

## **EVERGREEN CHURCH STATEMENT OF FAITH**

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### **GOD**

We believe God was not made or created by anyone but is the creator of all things.

### **JESUS**

We believe Jesus is the Son of God [potentially put in virgin birth], who lived a perfect life, was crucified for the sins of humanity, died, and rose again three days later.

### **HOLY SPIRIT**

We believe the Holy Spirit is sent from the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit is our helper, the one whom Jesus sent to empower his followers to continually become more like Jesus and do as he did. The Holy Spirit imparts spiritual gifts on the believer for the edification of the church and the advancement of the gospel.

### **THE TRINITY**

We believe in one God, who exists as a Trinity in three persons: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. All three are equal in essence but distinct in person and function.

### **HUMANITY**

We believe God created humanity in his image and likeness to steward creation and share in his work on earth. Humanity is most adequately positioned to flourish when in a relationship with God.

### **SIN**

Stemming from the disobedience of the first humans, we believe sin is the inherited and chosen actions, intentions, and motives that separate humanity from relationship with God and result in evil and death.

### **SALVATION**

Through believing in Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection, and submitting to his lordship of our lives, we are saved from the penalty of sin. As we grow in relationship with God we are continually being saved from the power of sin. Salvation cannot be earned but is a free gift from God.

### **THE CHURCH**

We believe the church is God's vessel for the mission, multiplication, and maturation of believers and is God's preferred plan of blessing others and spreading the Kingdom of Heaven into the world today. We believe the church consists of God's people who believe in and follow Jesus.

**ETERNITY**

We believe that one day God will complete his plan to restore and redeem humanity and all creation from the powers of sin, evil, and death. Jesus will return to judge the living and the dead and to establish his kingdom forever. Those who have decided not to believe in and follow Jesus will be eternally separated from God and will not enter his kingdom while his followers will be restored to God's original design.

**THE BIBLE**

We believe the Bible is without any mistakes, errors, or flaws and is inspired by God. Because of this, we can trust it and base our lives on its principles and teachings.