



Northview Statement of Faith • Internship Program

GOD

We Believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

- A. We believe in God the Father, the Creator and Sustainer of this universe, who in His infinite wisdom and love planned the redemption of mankind and accomplished it through Jesus Christ.
- B. We believe in Jesus Christ, true God and true man, who was born of the Virgin Mary, lived a perfect life, was crucified for our sins, rose from the dead and was exalted to the right hand of God.
- C. We believe in the Holy Spirit who effects redemption in the lives of those who believe in Christ. He convicts, guides, teaches, rebukes, indwells, empowers, comforts, intercedes, unites believers into one body, and glorifies Christ.

Gn. 1; Dt. 6:4-6; Ps. 139; Is. 40; Mt. 28:19; Jn. 1:1, 18; 4:24; 15:26; Rm. 8:1-17, 26-27; 2 Co. 3:17; 5:19; 13:14; Phil. 2:6-8; 1 Ti. 3:16; 6:15-16; Heb. 11:6; Jud. 2-5.

THE REVELATION OF GOD

We believe that God has made His power and deity known in creation. He revealed Himself also in word and deed in the Old Testament. He revealed Himself supremely and finally in the Lord Jesus Christ, as recorded in the New Testament. We believe that all Scripture, both Old and New Testaments, are inspired by God as men of God were moved by the Holy Spirit. We accept the entire Bible to be the infallible Word of God and the final, complete and authoritative guide for the faith and life of Christian discipleship.

Ps. 19; 119:105; Lk. 24:27, 44; Rm. 1:18-23; 2 Ti. 3:15-17; 2 Pe. 1:16-21; Heb. 1:1-2; 8:5-13.

MAN AND SIN

We believe that man was created in the image of God, sinless and in fellowship with God, with a free will to make moral choices. By sinning he brought death upon the whole human race. As a consequence people are sinful by nature, guilty before God and in need of forgiveness and restoration.

Gn. 1:27; 3:1-19; Mt. 19:13-15; Rm. 3:10-18; 5:12; 18:21; Eph. 2:1-3.

SALVATION BY GRACE

We believe that there is one God and Mediator between God and men, the Man Jesus Christ, who by his substitutionary death has redeemed humanity from the power of sin, death and eternal punishment. We are saved by God's grace through faith in Christ, and by faith alone. Those who repent receive forgiveness of sins and by the power of the Holy Spirit are born into the family of God, and, as faithful disciples, joyfully obey God's Word. Christians are to treat people of other faiths with respect, but urgently proclaim Christ as the only way of salvation. Ac. 2:42, 46; Eph. 1:13-14; 2:8-9; 1 Ti. 2:5-6; Heb. 4:12; 9:15-28; 1 Jn. 1:9; Jn 14:6; Ac. 4:12; Rm. 1:18-24; 2:1-16.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer and transforms him or her into the image of Christ and enables the believer to witness to his or her Lord in daily life. The Christian lives in fellowship with God and other believers. The believer contributes to the building of the body of Christ with his or her material and spiritual gifts. By the means of grace provided by Christ, the believer seeks to grow to maturity as this is expressed particularly in the "fruit of the Spirit." Since the believer's body is a "temple of the Holy Spirit" he or she refrains from those things which harm the body and the mind. In striving for perfection the believer recognizes his or her complete dependence on God and, is constantly in need of His forgiving and cleansing grace.

Mt. 5:14-16; Jn. 12:26; 15:4-5; Rm. 6; 8:9-16; 12; 1 Co. 6:19; Eph. 2:1-4; 4:1-16; Tit. 2:11-14; Heb. 12:14; 1 Jn. 3:17-18.



THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

We believe that the church was established through Christ's redemptive work in history, and that it is comprised of all who put their faith in Him and who are baptized by the Spirit into one body, regardless of nation, race or social class. Despite the diversity in congregations and denominations, the Holy Spirit creates unity among all the people of God.

Mt. 18:15-35; Jn. 13:1-17; Jn. 17-21; Ac. 2:38-44; 15:1-28; 1 Co. 12-14; 2 Co. 2:6-8; Eph. 1:22-23; 2:10-22; 5:21, 25-27; 1 Th. 5:11, 14; 2 Th. 3:6, 14-15; Re. 5:9.

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

We believe that the Gospel is "the power of God unto salvation", and that the command to make disciples of all nations is the primary task of the church. Every member of the church is called to participate in the mission of the church as he or she is enabled by God's grace.

Mt. 2:23; 11:5; 28:19-20; Ac. 1:8; 2 Co. 5:18-20.

THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

We believe that God through the Holy Spirit has endowed all His children with gifts for Christian ministries. All are called to use their gifts to build up the Body of Christ and to glorify the Lord. Some members of the church are called to lead, to preach, to teach, to evangelize and to nurture. For this reason, God gives some to be Elders and Pastors. The church commissions or ordains people for such ministries and loves, respects, and supports those who serve faithfully. Those in leadership are to live exemplary Christian lives.

