## CONGREGATIONAL STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe there is only one sovereign God, creator of all things. He eternally exists in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)

We believe that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man. The Holy Spirit conceived Him, God with us, and a virgin girl named Mary gave him birth. Jesus lived a sinless life, was crucified, arose bodily from the dead and ascended into heaven. We wait for his personal return. (John 1:14; Luke 2; Hebrews 7:25)

We believe that God's motive toward us is love. Love prompted God to send Jesus as the only sacrifice for our sins. Through Jesus, we receive forgiveness by his grace and we are to extend that same grace and forgiveness to others. (John 3:16,17; Romans 8:35-38; 1 John 4:8 Col. 3:13)

We believe that salvation comes through faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the only way to the Father. (John 14:6, Romans 3:28, Acts 16:31)

We believe the Bible is God's true, written word. It is inspired and trustworthy. (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21)

We believe that God created human beings in His image. Through our own choice, we fell into sin. (Romans 3:23; Genesis 1:27)

We believe that the Holy Spirit lives within us—guiding our lives, empowering us for service and showing us when we fall short. Through the Spirit, we glorify Jesus. (Romans 8:11; John 16:13-15; John 3:5-6, Titus 3:6, 1 Corinthians 12:7, John 15:26)

We believe that our true identity is found in Christ. (Gal. 2:20; 1 Cor. 5:17)

We believe in the Kingdom of Heaven as already here—but not yet fully here. We experience a taste of heaven and hell in everyday life, and we live according to the Spirit as a precursor to our eternal life. (Matthew 5; James 3:6;)