

### **Salvation:**

- Salvation is offered to all people; Salvation is through Jesus Christ alone. One accepts Christ as Savior through a conversion process that includes faith, repentance, confession, and baptism (Acts 2:38, 8:12, 10:47-48, Rom.10:9, etc.).

### **Baptism:**

- In baptism a believer is immersed, crucified and buried with Christ (Rom. 6:3-4), receives forgiveness of sin and the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38), is resurrected (Col. 2:12) and clothed with Christ (Gal. 3:27), and becomes saved (1 Peter 3:21) because of God's free gift of grace received by faith.

### **Communion:**

- The Lord's Supper is the celebration of the New Covenant, in which the Christian community remembers Christ and celebrates the covenantal relationship they have with Him and with each other. We celebrate this covenant weekly.

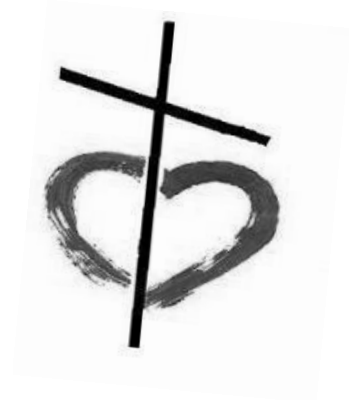
### **The second coming:**

- The Final Coming of Jesus is a time when Christ will personally come again as savior and judge of the world. Ultimately, all of the dead will be raised bodily—believers to eternal life with God and unbelievers to eternal judgment. Sin will be no more and believers will live in fellowship with God forever (I Thess. 4:13-18 and Rev. 20:11-15)

## **Staten Island Christian Church**

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## **What we believe**



# What we believe

## God:

- God is one being in three persons—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. He is the Creator and sustainer of the universe (Gen. 1:1Col.1:17), God loves the world so much that He sent his Son to earth in order to save the world through him. John 3:16

## Jesus:

- Jesus is God in the flesh. (John 1:14), and He holds all authority in heaven and on earth (Matt. 28:18). He is the Savior (Matt.1:21, I Tim.1:15) Salvation was made possible through His death on the cross. He overcame death by rising from the dead (Acts 4:10) He ascended into heaven and promised to come back to reign forever.

## Holy Spirit:

- The Holy Spirit works actively in the world and in the lives of the believers. The Holy Spirit convicts people of sin, righteousness, and judgment to come (John 16:5-11). The Holy Spirit indwells believers working within them in order to make them more like Jesus.

## Bible:

- The Bible (the Old and New Testament Scriptures), is the uniquely inspired Word of God (2 Tim. 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:16-21). The Bible is the rule of faith and practice for Christ followers. It is the authoritative revelation from God by which we know His will. We seek to announce what the Scriptures clearly teach. It is through the Scriptures that we will get to know God, ourselves and the world he created, as well as how history will end.

## Church:

- The Church is the body of Christ on earth, the community of believers throughout the world. It's made of those who embrace Jesus as Lord and Savior. The Church's mission is to make disciples.(The Great Commission) Matt. 28:18-20), which means every Christian has the mission to reach others with the message of Christ.

## Mankind:

- Human beings were created by God to walk in fellowship with Him. However, because of sin humans separated themselves from God. Humanity was created in God's image ), but this image has been distorted by sin, but not lost. Jesus came to redeem us and the world from the fall.