

Theme: Far from being ancient, irrelevant, lifeless words, the Nicene Creed crystallized the essential teachings of Scripture and remains the vital foundation for a living faith in the modern world.

I. We Believe - In the Deity of Christ

- A. Theme: Christians believe that Jesus is the One True God, our Creator and Redeemer, Who became human for us and for our salvation.
- B. Text: John 1:1-18
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14
- E. Teaching keywords: Deity of Christ; Christology; salvation and deliverance; Word of God; Tradition and traditionalism

II. We Believe - In the Trinity

- A. Theme: Christians believe in the Trinity - the one true God eternally exists as one God in Three Persons - the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Father, Son, and Spirit are distinct Persons, but are one in being, power, and glory.
- B. Text: Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14
- E. Teaching keywords: Trinity; Word of God; Christian life; unity; Tradition and traditionalism

III. We Believe - In God's Church

- A. Theme: Christians believe in God's one Church, which is composed of all who believe in Jesus Christ, is set upon the foundation of Jesus Christ laid by the apostles, and is built through the ages by the work of the Spirit to be the dwelling place of God in the earth.
- B. Text: Ephesians 2:19-22
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Romans 15:5-6
- E. Teaching keywords: Church; unity; apostles; Tradition and traditionalism

IV. We Believe - In the Local Church

- A. Theme: All Christians are called to be part of local churches where they are led and cared for by elders, worship God, learn the Scripture, receive the sacraments, pray together, serve one another, and carry out the Great Commission together.
- B. Text: 1 Corinthians 1:1-2
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14
- E. Teaching keywords: Church; Tradition and traditionalism

V. We Believe - In the Living Tradition

- A. Theme: Christians are called to uphold the living apostolic tradition—not as empty ritual, but as the unchanging truth received with a faith that is alive, growing, and joyfully obedient to God’s Word.
- B. Text: Matthew 15:6-9; 1 Corinthians 11:2; 2 Thessalonians 2:15 (ESV)
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14
- E. Teaching keywords: Tradition and traditionalism; Word of God; faith

Ancient Words, Living Faith - The Nicene Creed
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