



*“To him who sits
on the throne
and to the Lamb
be praise and honor
and glory and power,
for ever and ever!”*

Revelation 5:13

CRC exists to honor God
by fostering a movement of Christ’s Kingdom
through the proclamation and practice of the gospel
that serves and transforms the Upper Valley
and, through the Upper Valley, the world.

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM
HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL
HANOVER, NH

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Office Hours • Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9 am - 3 pm

TO OUR VISITORS...

Welcome to Christ Redeemer Church! We trust that your visit with us will be a rewarding one. We have found that the Gospel of Christ has the power to change all things, and it is our desire that you experience a taste of that today.

If we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to use the Contact Form on the back of this bulletin or on our website at www.christredeemerchurch.org/contact-card.

GENERAL WORSHIP SERVICE INSTRUCTIONS

Restrooms are located on the second floor to the right as you exit the auditorium, and on the first floor, near the back entrance.

Find a seat prior to the service. If possible, please sit in the middle of the center section or along the walls to leave space for those coming in after you.

Phones should be silenced at all times.

Food is not permitted in the auditorium per school policy.

Elevator: The elevator located by the back entrance.

Assistive Hearing Devices are on the Bible table at the back of the auditorium near the entrance. For assistance, please ask someone at the sound board.

Nursing Mothers are welcome to room 154 during the service.

CHILDCARE PROGRAM

Childcare is available for infants through 2nd graders. Please check your child/ren in with the Childcare Supervisor when you arrive at the service. During check-in, the Childcare Supervisor will ask you to fill out a security sticker. Please keep the receipt portion of the sticker and give it to the teacher when you pick up your child after the service.

Nursery (infants & toddlers) is available for the whole service in room 253 (to the right as you exit the auditorium, across from the water fountains).

Preschool Church (preschoolers, 3-5 year olds) and **Junior Church** (kindergarten & 2nd grade) begins during the brief break prior to the sermon. Parents should drop children in Preschool Church of in room 253 (to the right as you exit the auditorium, the same room as the nursery for the summer only); Junior Church is in room 268 (to the left as you exit the auditorium).

Your children are also welcome to remain in the worship service if you wish.

Children's Bulletins are available just outside the auditorium entrance (across from the elevator).

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Classes for children, youth, and adults will resume in September.

Meets from 9:00 on most Sundays during the school year.

WORSHIPPING GOD THROUGH GIVING

An offering box is located at the entrance of the auditorium for worshipping through financial giving. You may also give online at www.christredeemerchurch.org/give or mail a gift to the church office (PO Box 5523, Hanover, NH 03755).

GENERAL MINISTRIES & ONLINE RESOURCES

For more information on the vision and ministries of CRC, visit the church website. To access all of CRC's online resources including our website, podcasts, mobile app, social media and online giving platform scan this code or go to linktr.ee/CRCHanover.



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TIME OF REFLECTION

“This hill, though high, I covet to ascend;
The difficulty will not me offend.
For I perceive the way to life lies here.
Come, pluck up, heart; let’s neither faint nor fear.
Better, though difficult, the right way to go,
Than wrong, though easy, where the end is woe.”
~*Pilgrim’s Progress*, John Bunyan, 17th Century English writer and preacher

“Everything is needful that He sends; nothing can be needful that He withholds.”
~John Newton, 18th Century English hymnwriter and preacher

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble.
But take heart! I have overcome the world.”
~John 16:33 (NIV)

“The Bible is profoundly realistic because it tells us suffering is inevitable. No one escapes it. We shouldn’t be surprised and shocked by it. The Bible is terribly matter-of-fact about the reality that the world is filled with misery. Yet, it offers not merely a spiritual afterlife but the hope of a renewed creation, the resurrection, and a material world wiped clean of decay and suffering and death. No other religion promises such a thing.”
~Tim Keller, 21st Century American pastor and author

“Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.”
~“It Is Well With My Soul,” Horatio Spafford,
19th Century American hymnwriter

MUSIC – *Music Team led by Alasdair Groves*

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER – *Walker Tuttle*

Worship through Praise and Adoration

CALL TO WORSHIP – *Hebrews 4:14-16 (NIV)*

LEADER: Since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God,

CONGREGATION: *Let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.*

LEADER: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin.

ALL: *Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

BE STILL MY SOUL

(Katharine von Schlegel 1697)

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side:
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain:
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as he has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be for ever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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RESPONSIVE READING – *Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV)*

LEADER: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

CONGREGATION: *And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.*

LEADER: For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

CONGREGATION: *Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

(Matt Redman, Beth Redman)

Blessed be Your name, In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow,
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name, When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness,
Blessed be Your name.

CHORUS:

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, Still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name, When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be,
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name, On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessed be Your name.

(CHORUS)

You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord,
Blessed be Your name.

