



We Believe...

The Hamilton Methodist Church is a community of believers living under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Those who become members of The Hamilton Methodist Church join in our mission of transforming lives by making disciples of Jesus Christ who are empowered by the Holy Spirit. The Hamilton Methodist Church seeks to glorify God through our shared ministries and life together in order to reach our lost and broken world. We stand in the long tradition of Wesleyan ministry extending the invitation of God's grace to all people.

Doctrinal Standards

Doctrinal standards provide unity and clarity in our teaching and living. The Hamilton Methodist Church affirms the historic Wesleyan Christian faith that has been taught through the generations. To ground our teaching and Christian living, we affirm the following doctrinal standards, including The Apostles' Creed, The Nicene Creed, Wesley's Standard Sermons, the Explanatory Notes upon the New Testament of John Wesley, and The Twenty-five Articles of Religion of the Methodist Church.

Our Articles of Religion (abridged)

Article 1: The Trinity

We believe in one God revealed in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—equal in glory, united in love, and one in essence. As a divine community of perfect unity, God calls the Church to reflect that same love and oneness in the world.

Article 2: God

We believe in one eternal, all-powerful, and loving God—the Creator and Sustainer of all things—who is revealed as Father and seeks a relationship with His people. He is unchanging, all-wise, and actively at work in creation and redemption.

Article 3: Jesus

We believe Jesus Christ is fully God and fully human, sent to reveal God's love, forgive sin, and restore humanity through His life, death, and resurrection. He reigns at the Father's right hand and will return to judge and renew all things.

Article 4: Holy Spirit

We believe the Holy Spirit is God present with and within us, giving new life, guiding, empowering, and uniting believers. Through the Spirit, we are transformed, equipped for service, and assured of our identity as God's people.

Article 5: Scripture

We believe the Bible is God's inspired Word and the ultimate authority for faith and practice, revealing God's truth and plan of salvation through Jesus Christ. Through Scripture, the Holy Spirit continues to speak and guide every generation.



Article 6: Humankind

We believe all people are created in God's image with dignity and purpose, yet are fallen and unable to save themselves. Through God's prevenient grace, every person is invited and enabled to respond to His love and receive salvation.

Article 7: Sin

We believe sin has broken humanity's relationship with God and distorted all creation, leaving us unable to live righteously on our own. Only through Christ can we be freed from sin's power and restored to fellowship with God.

Article 8: Atonement for Sin

We believe Jesus' sacrificial death fully paid the penalty for our sin and made reconciliation with God possible. Salvation is received by grace through faith, not by human effort.

Article 9: Justification, Regeneration, and Adoption

We believe that as an unbelieving adult, salvation begins when we are justified by faith – responding to God's prevenient grace, through belief and baptism – and are made new through the Holy Spirit and welcomed into God's family. This transforming grace restores our relationship with God and begins a lifelong journey of faith.

Article 10: Good Works

We believe good works are the natural fruit of a living faith, flowing from a transformed life. While they do not save us, they demonstrate God's work within us and reflect His love to the world.

Article 11: Sanctification

We believe God continues to transform believers by His grace, shaping us into Christ's likeness and perfecting us in love. This ongoing work calls us to holy living, faithful obedience, and growing love for God and others.

Article 12: The Church

We believe the Church is the Body of Christ, called to proclaim the gospel, make disciples, and embody God's love in the world. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the Church gathers for worship, grows in faith, and serves others in Jesus' name.

Article 13: The Sacraments

We believe Baptism and Holy Communion are sacred means of grace instituted by Christ, through which God actively works in the lives of believers to awaken, strengthen, and sustain faith. In Baptism, we are initiated into the Body of Christ and marked by God's covenant grace; in Holy Communion, Christ is spiritually present, nourishing us with forgiveness, unity, and hope as we grow together in holiness and love.

Article 14: Marriage

We believe marriage is a sacred covenant between one man and one woman, marked by love, faithfulness, and mutual commitment. It reflects God's design for lifelong partnership and shared life together.



Article 15: The Second Coming of Christ

We believe Jesus Christ will personally return to fulfill God’s purposes, judge the world, and bring final victory over evil. This hope calls us to faithful living and active witness.

Article 16: The Resurrection of the Dead

We believe all people will be raised, and God will bring history to its fulfillment through resurrection and renewal. Those who belong to Christ will live eternally with Him in a restored creation.

Article 17: Judgment of All People

We believe God will judge all people with perfect justice and mercy, bringing every life into account. This final judgment affirms God’s righteousness and the eternal significance of our response to Him.