

## **STATEMENTS OF FAITH**

**Concerning Scripture** - We believe the Bible in its original writings (the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments) is the inspired and inerrant Word of God and is the only infallible rule in Christian faith and practice. (II Timothy 3:16-17, II Peter 1:20-21)

**Concerning God** - We believe in one God existing eternally in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, equal in power and glory and identical in essence and attributes. (Matthew 28:18-20, Hebrews 1:1-3)

**Concerning God's Providence** - We believe all things that come to pass are directed by God's eternal will and purposes, according to His perfect wisdom, power, justice, goodness and mercy and without making either God the author of sin or man unaccountable for his thoughts, words and deeds. (Daniel 4:35, Nehemiah 9:6)

**Concerning Sin** - We believe the sinful disobedience of Adam and Eve caused all humanity to inherit a sinful nature whose corruption affects all of soul and body, separating us from God and bringing us under God's just and eternal condemnation. (Romans 5:12)

**Concerning Jesus Christ** - We believe Jesus Christ, the second person of the Trinity, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, was fully God and fully man, lived a sinless life, voluntarily bore God's wrathful condemnation of pain and death to save His people from their sins, was raised bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, and now reigns as the exalted head of His Body, the Church. (Matthew 1:23, Ephesians 1:18-23)

**Concerning Salvation** - We believe all who are born again by the Holy Spirit receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, are pardoned from all their sin and accepted as righteous in God's sight upon the merits and works of Jesus Christ on their behalf alone and none whatsoever upon any merits or works of their own. (Romans, 10:9-10, Ephesians 2:8-9)

**Concerning Sanctification** - We believe all true believers, indwelt and sealed by the Holy Spirit until the day of redemption, are enabled more and more to live a godly life, bearing the fruit of the Spirit's renewing by obedience and good works without which faith is dead, and are eternally secure in His faithful keeping. (James 2:14-18)

**Concerning the Return of Christ** - We believe in the personal, bodily, and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to judge the world, the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting punishment

of the lost, and the everlasting bliss of the saints. (I Thessalonians 4:16-18, Revelation 20:11-15, Revelation 21:3-4)

**Concerning Sexuality** – We believe God in His perfect wisdom wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct and complementary sexes together reflect the image and nature of God (Genesis 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

**Concerning Marriage** – We believe the parents of the students are important to Providence Classical School's beliefs and structure because the family is the foundational unit for a stable society (I Corinthians 7:2). We believe marriage between one man and one woman for life reflects Christ's relationship with His Church (Ephesians 5:21-33). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Cor. 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4). We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

**Concerning Sanctity of Human Life** - We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (Ps. 139.)