Is. 6:1-10; Jr. 3:15; Ac. 6:1-6; 20:28; 1 Co. 12:1-31; 1 Th. 5:12-13; 1 Ti. 3:1-10; 5:17-22; Tit. 1:5-9; 3:10; 1 Pe. 5:1-5.

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

We believe that Christians should be baptized in water upon confession of their faith in Christ. We practice baptism by immersion, although we receive into fellowship those who have been baptized on confession of their faith by another mode. Baptism is a public declaration that the believer identifies with Christ and has become part of His body, the church.

Mt. 28:18-20; Ac. 2:38; Rm. 6:2-6; Col. 2:12-13; 1 Th. 5:23-24; 1 Pe. 3:21.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

In preparation for the fellowship of the Lord's Supper, all believers examine themselves. All those who understand its meaning, confess Jesus Christ as Lord in word and life, are accountable to their congregation and are living in right relationship with God and others are invited to participate in the Lord's Supper.

Mt. 16:24; 26:26-30; 1 Co. 10:16-17; 11:23-32; Re. 3:20.

MARRIAGE AND THE CHRISTIAN HOME

We believe that God instituted marriage. Marriage is a sacred union between one man and one woman. Believers who marry should have a common Christian commitment; a believer should not marry an unbeliever. We believe that divorce, adultery and homosexuality constitute a violation of God's intention for marriage. We do not condone same sex marriage or homosexual lifestyles. Christian parents should nurture their children through exemplary living, prayer, worship, instruction in God's Word, and godly discipline.

Gn. 1:27-28; 2:18-24; Pr. 5:18-19; Mt. 5:31-32; 19:4-9; 1 Co. 7:10-11; 2 Co. 6:14; Eph. 5:22-23; 6:4; Heb. 13:4; Rm. 1:18-32.

**THE LORD'S DAY AND WORK**

We believe that God has called us to work and that work is honorable. However, the Christian also needs to have time for corporate worship, instruction in the faith and fellowship. Therefore, following the example of the New Testament Church, we set aside one day a week as the Lord's Day for spiritual up-building and limit our labors on that day to work of necessity and deeds of mercy.

Gn. 2:1-3; Ex. 20:8-10; Mt. 6:33; Lk. 24:1-36; Ac. 2:1; 20:7; Rm. 14:5-6; Eph. 4:28; 1 Th. 4:11-12; Heb. 10:23-25.

CHRISTIAN INTEGRITY

Christians are obligated to speak the truth at all times. As a witness to our integrity we affirm that we will tell the truth at all times in keeping with what Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount. Also, we avoid holding membership in lodges and secret societies including those that require an oath, but seek rather to foster fellowship among believers.

Mt. 5:33-37; 23:1-12; Jn. 18:19-23; 2 Co. 6:14-18; Eph. 5:6-13; Jm. 5:12.

THE STATE

We believe that God has instituted the state. Our chief concern and primary allegiance, however, is to Christ's kingdom. We pray for our government, respect those in authority, pay taxes, obey all laws not in conflict with the Word of God, and witness against corruption and injustice in society.

Mt. 22:17-21; Ac. 4:19; Rm. 13:1-7; 1 Ti. 2:1-6; 1 Pe. 2:13-14.

LOVE and PEACE

We believe that Christians should live by the law of love and practice forgiveness of enemies as taught and exemplified by Jesus. We seek to be agents of reconciliation; our bond with other followers of Jesus transcends all racial, social and national barriers. We view violence as contradictory to the new nature of the Christian. In times of national conscription or war, we will teach and encourage alternate service where possible.

Ex. 20:1-17; Mt. 5:17-28, 38-45; Rm. 12:19-21; 13:8-10; 1 Pe. 2:19-23.

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE

We believe that God is creator and giver of life, and highly values each person. Procedures designed to take human life are wrong. We oppose all attitudes which devalue human life, especially the defenseless lives of the unborn, disabled, poor, aging and dying.

Gn. 1:26-27; 2:7; Ex. 20:13; Jb. 31:15; Ps. 139:13-16; Am. 1-2; Mt. 6:25-27; 25:31-46; Jn. 10:11.

CHRIST'S FINAL TRIUMPH

We believe that God will someday bring His purposes to a final consummation. We believe that Christ will return visibly, personally and bodily. When Christ returns the dead in Christ will be raised bodily and together with the living believers they will be bodily transformed and they shall be forever with the Lord. In the end all evil powers will be defeated and whereas the ungodly shall suffer eternal punishment, the saints shall enjoy eternal bliss in the presence of God.

Is. 2:4; 61:1-11; Mt. 25:13, 31-46; Mk. 9:43-48; Lk. 16:22-23; Jn. 5:25-29; Ac. 1:11; 1 Co. 15:21-58; Phil. 1:21-24; 1 Th. 4:16-17; Tit. 2:11-14; 2 Pe. 3:3-13; Re. 1:15, 20-22.

