

Trinity's Core Values

1. **People** matter most to God! Matthew 11:19a
The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and 'sinners.'"
2. All people are of **Equal** value to God! Galatians 3:28-29
There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.
3. All people have received different **Gifts** and ministries from God! 1 Corinthians 12:4-6
There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.
4. **To love** one another -- is the way of Jesus! John 13:34-35
A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.
5. Loving **relationships** should characterize every aspect of church life. Matthew 22:39b
...Love your neighbor as yourself.
6. We believe in the **historic** Christian faith, and that the ancient creeds of the Church (Apostolic and Nicene) are true expressions of this faith. 1 Timothy 3:16
...He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.
(see Trinity's Statements of Faith)
7. God wants us to take these teachings of Christ to **all the world**. Matthew 28:19-20
Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.
8. God desires us to do **our best** with our time, talents, and resources. Colossians 3:23
Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, ...
9. **Hospitality** is a priority in all our gatherings! 1 Peter 4:9-10
Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

10. **Leadership** development equips people to make an impact! Exodus 18:21ff.
(training people to grow and excel in their area of ministry)
But select capable men from all the people--men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain--and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens...That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you.

11. We believe that Christ's followers should yearn for continuous **growth**, and that this best occurs through regular participation in both the large assembly and in small groups.
1 Peter 2:2
Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ...

12. We believe that **the church** should be culturally relevant while remaining doctrinally pure.
1 Corinthians 9:22b
I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some.

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Trinity's Statements of Faith

1. We believe and profess our faith in one triune God existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
2. We believe and profess that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior, and He is God in the flesh, and that His shed blood and resurrection provide the only ground for justification and salvation to all who believe.
3. We believe and profess that the Holy Spirit is God and that he indwells, guides, instructs, and empowers for godly living.
4. We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings, and is the Divine and final authority of Christian faith and life.
5. We believe and profess that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, that forgiveness of sins is received through confession and repentance, and that our sins are washed away through the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: the saved unto the resurrection of life and the lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
7. We believe that observing the sacraments are not works that merit salvation, but rather flow out of a true faith in Christ.
8. We believe that the true Church is composed of persons who, through a saving faith in Jesus Christ, have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and are united together in the body of Christ of which He is the head.
9. We believe in the imminent coming again of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
10. We believe and profess that God has called us to live holy lives that will bring glory to His name.

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