



**9. We believe Christians grow and follow God's purpose for their lives.**

- Matthew 28:19-20: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in my way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age" (The Message).
- Ephesians 2:8-9: "For it is by God's grace that you have been saved through faith. It is not the result of your own efforts, but God's gift, so that no one can boast about it.10 God has made us what we are, and in our union with Christ Jesus he has created us for a life of good deeds, which he has already prepared for us to do" (GNB).

**10. We believe we are to love and accept others.**

- John 13:35: Jesus said, "Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other" (The Message).
- Romans 15:7: "Accept one another, then, for the glory of God, as Christ has accepted you" (GNB).

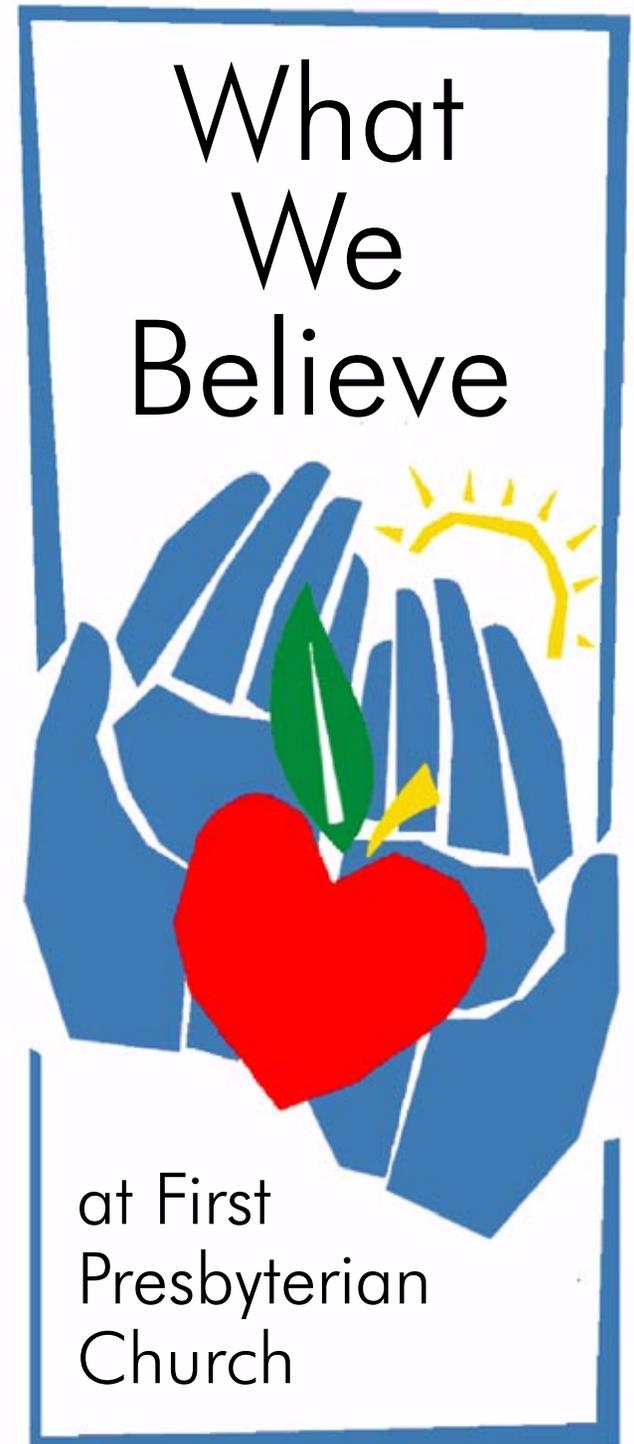
**11. We believe we go wherever God wants us to go and God's Spirit goes with us.**

- Matthew 28:19-20: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age" (The Message).
- We pray Jesus' Harvest Prayer: "The harvest is large, but there are few workers to gather it in. Pray to the Lord of the harvest that he will send out more workers to gather in his harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38, GNB).
- A Brief Statement of Faith from 1991: "We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and re-newer of life."

**12. We believe Jesus is coming again and we will live with him forever!**

- Mark 13:26: "Then the Son of Man will appear, coming in the clouds with great power and glory. He will send the angels out to the four corners of the earth to gather God's chosen people from one end of the world to the other" (GNB).
- Revelation 22:7: "Listen! says Jesus. I am coming" (GNB).
- As believers, we want to be ready to meet the Lord. Are you?

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### 1. We believe God is in control.

- Psalm 24:1: “The earth is the Lord’s and everyone and everything in it.”
- The Apostles Creed: “I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.”
- A Brief Statement of Faith from 1991: “In life and death we belong to God.”

### 2. We believe the Bible is God’s word to people today.

- II Timothy 3:16-17: “Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another” (The Message).
- Latin Phrase from the Reformation: “Sola Scriptura” or the Bible alone. We believe God’s word is relevant to everything we face in life.

### 3. We believe disobedience to God’s word is sin and sin is toxic.

- Sin is like an insect killer, it’s toxic to everyone it touches and it touches everyone.
- Romans 3:23: “For all have sinned and fallen short”.
- Romans 6:23: For sin pays its wage—death; but God’s free gift is eternal life in union with Christ Jesus our Lord” (GNB).

### 4. We believe Jesus is the Savior of the world who brings life to the world.

- Acts 4:12: “Salvation comes no other way; no other name has been or will be given to us by whom we can be saved, only the name of Jesus” (The Message).
- John 14:6: “Jesus said, ‘I am the Road, also the Truth, also the Life. No one gets to the Father apart from me.’ (The Message).

### 5. We believe Jesus died and rose again from the dead.

- I Corinthians 15:3-6: “Christ died for our sins, as written in the Scriptures; he was buried and raised to life three days later, and then he appeared to Peter and the twelve apostles. Then he appeared to more than five hundred of his followers” (GNB).

### 6. We believe we are saved by grace.

- Grace is unmerited favor.
- Ephesians 2:8-10: “For it is by God’s grace that you have been saved through faith. It is not the result of your own efforts, but God’s gift, so that no one can boast about it. God has made us what we are, and in our union with Christ Jesus he has created us for a life of good deeds,



which he has already prepared for us to do” (GNB).

- Latin Phrase from the Reformation: “Sola Gratia” or “by grace alone.”

### 7. We believe we are called to put our faith in Christ and Christ alone.

- Acts 16:31, the Apostle Paul said: “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.”
- 1 John 5:1: “Whoever believes that Jesus is the Messiah is a child of God” (GNB).
- Latin Phrase from the Reformation: “Sola Fide” or “by faith alone.” As Christians we put all of our faith in Christ alone.

### 8. We believe Christians turn away from sin, profess Christ as Lord, and commit their lives to Christ’s church.

- Latin Phrase from the Reformation: “Ecclesia Reformata, Semper Reformanda” or “Always reformed; always reforming.”
- Acts 2:38: “Change your life. Turn to God and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, so your sins are forgiven and you will be given the Holy Spirit” (The Message).
- Hebrews 10:25: “Let us not give up the habit of meeting together as Christians” (GNB).