I have read and agree to Northview's Statement of Faith.

Signature _____

Date _____



NORTHVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

Our Mission - "Leading people to passionately follow Jesus."

Our Vision - Loving God, one another, and the world.

OUR CORE VALUES

Loving God:

We value dependence on God expressed through prayer.

Prayer is the primary way that we acknowledge the truth that God is the creator and sustainer of all things. We are to pray about all things and without ceasing, confident that God hears us.

Ac. 17:24-25; Phil. 4:6; 1 Jn. 5:14.

We value living in obedience to the authority of Scripture.

The Bible is God's Word spoken to us. We cannot deliberately ignore the Word of God and consider ourselves followers of Christ. The Spirit of God uses the Word of God to grow the people of God.

2 Ti. 3:16-17; Jm. 1:22; Lk. 6:46-49.

We value yielding to the Holy Spirit.

We are open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit operating in accordance with Scripture. We want to see the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control) evident in the lives of all who claim to follow Jesus.

1 Co. 12-14; Rm. 12:4-8; Ga. 5:22-23.

We value acts of worship in response to who God is and what He has done.

God acts toward us with grace which is shown in the created world and supremely in the Cross. Our worship is a response to this activity. Our acts of worship include both what we do when we gather corporately each week, and individually in our lives (work, play, study, etc.). The deeper the Gospel is understood, the more extravagant the response.

Luke 7:36-47; Rom 12:1-2; Eph 5:18; Ps 95:1-2; Ps 96:1-3; Rom 12:1

Loving Others:

We value equipping people for transformation and ministry.

We believe the responsibility of the church leadership is not to do the work of the ministry, but to equip the body to do the work. Our aim is not to be a market place of various ministries, but a mission training center.

Lk. 10:1-12; Eph 4:11-16.

We value healthy family life.

We believe marriage is designed to be between a man and a woman and strong marriages form the foundation for healthy family life. Marriages like this are achieved by following the guidelines put forth in the Bible (husbands self-sacrificially love their wives, wives respect their husbands, and children obey their parents). In addition we remember that singleness is a gift to be cherished, not a burden to be carried. A single person has increased opportunity to serve God free from distraction. In a culture of broken families we want to emphasize that God acts to redeem less than ideal situations.

Gn. 1:26-27; 2:21-25; Mt. 19:1-12; 1Co. 7:1-16; Eph. 5:18-6:4; Col. 3:18-4:1.

We value authentic community.

We seek to be a body of believers that has a deeper commitment to one another than can be achieved by looking at the back of each other's heads each weekend. We want to foster a spiritual family atmosphere where we are open to accountability in our relationships, and have a genuine concern for the welfare of one another.

Eph. 4:25-32; Mk. 3:31-35; Rm. 12:9-16; Jn. 17:20-21; 1 Jn. 3:16-18.



We value being a church that reflects the ethnicity and inter-generational makeup of our local community.

We believe one way that the Kingdom of God is represented in the local church is by the breaking down of social and ethnic barriers. To the degree that we achieve this, we give the world a picture of the way it ought to be. The Gospel forms a community of the old and young, rich and poor, broken and whole, black and white.
Re. 7:9-17; Eph. 2:14-22; Ac. 10:34-35; Gal. 3:28.

Loving the World:

We value doing justice and mercy as an outgrowth of the Gospel both locally and globally.

Scripture is clear that God cares for the oppressed and the poor. We as a church participate in what God is doing in the world when we have the same values that he does. While caring for the oppressed is not the Gospel itself, it is the result of the Gospel's influence in the lives of those who have embraced it. We seek to balance our priorities between the plight of the disenfranchised in our city and those beyond our borders.
Mic. 6:8; Is. 1:17; 58:6-7; Am. 5:14-15; Lk. 4:16-21; Mt. 25:31-46; Jm. 2:14-17.

We value speaking the Gospel in culturally relevant ways in our community and around the world.

The Gospel is the message of salvation that must be heard to be believed. For the message to be accessible it must be communicated in ways that are understandable to its hearers. Great care must be taken to maintain the fundamentals of the Gospel when communicating it across cultures, but the need to communicate it still remains. We want to be skilled in understanding the nature of the Gospel itself and the context in which we are sharing it.
Rm. 10:14-15; Mt. 28:18-20; Ac. 16:25-34; 1 Co. 15:1-8.

We value reflecting the reign of Christ in every area of life and society.

When Jesus died on the cross and rose again, he won a victory over all powers. He is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God as the reigning King of the universe. His kingdom has been inaugurated, but not yet fully consummated. The church, then, is a foreshadow to the day when Christ's reign will be fully realized in all the earth. A significant part of our mission is to point to that day of consummation in every area of our lives (work, study, home, play, etc.).
Gn. 2; Phil. 4:8.