(CHORUS)

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10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

(Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman)

CHORUS:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning:
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

(CHORUS)

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

(CHORUS)

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending:
Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

(CHORUS)

I'll worship Your holy name.
Yes, I'll worship Your holy name.

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SHARING TIME & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER – *Drew Matter*

BRIEF BREAK – *If you have children who are attending childcare, please escort them to their class at this time. Nursery and Preschool Church are in room 253 (please note the location change for the summer only) and Junior Church is in room 268. For more details see page 2.*

DOXOLOGY

(Thomas Ken & Genevan Psalter, 1551; attr. Louis Bourgeois)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

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SERMON – “Don’t Grow Weary or Lose Heart” – *Noah Crane*

SERMON PASSAGE – *Hebrews 12:3-17 (ESV)* – *Marsha Davidson*

³ Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. ⁴ In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵ And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly
the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by him.

⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

⁷ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸ If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹ Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a

short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹ For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

¹² Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴ Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵ See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶ that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷ For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

Worship through the Sacrament

CONFESSION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism (1563) Lord's Day 1

LEADER: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

CONGREGATION: That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPENING BREAD AND CUP

Pull clear tab for communion wafer. Push down on silver foil tab until plastic tab cracks and then pull up for the juice. After communion, please place empty cup back in bag and pass it to the aisle to be collected during the last song.

MAY I RECEIVE COMMUNION TODAY?

At CRC we welcome all believers in Christ to receive Holy Communion with us provided that they are 1) forsaking their sin and self-righteousness, and 2) trusting in Jesus alone for salvation. If you are not able to receive Communion today, please use this time to meditate on who Jesus is and what he has done for us, even using this as an opportunity to put your trust in him. If you feel that God is calling you to faith in his Son, perhaps the prayer below will be helpful to you as you seek him:

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Please guide me and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you, as I consider the reasons for doing so. Amen.

If you would like to talk to someone about becoming a Christian, please let the pastor, one of the elders, or the friend who brought you know. You may also inquire by completing the contact form on the back of the bulletin and placing it in the offering box.

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

(John Rippon, Joseph Funk, 1787)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy trouble to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame will not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose.
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

PUBLIC DOMAIN

BENEDICTION

WORSHIPPING GOD THROUGH GIVING – *An offering box is located at the entrance to the auditorium. Gifts may also be made on the church website or mailed to the church office (PO Box 5523, Hanover, NH). See the bottom of page 11 for more information about CRC finances and giving.*

Summer Announcements & Upcoming Events

New to CRC? We'd love to help you get connected! Fill out our Contact Form online at www.christredeemerchurch.org/contact-card.

Father-Son Campout: Friday, August 1st to Saturday, August 2nd on Gilman Island in Hanover. \$15/person or \$30 a family. Sign-ups are available on the church website. Please sign up ASAP. Questions? Contact Walker (walker.tuttle@christredeemerchurch.org)

Church Picnic & Baptism: Sunday, August 24th at Storrs Pond after our worship service. If you would be interested in being baptized, please contact Pastor Chris (chris.audino@christredeemerchurch.org).

The Sunday Service Schedule coordinates all volunteer roles on Sunday mornings. There are opportunities to serve in childcare, on the set up pack up team, with sound (no experience necessary), or as a greeter. If you would like to join, please email the church office.

Youth Group Fire Pit Hangouts: All students, 6th through 12th grade, are invited to join us fire pit hang outs on Monday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on 7/28, 8/4. Weekly locations will vary. Please contact Walker (walker.tuttle@christredeemerchurch.org) for details.

Women's Activities GroupMe: Most women's Bible studies have ended until September; however, we don't want to miss out on connecting with one another this summer! Join our Women's Activities GroupMe to suggest or join others on informal outings around the Upper Valley. Questions? Contact Claudine Lefferts (womens.ministry@christredeemerchurch.org). The link is available in the Friday email if you'd prefer not to type it all in... https://groupme.com/join_group/108218103/bwLbN0LO.

September and Beyond...

Sunday School: Classes for adults, youth, and children will resume Sunday, September 14th.

Community Groups: Will resume the week of September 22nd. A network of small groups designed to be a mini-Christian community, providing an opportunity for prayer, fellowship, Bible study and service. If you are not in a group, please contact the church office.

CRC Field Day: Save the date for our 2nd Annual CRC Field Day, Sunday, September 28th after the worship service at the CCBA pavilion.

Intro to CRC: Sunday, October 19th from 9:00 to 9:50 am. If you are new to the church we'd love to have you join us!

