

Statement of Faith – First Church of Christ, Wethersfield, CT

“In essentials, we have unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity.”

The Trinity

WE BELIEVE God exists through eternity as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three coequal persons in one triune God.

The Father

WE BELIEVE God the Father is the Creator and Ruler of the universe and of history, and that He seeks to claim all people as His sons and daughters through the redeeming work of Jesus Christ.

The Son

WE BELIEVE Jesus Christ is the only Son of God, Who came to rescue, restore and transform us to become joint heirs with Him of God’s kingdom. Fully God and fully human, He offered Himself through His death on the cross as the perfect sacrifice for our sin. He arose from the dead in the flesh, claiming victory over death and the Evil One. He shall return to earth to reign eternally as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

The Holy Spirit

WE BELIEVE the Holy Spirit indwells and gives life to believers, enabling them to understand the Holy Scriptures, to be assured of salvation, to receive spiritual gifts, to experience intimacy with God and to be empowered for godly living and serving.

The Word of God

WE BELIEVE the entire Bible, both the Old Testament and New Testament, constitutes the revealed and inspired Word of God and serves as the only infallible guide for faith and practice.

Salvation

WE BELIEVE we receive the gift of eternal life by God’s grace and through faith in Jesus Christ as God’s only provision for human salvation, and that good works are important as the fruit and evidence of our faith.

Human Destiny

WE BELIEVE all people exist after death, either eternally separated from God by sin, or living eternally with God through His grace and forgiveness.

The Church

WE BELIEVE that, as believers, we are part of the universal Body of Christ, and as members of His church we have a variety of gifts and servant roles according to the grace He bestows.

Christian Living

WE BELIEVE we are called by God to first and foremost obey His Word, to act with love, to pray faithfully, to embrace the joy and accept the cost of discipleship, to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, and to share the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ both locally and globally, through word and deed.