

Model:

Simplicity, priesthood of believers, missional as modeled by the first century Christians (**Acts 2:42**).

Mission:

Refreshing hearts, renewing minds, revealing Christ.

Vision:

Gospel on the Go

Missional emphasis through internet teachings and songs; prayer ministry; and in-person worship/seminars. Request a team on the event musician tab.

Tagline:

All ages, all denominations, all serve, altogether

New Song Ensemble:

Jonnee D'Armond: alto saxophone

Heidi Truitt: piano and flute

Darrell Truitt: vocals, tenor

Kara Taylor (originally Truitt): vocals, mezzo soprano and flute

Zach Taylor: clarinet

## What We Believe

1. Priesthood of believers: The Holy Spirit lives within and works through all (young, old, male, female, rich, poor...) who have placed their faith in Christ. All Christ-followers are missional; we are called to carry the Gospel (**Mt. 28:19-20; 1 Pet. 2:9**).
2. Spiritual Gifts: The Holy Spirit gives one or more gifts to all who have placed their faith in Christ. We strive to identify and serve within our gifts. All gifts are recognized and given opportunity for expression while maintaining a focus on Christ for the edification of the church. Barriers removed, opportunities presented with discernment and proper timing. The Word instructs us to serve with excellence: Study so to handle the Word properly; play instruments with skill (**Rom.12:6-8; 1 Cor. 12:4-11, 28; Eph. 4:11-13; II Tim. 2:15; Ps. 33:3**).
3. Simplicity: As modeled by the earliest believers, as good stewards, we gather in simplicity. Faithful financial support enables fulfillment of missional priorities and care for the congregants. Not a 501c3, we have freedom in all aspects (**Acts 2:42-47**).
4. Kingdom-minded: Unity does not imply uniformity of thought. We do not expect all Christians to agree on all points. We are united, however, in a common purpose - to work together and serve one another out of our love for Christ and each other (**Eph. 4:3-6, Jn. 17:20-21**).
5. Salvation is by faith: “For it is by grace you have been saved through **faith**. It is not from yourself or anything you've done, but the gift of God” (Eph. 2:8-9). Jesus died for our sins, making a way to the Father through Him. All who place their faith in Jesus shall be saved (**Rom. 3:22, 28, 4:2, 5:1, 5:9, Gal. 3:24, Titus 3:7**).
6. Reverence: Acceptable worship as unto the Lord involves approaching God with awe and reverence. The worship *service* is not for the pleasure, “experience,” or entertainment of man. Our lives are a living sacrifice as unto the Lord (**Heb. 12:28-29; Rom. 12:1-2**).
7. Eldership: Spiritual covering and leadership is offered through the appointment of elders (**1 Tim. 5:17**).
8. Holiness: Jesus died to pay the penalty for our sins. The cross reminds us of God’s holiness and our sinfulness. Upon confession and repentance, our sins are forgiven. We are to continue in the example of Christ – live holy and godly lives through the gift of the Holy Spirit (**1 Jn. 1:9; II Cor. 5:21; Col. 3:12, Prov. 14:34; Heb. 12:14; 1 Pet. 2:5; Gal. 5:16; 1 Thes. 4:7; II Tim. 1:9**).

9. Word-based: All elements of the service involve Scripture – songs, prayers, readings, message, sacraments, gathering, and benediction – therefore the service is God-breathed and useful for instruction. God communicates with His people through His Holy Word. Other ways that God communicates – visions, dreams, etc are recognized – but not to the exclusion of the Word. The entire service – in fact, all that we do – must be filtered through the lens of the Word (**Heb. 4:12; II Tim. 2:15-16**).
10. Planning. God exists outside of time therefore He is also in our worship planning. God is a God of order. Pre-planning enables the service to remain Word-based and focused on the Lord, thereby minimizing distractions. (**1 Cor. 14:40; 1 Cor. 14:33, 40**).
11. Sacraments/symbols. Symbols remind us of the stories of our faith, whether presented as an artform in our worship space or physically enacted as in sacraments. We partake in the three sacraments commanded by Christ: baptism, foot washing, and communion. The sacraments help us remember Christ's sacrifice and atonement for our sins (**Mt. 28:19-20; Jn. 13:14; Lk. 22:19**).
12. Creeds. We agree with the Apostles' Creed and Nicene Creed as a summary of the Christian faith.

**THE APOSTLES CREED** I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into Hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

**THE NICENE CREED** I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, through Whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man: Who for us, too, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, suffered, and was buried: the third day He rose according to the Scriptures, ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father: He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom shall have no

end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son: Who together with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified: Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one holy, Christian, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and life of the age to come. Amen.