

Statement of Faith
First Christian Church, Hamilton, Illinois
Adopted July 17, 2011

We, the membership of First Christian Church desire to put forth a clear and concise statement of our beliefs.

A. Scripture

We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings. It is the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of mankind, and the final authority for all Christian faith and life. *1 Peter 1:20-21*

B. The Godhead

We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19*

C. Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is God. From the beginning he was with God; became man; was conceived of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross, a sacrifice for the sins of mankind according to the scriptures. He arose bodily from the grave, ascended into heaven, where he sits at the right hand of God the Father as our Intercessor and Advocate. *Matthew 1:22-23; Romans 8:34*

D. Holy Spirit

We believe the Holy Spirit was with God from the beginning. He was sent to man as the great Comforter. We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, and to convict mankind of sin, strengthen the believing sinner, and indwell, guide, and instruct, and empower the believer for Godly service. *John 16:7-8,12-14*

E. Sanctity of Marriage and Life

We believe that marriage should be between one woman and one man. All other forms of marriage or sexual relationships are condemned by God.

We believe that life begins at the moment of conception, and that life is a gift and a blessing of God. *Matthew 19:4; 1 Corinthians 7; Psalm 139:13-16*

F. Forgiveness

We believe the forgiveness of all sin, except blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is available to all persons who confess their sin and accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. *Matthew 12:31-32; 1 John 1:9; Acts 10:43*