

## Declaring our Faith

This year we are using the New Hampshire Confession of Faith (1853; with some recent revisions) as a guide to affirming in worship what we believe to be the core of biblical faith centered on the gospel. Below are the two previous articles and the one for today.

**XI. Sanctification.** We believe that Sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of his holiness. It is a progressive work. It begins in regeneration and is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit – the Sealer and Comforter – by the continual use of God’s appointed means, especially including the word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness, prayer, and the oversight and fellowship of a local church.

**XII. The Perseverance of Saints.** We believe that all true believers endure to the end. Their persevering attachment to Christ and to his people is the grand mark distinguishing them from false professors. A special providence watches over their welfare, and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

**XIII. The Church.** We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, joined together by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel. A visible church observes the ordinances of Christ, is governed by his laws, and exercises the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by his word. The only scriptural officers of the church are Elders (also called Pastors), and Deacons, whose qualifications and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

# Riverbend Bible Church

Worshiping Together on Our Lord’s Day, May 2, 2021

Transition Song: “May the Peoples Praise You” (words on screen)

Pause human fellowship, find a place to sit, get a Bible ready, pray for God’s blessing and prepare to worship God among his people. Join in singing as you are ready.

“O for a Thousand Tongues” (*Trinity Hymnal*, #164 and words on screen)

Call to Worship (Psalm 34:1-5)

“It Is Well with My Soul” (*Trinity Hymnal*, #691 and words on screen)

Prayer Adoring God

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 1:2-20 (p. 566)

Mark 12:28-34 (pp. 848-49)

Prayer of Confession

Confession of Faith (New Hampshire Confession, Article XIII, words on screen and back page of bulletin)

“Speak, O Lord” (words on screen)

God’s Word Preached: “True Worship” (Romans 12:1-2)

Sharing at the Lord’s Table

“Compassion Hymn” (words on screen)

Pastoral Prayer / Silent Prayer

“Doxology” (*Trinity Hymnal*, #731 and words on screen; *a cappella*)

Departing Blessing

# “True Worship” (Romans 12:1-2)

True worship involves \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ devotion to God expressed through practical \_\_\_\_\_.

True Worship is:

- \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ language
  - Offering our \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - “Spiritual” Worship
  - \_\_\_\_\_ renewal
- \_\_\_\_\_
  - Not \_\_\_\_\_ to culture
  - \_\_\_\_\_ obedience

## Church Life Notes

### Historic Faith

- **Make Faith Personal:** Do you have questions about the Bible and faith? Pastor Bob will be up front after to meet you. Or, talk to a Christian friend here or contact one of our other leaders (info. below). Pick up a copy of “Two Ways to Live” as you exit. If you need a Bible, take one from the back bookshelf as our gift. Feel free to use a response card in the chair pocket to communicate with us.
- **Upcoming Preaching:** Pastor Bob plans to return to 1 Peter next Lord’s Day.
- **Institute** this evening beginning at 5:30. Come learn and pray together.

### Honest Fellowship

- **Lunch after Worship** in the fellowship room. Plan to stay even if you did not bring anything. We’ll have enough. We will call our missionary Cristi Black.
- **Graduation Celebration:** Claire Pierce’s family welcomes you to a graduation open house on Saturday, June 5 beginning at 3 p.m. at 8365 Neosho Rd.
- **Summer Camp** for entering 7th graders - graduating seniors at Webster Conference Center, June 21-25. Registration deadlines are coming fast!
- **Wedding Online:** The Riverbend family is invited to join the celebration as Teresa Gorrell marries Tim Evans on May 29. Get a card from the back bookshelf for details.

### Humble Service

- **Childcare Next Week:** (Emma Ramirez; back-up Bonnie Tackett)
- **New Building Dedication** on Sunday, May 23 with a service at 6:00 p.m. and a reception to follow. We will need help preparing to host our guests. Stay tuned for ways you could offer hospitality for that evening.

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*Riverbend Bible Church seeks to build a Christ-centered community by: delighting in the historic faith founded in the Christian Scriptures; practicing honest fellowship with God and each other through covenant membership; and offering humble service by displaying and declaring the gospel in the Atchison area and to the ends of the earth.*