

# **WHITE CLAY CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

## **Statement of Faith**

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### **1. About God**

God is the Creator and Sustainer and Ruler of the Universe. God is Spirit: infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth. There are three Persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory, although distinguished by their personal properties.

*Scripture reference: John 4:22; Psalm 90:2; Acts 17:24-25; James 1:17; Psalm 147:5; Psalm 100:5; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Matthew 3:16-17.*

### **2. About Jesus Christ**

Jesus is the Son of God, the second person of the Trinity. He became man by taking to Himself a human body. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered himself as a perfect sacrifice for the sins of people by dying on the Cross of Calvary. After His death and Resurrection, He ascended and is waiting for the time when He shall return again.

*Scripture reference: Isaiah 9:6-7; Matthew 1: 22-23; Romans 1:3-4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14-15; Titus 2:13-14; John 3:16-18.*

### **3. About the Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit is the presence of God in the world and in the believer. He is the source of all good thoughts, pure desires, and holy counsels in believers. He lives on in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He is our Comforter and Sanctifier. He provides Christians with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, guidance for doing what is Biblically correct and energy to do ministry. He gives every believer spiritual gifts when they are saved.

*Scripture reference: John 16:7-13; Acts 1:8; 1Corinthians 2:12; 3:16; 2 Corinthians 3:17; Ephesians 1:13; 5:18; Galatians 5:25.*

### **4. About the Bible**

The Bible is the inspired Word of God. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the most authoritative source of faith and practice for all people. The Bible is Truth without any error.

*Scripture reference: Psalm 12:6; Psalm 119:105, 160; Proverbs 30:5; 2 Timothy 1:13; 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21.*

## **5. About Sin**

Sin means “missing the mark.” It is any action or thought that is not pleasing to God. Sin first came into the world when Adam ate the forbidden fruit. Sin separated us from God. The suffering and death of Jesus Christ on the Cross opened the Door for us to be reunited with God again.

*Scripture reference: Matthew 27:45-50; Luke 23:32-46; John 19:23-30; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:12-20; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22; James 4:17; 1 John 3:4.*

## **6. About Human Beings**

We are made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. We are the supreme object of God’s creation. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us sin. We therefore need forgiveness for our sins, which is offered to each one of us by Christ’s death on the Cross.

*Scripture reference: Genesis 1:27; 3:15; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:1-12; Isaiah 59:1-2; Romans 3:23.*

## **7. About Salvation**

Salvation is God’s free gift to us, but we must accept it. It cannot be earned, nor is it deserved. Only by trusting Jesus Christ can we be saved.

*Scripture reference: John 14:6; 1:12; Romans 5: 15; Romans 6:23; Galatians 3:26; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5.*

## **8. About Eternity**

People were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with God through Jesus Christ.

*Scripture reference: Matthew 1:8; 2:44, 46; John 2:25; John 3:16-18; John 5:11-13; Revelation 20: 11-15.*