

The Core Beliefs and Values of St. Paul's Church

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*The Beliefs and Values itemized below are the bedrock of our common Faith
as the people of St. Paul's Church.*

Beliefs

- **Jesus is Lord! We, the members of St. Paul's Church, are called to submission and to obedience to Him and to one another.**
Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 10:9, Ephesians 5:21f, Philippians 2:1-4, I John 3:16
- **Holy Scripture is our primary resource for practical as well as spiritual guidance.**
Psalm 119:105, Isaiah 55:10-11, Romans 12:2, II Timothy 3:16
- **The tradition of the Anglican Church, both locally and historically, is an invaluable secondary point of reference for guidance.**
II Timothy 1:3-6

Values

1. **As members of Christ's Body, we are unreservedly committed to the Great Commandment to first and foremost love God, then to love others as we love ourselves.**
Mark 12:30-31; John 15:12-17; I Corinthians 13
2. **Our Father's intention for everyone called by Him is that we acquire the mind of Christ and become like His Son in belief and behavior, in faithfulness and fruitfulness.**
Luke 18:15-17, Philippians 3:10
3. **Every member requires restoration and spiritual renewal on a recurring basis throughout a lifetime of Christian maturing.**
John 3:1f, Ephesians 4:15, Philippians 2:12, Colossians 1:28
4. **Part of being a Christian is loyalty to, and participation in, a small group that meets regularly for fellowship, study and prayer.**
Acts 2:42, II Corinthians 13:14
5. **The manifestation of the Holy Spirit, as evidenced through signs and wonders, are familiar and anticipated experiences whenever the community of the faithful is gathered for worship, fellowship or ministry.**
I Corinthians 12-14, Acts 4:30-31, The Book of Acts!
6. **All ministers of the church are commanded by Christ Jesus to seek the lost, to testify that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life, and to invite them to come home.**
Matthew 28:19, Luke 19:10, John 3:16, Acts 1:18
7. **St. Paul's ministers are called to exercise ministries of care and compassion whenever and wherever we hear God's call.**
Micah 6:8, Matthew 25:31-46

These are our unchanging Beliefs and Values.

