

Welcome to Holy Trinity Community Church.

Welcome to all who have no church home, who need hope or healing, need strength, want to follow Christ, have doubts, or do not believe. Welcome to new visitors and to old friends.

Welcome to grandparents, grandchildren, to mothers, fathers, and single people.

Welcome to people of all colors, cultures, and abilities.

Welcome to people of all genders, sexual orientations, and political opinions.

Welcome to believers and questioners - and welcome to questioning believers.

No matter who you are or where you are on your journey, you are welcome here!

Our Vision Statement: *Our passion and desire*

All people knowing God's love personally and understanding God's purpose for their lives.

Our Purpose Statement:

Why we exist

We exist to save lives; imparting hope and truth to the world, embracing the truths about God's unconditional love and assisting all people in seeing their beautiful and unique identity as a child of God through a personal faith in Jesus Christ as Savior, using Holy Scripture, which we recognize as the primary source of faith, living and worship.

Our Mission Statement:

What we intend to do

We intend to build a vibrant church body that authentically reflects the unconditional love of Christ for all people by creating a spiritual culture of loving acceptance for all God's children, **without regard to race, gender, orientation, ability or social status**, which allows each individual to grow in their faith and spiritual identity, as well as service to God. We seek to build a congregation with ministries that support and affirm individuals and family units.

Our Values Statement: *What we practice*

We believe that God is Maker and Sustainer of ALL Creation. We believe that God created all people with value and purpose. It is our conviction that understanding our relationship with God through a personal faith in Jesus Christ as Savior is essential to eternal life, hope and peace.

We see the two great commands to us as Christians found in Matthew 22:37-40 as first loving and serving God with our whole being. And second; loving and serving our neighbor as ourselves. We encourage members of HTCC to practice daily disciplines of Scripture reading and prayer that will keep their hearts warm and in love with their Heavenly Creator.

As believers and followers of Christ, our goal in daily living is to live out the "Golden Rule." That is 'doing unto others as we'd have them do unto us.' We seek to live out Christian love in all situations we may face.

When we have offended a brother/sister in Christ or if a brother/sister has offended us, we are to follow the guidelines set forth in Matthew 18:15-19 and Luke 17:3. This is to work out any issue with that person, or including a ministerial team member to assist in finding reconciliation.

Together we desire to be a loving and caring fellowship reflecting the life of Christ in our community.

Our Faith Statement: *What we believe*

This church accepts as its Statement of Faith, Covenant and Purpose, the Statement of Faith of the United Church of Christ (UCC) approved by the Second General Synod.

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, Father of our LORD Jesus Christ and our Father, and to His deeds we testify:

He calls the worlds into being, creates man in His own image and sets before him the ways of life and death.

He seeks in His holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

He judges persons and nations by His righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen LORD, He comes to us to share our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to Himself.

He bestows upon us His Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

He calls us into His church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be His servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at His table, to join Him in His passion and victory.

He promises to all who trust Him forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, His Presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in His kingdom which has no end.

Blessings and honor, glory and power be unto Him without end.

Amen

The Person of our Salvation

John 3:16-18

It is our conviction that essential to our relationship with God is a personal faith in Jesus Christ as Savior.

The Symbols of Salvation

Baptism

Mark 16:16

The Baptismal Covenant is God's Word to us, proclaiming our adoption by grace, and our word to God, promising our response of faith and love. Those within the covenant constitute the community we call the Church. The basic service of the Baptismal Covenant is Holy Baptism, by which we are incorporated into the Church, which is the body of Christ, and made one in Christ (1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:27-28).

Because baptism initiates us into Christ's whole church and not just a denomination or local church, HTCC recognizes all Christian baptisms and looks upon baptism as something that should unite rather than divide Christians.

At HTCC you may be baptized by any mode used by Christians. Candidates have a choice of sprinkling, pouring, or immersion. Each mode brings out part of the rich and diverse symbolism given to baptism by the Bible. Each is a form of washing which

symbolizes the washing away of sin (Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Hebrews 10:22; 1 Peter 3:21). Being totally buried in water and raised from it is a powerful symbol of our burial and resurrection with Christ (Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2:12) and being born anew of water and the Spirit (John 3:3-5; Titus 3:5). Pouring or sprinkling water upon a person's head signifies God's pouring out of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:9-10; Luke 3:21-22; Acts 19:1-7).

Baptism is an act that looks back with gratitude on what God's grace has already accomplished. It is here and now an act of God's grace, and it looks forward to what God's grace will accomplish in the future.

Communion

Holy Communion or The Lord's Supper was instituted by Jesus on the night before His death, and His disciples experienced it in the breaking of bread with the risen Christ (Luke 24:30-35; John 21:13). We follow this act in remembrance of Him.

At HTCC we believe that Holy Communion is a sacrament of our redemption by Christ's death and of our hope in His victorious return, as well as a sign of the love that Christians have for each other. To such as receive it humbly, with a proper spirit and by faith, Holy Communion is a means through which God communicates grace to the heart (Matthew 26:26-28; Luke 22:19-20; John 6:48-58; 1 Corinthians 5:7-8; 10:3-4, 16-17; 11:23-29).

Our Rites

Holy Matrimony/Covenants/Holy Unions :

More commonly known as marriage services are conducted between two persons who seek faithfulness to God and one another exclusively through the exchange of vows/promises. More Information about marriage ceremonies can be found [HERE](#).

Reconciliation/Healing :

For persons seeking healing for body, mind or spirit through prayer, laying on of hands and anointing with oil.

Other Rites :

Christenings, funerals, blessings for special occasions.