Fall Youth Conference: November 21st & 22nd

Men's Conference: March 5th & 6th

Women's Retreat: April 10th & 11th

Church Leadership

ELDERS

Jason Achmoody	Doug Cooper	Mike O'Leary
Chris Audino	Andy Engert	Dave Smith
Tim Ball	Joel Eshbaugh	Lindsay Whaley
Ryan Bouton		

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Kristen Coats	Matt Lewis	Claudine Lefferts
Christine Engert	Vincent Mack	Joel Lefferts
Megan Eshbaugh	Elena Marshall	Matt Smith
Doug Gusitsch	Jay Marshall	

Church Staff

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Chris Audino

YOUTH & CHILDREN'S PASTOR
Walker Tuttle

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Christine Engert

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Andy Engert

WOMEN'S MIN. COORD.
Claudine Lefferts

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Ryan Bouton, Quechee
Doug Cooper, New London

Service Schedule

SUNDAY, JULY 27th (*MOD)(**first week in role)

Sound, Music, Service Co. 8; Set Up 8:30; Child Sup, Nursery & Greet 9:40

Sound: Y. Rabkins, N. Arroyo **Music:** A. Groves

Sharing & Prayer: D. Matter **Service Coord.:** L. Groves

Set Up/Pack Up: G. Mather, P. Fullerton, W. Tuttle

Greeters: B. Berwick, F. Gillespie, M. Gillespie, M. Eshleman

Welcome Table: C. Engert

Nursery: L. Berwick*, T. St. James, E. Groves, Adara Groves

Preschool Church: Leah Wolcott*, A. Wolcott, Leyla Wolcott, E. Gillespie

Junior Church: D. Thrift*, H. Old, A. Fosu

Child. Supervisor: S. Eshleman **Sermon Upload:** TBA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3rd (*MOD)(**first week in role)

Sound, Music, Service Co. 8; Set Up 8:30; Child Sup, Nursery & Greet 9:40

Sound: B. Kent, J. Schloicka **Music:** B. Nesselrodt

Sharing & Prayer: L. Whaley **Service Coord.:** J. Marshall

Set Up/Pack Up: N. Plummer, L. Plummer, J.W. Dell, R. Dell

Greeters: C., S. & D. Parks

Welcome Table: K. Coats

Nursery: W. & S. Tuttle*, R. Dell

Preschool Church: V. Plummer*, J. Schloicka, T. Schloicka, A. Schloicka,

Junior Church: P. & G. Lee, J.W. Dell

Child. Supervisor: A. O'Leary **Sermon Upload:** T. Arulmani

CHRIST REDEEMER CHURCH CORE VALUES

Christ Changes Everything • Christ Mandates Our Message • Christ Glorifies God
Christ Causes Us to Value and Care for People • Christ Reorients Our Hearts • Christ Reconciles Us to One Another
Christ Redeems All of Life • Christ is Victorious • Christ Causes Us to Look Outwardly

CHRIST RECONCILES US TO ONE ANOTHER

We value a servant-hearted community. The gospel creates a new humanity committed to service instead of self (Galatians 5:6, 13). Therefore, we will celebrate our unity in Christ in the midst of our diversity of culture, ethnicity, race and societal position (Galatians 3:28; Colossians 3:11; Revelation 5:9, 7:9). The gospel frees us in such a way that we are able to see ourselves no longer through the misleading lens of human pride and self-sufficiency. Rather, we see ourselves as needy people at the foot of the cross, and there, the ground is level. Thus, in Christ we are free to serve one another in love (Mark 10:42-45; Galatians 5:14). This self-sacrificing, unifying love is the mark of the believing community (John 13:35; 17:21-23).

HOW CAN I GET CONNECTED AT CHRIST REDEEMER CHURCH?

At CRC we welcome people from every background and every stage in their journey with Christ. CRC is comprised of people that are committed followers of Jesus as well as those just investigating. Wherever you might find yourself, there is a place for you at CRC. If you need help getting connected, just ask a friend, contact the church office or fill out the Contact Form on the last page of this bulletin.

Just Investigating: If you are just investigating the gospel of Christ, there are several points of connections you might find helpful:

- **Worship:** Every Sunday morning at 10:00 am, you'll find ample opportunity to learn about Jesus and what He has done for us.
- **Sunday School:** During the school year, we offer classes for all ages including classes for adults. In these classes you are welcome to jump into the dialogue or just sit and listen. More information is available on pg. 2 of this bulletin.
- **Various Other Ministries:** For more information about small groups, retreats, and other events for men, women, and youth, see page 10 of the bulletin or contact the church office.

