

Philpott Memorial Church
Statement of Faith

1. We believe the Scriptures are to be interpreted in a literal and normal way. This means considering history, grammar, context, and harmony with other Scriptures as guidelines for interpretation.
We understand that God superintended human authors so that, using their own individual personalities, they composed and recorded without error in the original manuscripts His revelation to man.
2. There is one God who eternally exists in three persons: the Father, the Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, each of whom possesses equally all the attributes of deity.
3. Jesus Christ is God manifest in the flesh, the living Word. Conceived miraculously by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, He is perfect deity and true humanity eternally united in one person.
Jesus Christ lived a sinless life, died an innocent, voluntary and substitutionary death, as a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of men. All who trust in Christ alone are saved, enjoying the benefits of His death and perfect life: for them divine justice has been satisfied and they stand clothed with the righteousness of Christ Himself. He was raised from the dead, ascended to the Father's right hand and continues to pray for us in heaven.
4. We are all made in God's image and have been given the capacity to enjoy His holiness.
We all experience alienation from God because of inherent sin.
Because of His love for all people God intervened by sending His Son Jesus.
We are able to receive forgiveness from God the Father through the death of Jesus. We accept God's forgiveness by faith and do not rely on good works for salvation.
5. The Holy Spirit convicts the world and the believer of sin
The Holy Spirit gives spiritual birth to all believers.
The Holy Spirit is given by God to indwell believers, and His presence within the person is proof of belonging to God.
The Holy Spirit is the operating agent in our growth
The Holy Spirit is active in preparing us for final salvation by sanctifying us, involving transformation into Christlikeness, energized by faith.
6. The Church, the Body of Christ, consists of all true believers.
The head of the Church is Jesus Christ.
Individuals are joined to the Church by the baptism of the Holy Spirit at the time of salvation.
The Church is built by the making of disciples.
The life of a local church is expressed in teaching the Word, fellowship, communion and prayer.
The practice and experience of individuals within the local church should be unity.
7. The world and time will end when Jesus Christ returns as judge. He will bring an end to evil and those without faith in Christ will be eternally separated from God.
God will complete his judgment through a final separation of good from evil.
Those who have trusted Christ will inherit eternal life.
There will be a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.