



First Capital Christian Church Statement of Faith

The Scriptures

We believe the Holy Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, is the inspired Word of God, fully truthful and authoritative in all it teaches. The Scriptures are the final authority for faith, doctrine, and Christian living. We seek to “speak where the Bible speaks and remain silent where the Bible is silent.”

Scripture References:

2 Timothy 3:16–17

2 Peter 1:20–21

Psalm 119:105

Hebrews 4:12

God

We believe there is one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These three are equal in power, glory, and divine nature.

Scripture References:

Matthew 28:19

2 Corinthians 13:14

Deuteronomy 6:4

John 1:1–4

Jesus Christ

We believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God, fully God and fully man, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, died on the cross for the sins of humanity, bodily rose from the grave, ascended into heaven, and will return again in glory. Jesus alone is the Head of the Church and the only way of salvation.

Scripture References:

John 1:14

Colossians 1:15–20

1 Corinthians 15:3–4

Acts 4:12

John 14:6

Ephesians 1:22–23

Salvation

We believe salvation is by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ alone, not by human works. Through the death and resurrection of Christ, sinners are forgiven, reconciled to God, and given eternal life. Genuine faith results in repentance, obedience, and a transformed life through the Holy Spirit.

Scripture References:

Ephesians 2:8–10

Romans 5:1

Titus 3:4–7

2 Corinthians 5:17

Romans 10:9–10

Baptism

We believe baptism by immersion is most the biblical response of faith and obedience to the gospel. Baptism symbolizes union with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection and is connected in Scripture with repentance, forgiveness of sins, and receiving new life in Christ. Because of our unique positioning with Church Anywhere, there are cases where physical immersion is not possible. We refer to the Didache, and lean on early spiritual fathers' wisdom to anoint the person, or pour water over their head three times.

Scripture References:

Acts 2:38

Romans 6:3–4

Colossians 2:12

Mark 16:16

1 Peter 3:21

The Church

We believe the Church is the body of Christ made up of all believers who confess Jesus as Lord. The Church exists to glorify God by making disciples, sharing the gospel, worshiping together, praying together, serving others, and advancing the Kingdom of God throughout the world.

We affirm the historic plea of the Restoration Movement for Christian unity and seek to be “Christians only, but not the only Christians.” In essentials, we pursue unity; in opinions, liberty; and in all things,

love.

Scripture References:

Ephesians 4:1–6
1 Corinthians 12:12–27
Matthew 28:18–20
Acts 2:42–47
John 17:20–23

The Holy Spirit

We believe the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer, empowering them for holy living, spiritual growth, service, and witness. The Spirit convicts the world of sin, guides believers into truth, and equips the Church with spiritual gifts for ministry and the building up of the body of Christ.

Scripture References:

John 14:16–17
Acts 1:8
Galatians 5:22–23
1 Corinthians 12:4–11
Romans 8:9–11

Ministry and the Priesthood of Believers

We believe every follower of Jesus Christ is called to ministry and mission. God equips both men and women to serve, teach, disciple, evangelize, lead ministries, and use their gifts for the advancement of the gospel. We affirm the priesthood of all believers and believe vocational ministry is open to all whom God has gifted and called.

Scripture References:

1 Peter 2:9
Ephesians 4:11–13
Romans 12:4–8
Acts 18:24–26
Galatians 3:28

Church Leadership

We believe God has established elders as biblical leadership offices within the local church. In accordance with our understanding of Scripture, we believe the office of elder/lead minister is reserved for qualified men who are called to shepherd, oversee, and teach the church. We also affirm and celebrate the vital ministry contributions of women throughout the life of the Church.

Scripture References:

1 Timothy 3:1–7

Titus 1:5–9

1 Peter 5:1–3

1 Timothy 2:12

Romans 16:1–7

Christian Unity and Love

We believe Christians are called to pursue unity in Christ without compromising biblical truth. We reject unnecessary division and seek to embody humility, grace, and love in all things.

Scripture References:

John 13:34–35

Ephesians 4:2–3

Colossians 3:12–14

Romans 14:1–13

The Return of Christ

We believe Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly. There will be a final resurrection, judgment, and the full establishment of God’s eternal Kingdom.

Scripture References:

1 Thessalonians 4:16–17

Revelation 21:1–5

Matthew 24:30–31

2 Corinthians 5:10