

First Presbyterian Church
South Charleston, Ohio

What We Believe

Our church is a reformed and evangelical congregation. Our purpose is to exalt Jesus Christ by encouraging one another, equipping believers, and expanding the Kingdom of God. Being reformed, we are a confessional church adhering to the historical statements of the church, most notably the Apostles' Creed and the Westminster Confession of Faith. Below is a summary of our congregation's essential doctrines:

- We believe that the Bible is the revealed Word of God given to us by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and is therefore infallible in its original form. We affirm the authority of Scripture (the Old and New Testaments) as our only rule for faith and life.
- We believe that there is only one living and true God who has revealed Himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- As recorded in Scripture, God created the heavens, the earth, and life in six days and declared His approval. We believe though Adam and Eve were created in God's image, they disobeyed God's decree and through them sin and death has entered the entire human race. Therefore, all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. We believe that without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin.
- We believe that out of the Father's love, Jesus, His Son, physically came to this earth. Being fully man and fully God, Jesus voluntarily died on the cross as the sacrifice for the sins of those who profess genuine faith in Him. On the third day after His death, Jesus was physically resurrected, appeared to His Apostles as well as others, and later ascended to Heaven to the throne of God.
- We believe that by grace, God provides salvation from sin, personal fellowship, and eternal life to those who sincerely repent and have faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Therefore, we affirm that salvation is found in no other means except in Jesus Christ.
- Through the Holy Spirit, God convicts us of sin, makes us aware of our need of salvation, seals us as God's children, and equips us with skills for ministry in the Kingdom of God. It is through the work of the Holy Spirit that believers are united to worship Christ and to serve Him in fulfilling His Great Commission, to make disciples among all nations.
- We believe in the upcoming return of Jesus Christ, who will visibly appear on this earth to reward His believers with eternal life, and to distribute eternal punishment to Satan and those who have not exercised genuine faith in Christ; those whose names are not found in the Lamb's book of life.