

Affirmation of Faith Emmanuel Baptist Church Potsdam, NY

We affirm one God who is manifested to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit (1 John 5:7). We affirm the Father Almighty, who created all things, both visible and invisible, for His own Glory and pleasure (Colossians 1:15-16).

We affirm our Lord Jesus Christ, who is one in substance with the Father (Philippians 2:6); who for us and our salvation came down from heaven, was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin (Matthew 1:18); who lived a perfect life (1 Peter 1:18-19); who was crucified for our sins, and died to redeem us (Romans 4:25 and 5:8), and was buried; who rose bodily on the third day to justify us; who ascended into heaven where He sits at the Father's right hand making intercession for us and is Lord of all (Hebrews 7:25); who in the Father's own time will return in visible, personal form to judge the living and the dead; and whose kingdom shall never end (2 Timothy 4:1).

We affirm the Holy Spirit, who proceeded from the Father (John 15:26) and is equal with the Father and the Son; who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment (John 16:8); who regenerates and cleanses us from sin (John 3:5 and 8); who is the baptizer and filler (1 Corinthians 12:13), witness and guide (Romans 8:14), teacher and comforter (John 14:16), indweller and uniter of God's people (Ephesians 2:20-22), author and interpreter of Holy Scriptures (2 Peter 1:21), revealer of our Lord (1 John 4:12), and giver of all things of God (1 Corinthians 12:7-11).

We affirm the Bible to be the verbally inspired Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16), wholly without error as originally given by God (Matthew 5:18), and sufficient as our only infallible rule of faith and practice (Matthew 4:4).

We affirm one Body of Christ uniting all Christians who have been chosen, called, and justified by God (Ephesians 4:4). We believe Emmanuel Baptist Church to be a part of this body.

We affirm a Church to be a visible, voluntary association of baptized believers in Christ (Acts 2:41) who have covenanted together to glorify God by worship, evangelism, missions and discipleship (Acts 2:46).

We affirm the Lord's Supper and believer's baptism to be the two ordinances of the Church.

We affirm that all people are under condemnation through personal sin (Romans 6:23), and escape from condemnation comes only through the righteousness of Jesus Christ (Romans 8:1). This righteousness is imputed to the believer by grace when he repents of sin and receives Jesus Christ as Lord (Romans 5:17-19). This salvation is eternal and can never be lost (John 10:28).

We affirm that the commands of God for His Church are summarized in these two commandments: "The foremost is, 'And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'" (Mark 12:30-31 and Romans 13:9).