

Gloucester Point Baptist Church Statement of Faith*

As Baptists it has often been said we have no creed but the Bible. This is true, for Baptists have preferred to have confessions of what we believe dating back to 1644. The focus of a creed is on whom we believe. Since we hold the Bible as our creed, it is important to know what we confess to as a community of believers. Each week we highlight a different aspect of our statement of faith/confession, with a brief, simplified explanation at the bottom.

C. God The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, fully divine. He inspired holy men of old to write the Scriptures. Through illumination, He enables men to understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts men of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. He calls men to the Savior, and effects regeneration. At the moment of regeneration, He baptizes every believer into the Body of Christ. He cultivates Christian character, comforts believers, and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church. He seals the believer unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the guarantee that God will bring the believer into the fullness of the stature of Christ. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.

[Genesis 1:2](#); [Judges 14:6](#); [Job 26:13](#); [Psalms 51:11](#); [139:7ff.](#); [Isaiah 61:1-3](#);
[Joel 2:28-32](#); [Matthew 1:18](#); [3:16](#); [4:1](#); [12:28-32](#); [28:19](#); [Mark 1:10,12](#);
[Luke 1:35](#); [4:1,18-19](#); [11:13](#); [12:12](#); [24:49](#); [John 4:24](#); [14:16,17,26](#); [15:26](#); [16:7-14](#); [Acts 1:8](#); [2:1-4,38](#); [4:31](#); [5:3](#); [6:3](#); [7:55](#); [8:17,39](#); [10:44](#); [13:2](#); [15:28](#); [16:6](#);
[19:1-6](#); [Romans 8:9,11,14-16,26-27](#); [1 Corinthians 2:10-14](#); [3:16](#);
[12:3-11,13](#); [Galatians 4:6](#); [Ephesians 1:13-14](#); [4:30](#); [5:18](#);
[1 Thessalonians 5:19](#); [1 Timothy 3:16](#); [4:1](#); [2 Timothy 1:14](#); [3:16](#);
[Hebrews 9:8,14](#); [2 Peter 1:21](#); [1 John 4:13](#); [5:6-7](#); [Revelation 1:10](#); [22:17](#).

What does this mean?

***The Holy Spirit** – He is the third person of the Trinity. He guides men into all truth, exalts Christ, convicts of sin, righteousness, and judgment, cultivates Christian character, comforts believers, bestows spiritual gifts by which believers serve God, and seals the Believer until the day of final redemption. His presence in the lives of Believers is the assurance of God to bring us into the fullness of the stature of Christ.*

***Adapted from the Southern Baptist Convention Baptist Faith & Message 2000**

Simplified - gpbcc.church/what-we-believe

Full Statement of Faith - gpbcc.church/doctrinal-statement.

Welcome To Gloucester Point Baptist Church



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Director of Music
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Pastor Emeritus
Ministers

We thank God you are here and hope you get to know Jesus by receiving His love and His church's ministries. Please fill out a

"Welcome or C.A.R.E. Card" & place it in the offering plate.

11:00 am

WORSHIP

July 23, 2023

CLOSING CHORUS # 448
"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP * 62 vs. 1 & 2 "All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

HYMN OF PRAISE * 16 vs. 1 & 4 "O Worship the King"

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Barry Milligan, Deacon
MINISTRIES/PRAYER Sandy McElfresh

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

PARALLEL SCRIPTURE : Psalm 17:15 Samantha West

HYMN OF OFFERING * 68 vs. 1 & 2 "My Shepherd Will
Supply My Need"

OFFERTORY PRAYER Barry Milligan, Deacon

OFFERING
DOXOLOGY * Hymn 253

SCRIPTURE: * Psalm 36:7 Sandy McElfresh

MESSAGE: "The Search for Contentment"

HYMN OF INVITATION * 330 "Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound"
(please use your hymnals)

CLOSING PRAYER Sandy McElfresh

CLOSING CHORUS * 448 (chorus) "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

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SERMON NOTES:

"As you go, make disciples..." Matthew 28:19

Pray, call, visit, minister, witness with members and others.

POSTLUDE Please take this time to greet one another

*Congregation Stands

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