

## Statement of Faith

(from Village Seven Presbyterian Church)

### **THE BIBLE IS TRUE**

God loves to communicate with the people he created, and the Bible is the book he wrote to do just that. In its perfect pages, he tells us all we need to know for this life and the life to come. The Bible has authority over all we do.

### **GOD IS TRIUNE**

God has existed for all eternity as One Being and Three Persons (God the Father, Jesus the Son, & the Holy Spirit). God is relational and loving in his very nature and he chose to share that relationship and love with his creation. God does not leave believers to make it through life on their own. Instead, he sends the Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts. The Holy Spirit leads us into truth and gives us strength to follow Jesus.

### **HUMANITY EXISTS IN HIS IMAGE**

Humanity was created by God – in his image – to be in relationship with him. As such, every person on the face of the earth is of great value, possesses great dignity, and is worthy of great respect. All humans were created to reveal God’s image on earth. However, we all distort his image because of our sin.

### **ETERNITY IS REAL**

There is more to life than what we see: God made every person who has ever lived with a soul that will never die. We will all live on forever: either in relationship with God (heaven) or separated from him (hell).

### **SIN HAS CONSEQUENCES**

Sin is the rejection of relationship with God. Every person ever created has done this by doing things we shouldn’t do and by not doing the things we should. Such actions destroy our relationship with ourselves, creation, others, and God. Sin is offensive to him and is counterproductive to our own joy.

### **JESUS RESTORES OUR SOULS**

Jesus came to restore our relationships with ourselves, creation, others, and with God. Being fully God and fully human, he became our substitute. He lived a perfect life we couldn’t live, died on the cross to pay the punishment our sin deserves, then rose again to conquer death.

### **SALVATION IS THROUGH FAITH ALONE, BY GRACE ALONE**

There is absolutely nothing we can do to restore our relationship with God. No amount of work, effort, or good intentions can mend the mess we’ve made. Salvation can only come through Jesus. Consequently, it’s a free gift. Faith is the act of receiving this free gift, trusting that God reaches out in sovereign grace and draws us back into relationship through his Son. Why? Simply because he loves us.

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