

Statement of Faith of the Newburg First Church of God

- We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God. **1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:15-17.**
- We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Matthew 28:19; John 10:30; Ephesians 4:4-6.**
- We believe in the deity of our Lord 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 1:23; John 1:1-4 and 1:29; Acts 1:11 and 2:22-24; Romans 8:34; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 2:5-11; Hebrews 1:1-4 and 4:15.**
- We believe that all persons everywhere are lost and face the judgment of God, that Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation, and that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, repentance of sin and faith in Jesus Christ results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit. **Luke 24:46-47; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Romans 3:23; 2 Corinthians 5:10-11; Ephesians 1:7 and 2:8-9; Titus 3:4-7.**
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, whose indwelling enables the Christian to live a godly life. **John 3:5-8; Acts 1:8 and 4:31; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 2:14; Galatians 5:16-18; Ephesians 6:12; Colossians 2:6-10.**
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; the saved to the resurrection of eternal life and the lost to the resurrection of damnation and eternal punishment. **1 Corinthians 15:51-57; Revelation 20:11-15.**
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ and that all true believers are members of His body, the Church. **1 Corinthians 12:12, 27; Ephesians 1:22-23.**
- We believe that the ministry of evangelism and discipleship is a responsibility of all followers of Jesus Christ. **Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:9-15; 1 Peter 3:15.**
- We believe God's plan for human sexuality is to be expressed only within the context of marriage, that God created man and woman as unique biological persons made to complete each other. God instituted monogamous marriage between male and female as the foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society. For this reason, we believe that marriage is exclusively the union of one genetic male and one genetic female. **Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5-6; Mark 10:6-9; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9.**
- We believe that we must dedicate ourselves to prayer, to the service of our Lord, to His authority over our lives, and to the ministry of evangelism. **Matthew 9:35-38; 22:37-39, and 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:9-15 and 12:20-21; Galatians 6:10; Colossians 2:6-10; 1 Peter 3:15.**
- We believe that human life is sacred from conception to its natural end; and that we must have concern for the physical and spiritual needs of our fellow human beings. **Psalms 139:13; Isaiah 49:1; Jeremiah 1:5; Matthew 22:37-39; Romans 12:20-21; Galatians 6:10.**
- We believe Christ has given the Church three divine ordinances: Baptism, Feet Washing, and the Lord's Supper. **Baptism** is an outward symbol of an inward grace (an outward sign of an inner change) **Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Acts 2:38.** It is to be practiced by those who profess faith in Christ and express commitment to follow Him. Baptism is not essential to salvation. It is to be administered by immersion. **Feet Washing** is a celebration of the Incarnation and reminds us of our calling to be servants. It is an expression of our love for one another. It reminds us of our need to minister and to be ministered to. **John 13:1-17. The Lord's Supper**, also known as Communion, is intended to remind us of Christ's atoning death. It is a proclamation of hope. This ordinance is open to all Christians. **Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:11-15; 1 Corinthians 11:24-26.**
- We believe in the presentation of children for the Lord's blessing, setting them apart for the Lord. Children are gifts from God and part of the covenant community. Parents are responsible for the spiritual nurture of their children. The congregation also shares this responsibility. **Genesis 33:5; 1 Samuel 1:27-28; Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:4.**
- We believe in the Second Coming and ultimate victory of Jesus Christ. God will bring history to its proper close in His way and time. The message of end times is one of victory and fulfillment for Christians and the ultimate triumph of God's Kingdom. Until then, the mission of God's people is to be salt and light in the world. **Mark 13:33-37; John 16:33; Matthew 5:13-16.**
- We believe in the bodily resurrection of believers and that judgment will accompany Christ's return. **1 Corinthians 15:20; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; John 5:22.**