



*“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 use the band room (253) 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 154 (to the right at the bottom of the main flight of stairs).

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 off in Preschool Church of in the hallway outside 154 and pick them up inside room 154 (just past the childcare check-in table); Junior Church is in room 268 (across the upstairs lobby and 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

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

Fall Sunday School will run from September 14th through November 23rd (off 10/12)

Pre-K to Kindergarten – hall outside 154 – Old Testament stories

1st to 3rd Grade – room 268 – Genesis, Exodus & Joshua

4th & 5th Grade – atrium near ramp – People of God of the Old Testament

Middle School – by cafeteria – Old Testament Survey

High School – hallway to cafeteria – Ephesians & Philippians

Adult Sunday School – room 253 – The Book of Acts (taught by Lindsay Whaley & Noah Crane)

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

“Hospitality means primarily the creation of free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy.”

~Henri J.M. Nouwen (1932-1996), Dutch priest, professor and theologian.

“Here in our house you’ll find a royal welcome; Have supper first, then tell us what you need.”

~From Book 1 of Homer’s *Odyssey*

“What you leave behind is not engraved in stone monuments but what is woven into the lives of others.”

~Pericles (495-429 BC), Greek general

“Christian hospitality has much more to do with good relationships than with good food. There is a fine line between care and cumber. In many instances, less ado would serve better.”

~Kevin DeYoung, American pastor and theologian

“The focus of *entertaining* is impressing others; the focus of *true hospitality* is serving others.”

~Tim Chester, British pastor and author

MUSIC – *Music Team led by Benjamin Nesselrodt*

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER – *Joel Lefferts*

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.*

CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE

(Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson)

Mine are days that God has numbered;
I was made to walk with Him.
Yet, I look for worldly treasure,
And forsake the King of kings.
But mine is hope in my Redeemer;
Though I fall, His love is sure.
For Christ has paid for every failing;
I am His forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow;
Darkness not yet understood.
Through the valley I must travel,
Where I see no earthly good.
But mine is peace that flows from heaven.
And the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted;
Christ completes His work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger,
Pilgrim on a narrow way.
One with Christ, I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name.
But mine is armor for this battle,
Strong enough to last the war.
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore.
And mine are keys to Zion city,
Where beside the King I walk.
For there my heart has found its treasure;
Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward.
Fear is gone and hope is sure;
Christ is mine forevermore.

And mine are keys to Zion city,
Where beside the King I walk.
For there my heart has found its treasure;
Christ is mine forevermore.

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HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

(Stuart Townend)

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss.
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything:
No gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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LORD, FROM SORROWS DEEP I CALL

(Matt Boswell, Matt Papa)

Lord, from sorrows deep I call
When my hope is shaken.
Torn and ruined from the fall,
Hear my desperation.
For so long I've pled and prayed,
"God, come to my rescue!"
Even so the thorn remains,
Still my heart will praise You.

Storms within my troubled soul,
Questions without answers.
On my faith these billows roll.
God, be now my shelter.
Why are you cast down my soul?
Hope in Him who saves you.
When the fires have all grown cold,
Cause this heart to praise You.

CHORUS:

Oh my soul, put your hope in God.
My help, my rock, I will praise Him.
Sing, oh sing, through the raging storm.
"You're still my God, my salvation."

Should my life be torn from me,
Every worldly pleasure.
When all I possess is grief,
God, be then my treasure.
Be my vision in the night.
Be my hope and refuge.
'Til my faith is turned to sight,
Lord, my heart will praise You.

(CHORUS)

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SHARING TIME & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER – Drew Matter

BRIEF BREAK – *If you have children, infants through 2nd grade, who are attending childcare, please escort them to their class at this time. Nursery is in room 154, Preschool Church is in the hallway outside of 154 (Parents should pick up their preschoolers in the nursery - room 154), and Junior Church is in room 268. See page 2 for details.*

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.

PUBLIC DOMAIN

SERMON – “One of These Men Is Not Like Others” – *Lindsay Whaley*

SERMON PASSAGE – *3 John 1-15 (ESV)* – *Vincent Mack*

¹ The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth. ² Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul. ³ For I rejoiced greatly when the brothers came and testified to your truth, as indeed you are walking in the truth. ⁴ I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth. ⁵ Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, ⁶ who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. ⁷ For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. ⁸ Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth. ⁹ I have written something to the church, but Diotrephes, who likes

to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority. ¹⁰ So if I come, I will bring up what he is doing, talking wicked nonsense against us. And not content with that, he refuses to welcome the brothers, and also stops those who want to and puts them out of the church. ¹¹ Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God. ¹² Demetrius has received a good testimony from everyone, and from the truth itself. We also add our testimony, and you know that our testimony is true. ¹³ I had much to write to you, but I would rather not write with pen and ink. ¹⁴ I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face. ¹⁵ Peace be to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends, each by name.

Worship through the Sacrament

CONFESSION OF FAITH: from the Theological Declaration of Barmen (1934)

LEADER: What claim does the Lord Jesus Christ have on your life?

CONGREGATION: We confess that as Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords- areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through 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.

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

(Ada Ruth Habershon, 1906, Matthew Merker)

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

CHORUS:

He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast,
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.

(CHORUS)

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight,
When he comes at last.

(CHORUS)

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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.*

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

Sunday School: Classes for adults, youth, and children will resumed today! Sunday School meets from 9:00 to 9:50 am most Sundays during the school year. The adult class is studying the book of Acts. For a full list of classes for children and youth, see page 2.

