

# Statement of Faith for First Parish Congregational Church

Throughout the great tradition of First Parish Congregational Church, Wakefield, Massachusetts, we have affirmed and continue to affirm the Apostles' Creed. More specifically,

1. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *(Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Corinthians 13:14)*
2. We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory. *(Matthew 1:18-25; John 1:1, 14, 18; 3:16; Acts 1:11; Ephesians 1:20-21; 1 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 2:14-17; 7:23-25)*
3. We believe that for salvation of lost and sinful people personal regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential. *(John 3:5-8; 14:16)*
4. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by Whose indwelling power and fullness the Christian is enabled to live a godly life in this present evil world. *(John 16:7-14; 1 Corinthians 12:4-13; Ephesians 2:8-10; 4:30; 5:18)*
5. We believe in the spiritual unity of all believers in Jesus Christ. *(Matthew 16:17-19; 28:18-20; John 17:20-23; Ephesians 4:1-6)*
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation. *(Matthew 25:46; 2 Thessalonians 1:8-10; Revelation 20:11-15)*

In addition to the Apostles' Creed,

7. We believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, to be the only inspired, inerrant, infallible, authoritative Word of God written. *(Matthew 5:17-18; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Peter 1:23)*
8. We believe God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. We believe the biblical standard of marriage is between one man and one woman. *(Genesis 2:22-24; Exodus 20:12; Matthew 19:4-6; Colossians 3:18-19)*