27, John 14:26, Romans 8:9, Romans 12:3-8, Ephesians 1:13-14, 2 Thessalonians 2:13)

SCRIPTURE: We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are verbally and plenary inspired of God and "inerrant-in-the-original-writings" and that they are final authority for both faith and practice. (Psalms 119:160, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21)

MAN: We believe man was created in the image of God, that he sinned, and thereby incurred not only physical death, but spiritual death which is separation from God; and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature. (Genesis 1:26-27, James 3:9, Ephesians 2:1-3, Psalms 51:5)

SALVATION: We believe the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice; and that all who believe in Him are justified on the grounds of His shed blood. All who receive God's grace by faith, trusting in Christ's sacrifice for their sin, are born from above by the Holy Spirit and thereby they become children of God and heirs of eternal life. This is a relationship in which they are eternally secure. (1 Corinthians 5:18-21, Isaiah 53:6, Romans 3:24-26, Romans 5:8-11, John 1:12-13, Ephesians 2:8-9, John 3, Ephesians 1:13, Philipppians 1:6, Romans 8:29-30, Romans 10:9-10)

RESURRECTION: We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, His ascension into heaven, and His presence there as High Priest and advocate for all believers. (John 20:13-17, Acts 1:9-11, John 11:25-27, 1 Corinthians 15, Hebrews 4:15-16, 1 John 2:1-2)

END TIMES: We believe in the personal, premillennial return of Christ and that He will call all of those out of the world who are saved prior to the tribulation. (John 14:1-3, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Titus 2:13-14, Revelation 19, Revelation 20:1-6, Isaiah 11:1-16, 2 Thessalonians 2:3-9)

JUDGMENT: We believe in the resurrection of the justified and the unjust, alike, to give an account of the object of their faith. The justified to receive heaven, the unjust to receive hell. (Revelation 20:11-15, 1 Peter 2:6-8, 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9, 2 Corinthians 5:6-8)

SATAN: We believe in the actual existence of the devil, who is working in the world to destroy the souls of men; and that he and all his angels and all who receive not Christ as their Savior will eternally perish in the lake of fire. (Isaiah 14:12-15, John 8:44, 1 Peter 5:8, Ephesians 6:11-12, Revelation 20:14-15, Revelation 12:9-10, Zechariah 3:1-2, 2 Corinthians 11:14-15)

CHURCH: We believe in the Church as the body of Christ. It's mission is to praise and glorify God and demonstrate the gospel to the world. (Acts 2:41-47, Ephesians 4:11-16, Matthew 18:15-18, 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, Ephesians 1:22-23)