

## The Apostles' Creed

*"As the Lord's Prayer is the Prayer of prayers,  
and the Ten Commandments are the Laws of law,  
so the Apostles' Creed is the Creed of creeds."*

### The Nicene Council 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 was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sits at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.  
From there He shall come to judge the living  
and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of the saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.

*believe. belong. become.*

**B**each Vineyard adheres to the historical Christian faith as defined in all the prominent and ecumenically received councils and creeds. We are not only orthodox in our beliefs, but we seek to be biblically vital in our experience and practice of the faith. Because of this, we give prominence not only to the practical and scholarly teaching of the Word, but also to intimate and expressive worship as well as Spirit-inspired and personally focused ministry.

## BEACH VINEYARD CHURCH

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# STATEMENT OF FAITH



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## We believe . . .

### **In One True Living God**

who eternally exists in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, equal in power and glory; who has revealed Himself to be perfect in love, righteous in all His ways, and creator of all things. (Matthew 28:19, Isaiah 40:12-26, Isaiah 46:8-11)

### **In God the Father**

an infinite, personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love; that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men; that He hears and answers prayer; and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ. (Matthew 6:9, Isaiah 6:3, Romans 11:33-39, Psalms 138: 5-6, Matthew 7:11, Isaiah 55: 6-7)

### **In Jesus Christ God's Eternal Son**

who is true God and true man. He allowed Himself to be conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin. He taught men how to live through His sinless life and miracles, was crucified as a sacrifice for our sins, arose bodily from the dead, was seen by over 500 persons and ascended to heaven to be a perpetual intercessor for His people. (John 1: 14-18, Luke 1: 18-20, Hebrews 4:15, Romans 5:8, 1 Corinthians 15:1 -8, Ephesians 1:20, 1 Thessalonians 4:16, Mark 1:-14-15)

### **In the Holy Spirit**

who came forth from the Father and the Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower for ministry all who believe in Christ. We believe the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus Christ and that He is an Abiding Helper, Teacher, and Guide.



We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit and in the exercise of all the Biblical gifts of the Spirit. (John 15:26, Titus 3:5, Acts 1:8, Romans 8:9, Ephesians 1: 13, John 14:16, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11)

### **In Mankind's Need for Salvation**

That **MEN** and **WOMEN** were created in God's image, were tempted by Satan and rebelled against God, and are now sinners by nature and choice and are therefore, under condemnation. The only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. Through repentance and believing in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven our sins and reborn by the Holy Spirit, and we become children of God. (Ephesians 2:1-10, Acts 2:38, Ezekiel 36:26, John 1:12-13, John 10:9)

### **In the Inspiration of Scripture**

That the **SCRIPTURES** of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, fully inspired, inerrant in the original manuscripts, and the final authority for Christian faith and living. (II Timothy 3:14-17, Romans 15:4, James 1:22)

### **In the Church (Body of Christ)**

That the universal **CHURCH** is the living spiritual Body of Christ on earth; Christ is its head and the source of its life. The Body is composed of those who have received Him as Savior and Lord. The Church exists to worship God in spirit and in truth; to instruct believers through the Word in their personal growth in Christ; to fellowship with God and with each other; and to evangelize Christ to the world; thus advancing the Kingdom of God. (I Corinthians 12: 12-13, Ephesians 2:19-22, 1 Peter 2:4-5)



### **In the Ordinances of Christ**

That the Lord Jesus Christ committed two **ORDINANCES** to the Church; Baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe in water baptism by immersion and communion open to all believers. (Acts 2:38, 1 Corinthians 11:23-30, Luke 3:3)

### **In the Laying on of Hands**

for the empowering of the Holy Spirit, for receiving of gifts of the Spirit, for healing, and for recognition and empowering of those whom God has ordained to lead and serve the church. (Acts 13:3, Mark 6:5, 1 Timothy 4:14, 2 Timothy 1:6)

### **In the Return of Christ**

In the personal, visible **RETURN OF CHRIST** to the earth to raise the dead, judge the world, and establish His glorious Kingdom. This is the hope of the Church and its encouragement for ministry. Those who have been reborn will live forever with Him. (Acts 1: 11, Matthew 25:3 1, I Corinthians 15:20-24, Revelation 20:11;21:8)

### **In Spiritual Unity**

In the **SPIRITUAL UNITY** of all true believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. In essentials – unity (Ephesians 4:3); in nonessentials – liberty (Romans 4:4,12,22); in all things – love (1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:3)