Community Groups: Will resume the week of September 21st. 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 Christine (christine.engert@christredeemerchurch.org).

CRC Field Day: Sunday, September 28th after the worship service at the CCBA pavilion (1 Taylor Street, Lebanon) from around noon to 3:00 pm. Bring your own lunch and chair and join us for some fun! This will feature a mixture of athletic and non-athletic events and a great opportunity to have some fun together as a church family! Questions? Contact Christine (christine.engert@christredeemerchurch.org).

Men's Breakfast: Friday, October 3rd at 6:00 am at the R.W.B. Community Center All men are invited to join us for a hearty breakfast feast. Fall Dates: 10/3, 11/7, 12/5.

Ukrainian Missionaries Visit: Sunday, October 5th, missionaries to Ukraine and a Ukrainian pastor will be visiting us and making a special presentation about Christians in war-torn Ukraine during Sunday School, the worship service, and a lunch after church. Details to follow.

Day of Fasting & Prayer: Congregational Prayer, Monday, October 6th from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at the church office. Fall Prayer Dates: 9/8, 10/6, 11/3, 12/1. We are exploring the idea of putting together a prayer team to help grow our prayer ministry. If you are interested please contact Christine (christine.engert@christredeemerchurch.org).

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! Please RSVP to Christine (christine.engert@christredeemerchurch.org).

Youth Group: Meets most Mondays. All students, 6th through 12th grade welcome! Middle and high school meet separately. For more details, contact Walker (walker.tuttle@christredeemerchurch.org). YG Dates: 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/6, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15.

Women's Bible Studies: Will resume in a few weeks. Questions? Contact Claudine Lefferts (womens.ministry@christredeemerchurch.org).

- **Coffee Break:** Tuesdays 9 to 10:30 am at Wellspring. Resumes 9/23. Studying Titus. Childcare available. Contact Claudine (email above).
- **Decaf:** Wednesdays 7 to 8:30 pm. Resumes 9/24 in W. Lebanon. Studying Titus. Contact Claudine (email above).
- **Espresso:** Thursdays 7:00 to 8:15 am. Resumes 9/18. Studying Titus. Contact becca.wistrom@gmail.com or pam.tengdin@gmail.com.

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

Church Staff

LEAD PASTOR Don Willeman	OFFICE ADMIN Emily Lewis Becca Wistrom	MUSIC DIRECTOR Andy Engert
EXECUTIVE PASTOR Chris Audino	STRATEGIC INITIATIVES DIRECTOR Lauren Groves	WOMEN'S MIN. COORD. Claudine Lefferts
YOUTH & CHILDREN'S PASTOR Walker Tuttle	COMMUNITY LIFE DIR. Christine Engert	STUDENT INTERNS Kledian Marinaj '26 Nora Yu '28
		CAMPUS PASTORS Ryan Bouton, Quechee Doug Cooper, New London

Service Schedule

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th (*MOD)(first week in role)**

Sound, Music, Service Co. & Set Up 8; Child Sup 8:45, Nursery & Greet 9:45

Sound: Y. Rabkin, T. Swope **Music:** B. Nesselrodt

Sharing & Prayer: D. Matter **Service Coord.:** T. & S. Staats

Set Up/Pack Up: K. Lee, J.W. & R. Dell

Greeters: C. Kingston, B. Swope, R. & B. Spaulding **Wel. Table:** M. Lewis

Nursery: B. Wistrom*, G. Staats, K. Lee, R. Dell

Preschool Church: A. White*, B. Swope, C. Swope, A. Lewis

Junior Church: J. & J. Malcolm*, J.W. Dell

Child. Supervisor: E. Lewis **Sermon Upload:** Y. Rabkin

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st (*MOD)(first week in role)**

Sound, Music, Service Co. & Set Up 8; Child Sup 8:45, Nursery & Greet 9:45

Sound: Y. Rabkin, J. Edwards **Music:** A. Engert

Sharing & Prayer: J. Eshbaugh **Service Coord.:** D. Gusitsch

Set Up/Pack Up: E. Gusitsch, G. Mather, D. & P. Bokinala

Greeters: G. Mather, D. & P. Bokinala, A. Thompson** **Welcome Table:** K. Coats

Nursery: S. Podjed*, C. Richardson, N. Bokinala, N. Gusitsch

Preschool Church: J. & R. Davis*, E. Gusitsch, L. Bokinala

Junior Church: D. Thrift*, J. Gusitsch, J. Bokinala

Child. Supervisor: B. Gusitsch **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 GLORIFIES GOD

We value the Glory of God. We preeminently value the unique and holy God. All of history has but one purpose, to glorify God through the redemption of His people (Ephesians 1:6, 12, 13, 3:11; Revelation 4:11, 5:9, 7:9). We are committed to magnifying the praise and glory of God by delighting in His salvation and service while calling others to do the same. We will meet together with God weekly to worship Him, to confess Him, to hear from Him and to fellowship with Him around the table to which He calls us. We recognize this weekly meeting is a foretaste of the glory yet to be revealed (Luke 22: 15, 16, 28-30; Revelation 7:9-12 and 19:7-10).

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
Last Month	\$79,825	\$141,969	\$50,393	2024 EOY: \$213,314
Year to Date	\$638,600	\$520,895	\$493,844	2025 YTD: \$101,039
				Updates as of 8/31/25

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.