Desiring A Greater Level of Participation: If you are investigating what it means to be a Christian, or have been a Christian for a while but are new to CRC, we strongly recommend that you become a participant in the life of the community. Experiencing life in the body of Christ is the best way to learn what the gospel is all about. Here are two key opportunities:

- **Sunday Service Schedule:** At many churches, opportunities for personal involvement are limited. At CRC, however, we take a very different approach; we invite anyone who considers CRC their "church home" to serve and participate in the life of the body. One of the practical ways that we do this is to schedule every individual or family for a "service Sunday" approximately twice every three months in order to assist the leaders in each of the various responsibilities (i.e. setup and takedown for the worship service, greeting, and the children's ministries). Through this service rotation, we are not only working to accomplish these tasks, but also learning what it means to live together as the "family of God". Contact the church office for more information.
- **Community Groups:** It is our belief and experience that a servant-hearted community is the essential fruit that grows from believing the gospel. "Christianity means community through Jesus Christ and in Jesus Christ" (Dietrich Bonhoeffer). Therefore, the backbone of CRC is a network of small groups, each designed to be a mini-Christian community. Comprised of 8 to 14 people, they meet regularly during the week. Trained leaders who are given on-going support lead each group. The groups are open to both believers and seekers—to anyone who wishes to grow in their understanding and experience of the gospel. Through Bible study, prayer and serving others, participants are able to come to know and to experience life in Christ for themselves, at their own pace. If you would like to join a group, please contact the church office or ask a friend if you can attend theirs. If you consider CRC your "church home", you should make faithful participation in one of these groups a top priority.

Desiring To Become a Member: At CRC we take church membership very seriously. For a person to be a follower of Christ, we feel it is necessary to be committed to a local church. If you have been a Christian for a long time but are new to CRC or if you have recently become a Christian, and would like to become a member, join us for our "Introduction to CRC" seminar that runs periodically or talk to Pastor Don Willeman or Pastor Chris Audino.

Desiring To Lead And Serve Others: God calls many to be not merely faithful members in His church but also to serve the church through leadership. If you have traveled the path outlined above but are still looking for something more, we'd love to talk to you about opportunities for developing leadership skills and serving.

CRC FINANCIAL UPDATES

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2024 Actual	MISSIONS GIVING
June	\$79,825	\$61,223	\$54,035	2024 EOY: \$213,314
Year to Date	\$478,950	\$332,307	\$305,240	2025 YTD: \$67,549
				Updates as of 6/30/25

CONTACT FORM

Please use this section to inform us of your contact information or fill it out online christredeemerchurch.org/contact-card

PLEASE PRINT and deposit in the offering box at the entrance (check all boxes that apply)

- ☐ I would like more information on CRC
☐ I am interested in opportunities for involvement
☐ I am updating my information
☐ I am a college student ☐ graduate student
☐ I would like to talk to someone about becoming a Christian

Name (PLEASE PRINT) Mr./ Mrs./ Ms./ Miss

Spouse/Children

Address: mailing or street

City/State/Zip

Home/Cell Phone

Work Phone

Email Address

Community Group Sign up:

Community Groups meet throughout the Upper Valley and include worship, Bible study, fellowship, prayer and mission. Fill out the form above, and drop it in the offering box. We will contact you about group availability.

Days of the week that work best with your schedule

Prayer Request, Comment or Question:

AN AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

Adopted by Converge Worldwide (Baptist General Conference) in 1951

1. The Word of God: We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that it has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

2. The Trinity: We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons, that these are equal in every divine perfection, and that they execute distinct but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence and redemption.

3. God the Father: We believe in God, the Father, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of each person, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

4. Jesus Christ: We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal visible return to earth.

5. The Holy Spirit: We believe in the Holy Spirit who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ, and that He is an abiding helper, teacher and guide.

6. Regeneration: We believe that all people are sinners by nature and by choice and are, therefore, under condemnation. We believe that those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit.

7. The Church: We believe in the universal church, a living spiritual body of which Christ is the head and all regenerated persons are members. We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized on a credible confession of faith, and associated for worship, work and fellowship. We believe that God has laid upon the members of the local church the primary task of giving the gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world.

8. Christian Conduct: We believe that Christians should live for the glory of God and the well-being of others; that their conduct should be blameless before the world; that they should be faithful stewards of their possessions; and that they should seek to realize for themselves and others the full stature of maturity in Christ.

9. The Ordinances: We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has committed two ordinances to the local church: baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water into the name of the triune God. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ for commemoration of His death. We believe that these two ordinances should be observed and administered until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

10. Religious Liberty: We believe that every human being has direct relations with God, and is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith; that each church is independent and must be free from interference by any ecclesiastical or political authority; that therefore Church and State must be kept separate as having different functions, each fulfilling its duties free from dictation or patronage of the other.

11. Church Cooperation: We believe that local churches can best promote the cause of Jesus Christ by cooperating with one another in a denominational organization. Such an organization, whether a regional or district conference, exists and functions by the will of the churches. Cooperation in a conference is voluntary and may be terminated at any time. Churches may likewise cooperate with interdenominational fellowships on a voluntary basis.

12. The Last Things: We believe in the personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth and the establishment of His kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the eternal felicity of the righteous, and the endless suffering of the wicked.