

Articles of Faith

In simple terms, *The Church at Chelsea-Westover* believes the following:

1. We believe in one God, eternally existent as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
2. We believe that the Bible, composed of the Old and New Testaments, is God's inspired and infallible Word, and is the supreme standard and final authority for all conduct, faith, and doctrine.
3. We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father and in His premillennial, personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe that man was created in the image of God, but by willful transgression became sinful and is justly under the condemnation and wrath of Almighty God.
5. We believe that the only salvation for this guilt and condemnation is through faith in the righteousness and atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that this salvation is the free gift of God's love and grace.
6. We believe in the person of the Holy Spirit and that His ministry is to reveal Christ to men, to convict of sin, to regenerate repentant sinners and by His presence and power, to sanctify the lives of the redeemed.
7. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ instituted the ordinances of baptism and communion; that baptism is only to be administered upon profession of faith in Christ, by immersion, thereby declaring our faith in a crucified, buried and risen Savior; that communion is only for believers, is to be preceded by faithful self-examination, and is in remembrance of the Lord's death until He comes.
8. We believe that a New Testament Church is a body of believers, baptized by immersion, associated for worship, service, and the spread of the gospel of the grace of God to the entire world.
9. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the just and the unjust; the just having been redeemed by the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, to be with Him throughout eternity in heaven; the unjust, having died unrepentant and unreconciled to God to eternal condemnation in hell.



My Covenant of Membership

with the Church at Chelsea-Westover

Realizing my guilt before God, I have confessed my sin to Him, and have received the Lord Jesus Christ, who bore my sins on the cross as my personal Savior (Romans 3:19, 23, 5:8, John 1: 12)

I acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord of all my life, and seek to confess Him as such before others by the testimony both of life and lip (Romans 10:9, 2 Corinthians 5:14-15)

I trust in the power of the Holy Spirit, who lives in my heart, to keep me, guide me, and lead me in the way of purity and holiness (John 14:26, 16:13, Romans 8:2-4, Galatians 5:14-15)

I accept the Bible as the inspired Word of God, and my final authority in all matters of faith and practice (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:20-21).

I recognize my responsibility by tithes and offerings to extend the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ both at home and abroad (Malachi 3:8-10, 1 Corinthians 16:2, 2 Corinthians 9:7).

I recognize my responsibility to pray regularly for the work of this church, for its pastors, officers, and members, that the witness of all concerned may be to the glory of God and to the salvation of souls (Ephesians 6:18-19, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, 25).

I recognize my responsibility to be regular in my attendance at the services of the church and at the Lord's Table (Acts 2:42, Hebrews 10:25, 1 Corinthians 11:26).

I have been baptized by immersion, in obedience to my Lord's command, thus signifying my union with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection (Matthew 28:19-20, Romans 6:4)

I have read the Articles of Faith as contained in the Constitution and Bylaws and am in complete agreement (Timothy 6:12, 2 Timothy 4:7, Jude 3)

Recognizing my inability in my own strength to adhere to the terms of any covenant, yet believing that my Lord will enable me to fulfill the terms of this Covenant, I gladly confirm each of the above clauses (Philippians 4:13).

Printed Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____

Witness (Pastor) _____

