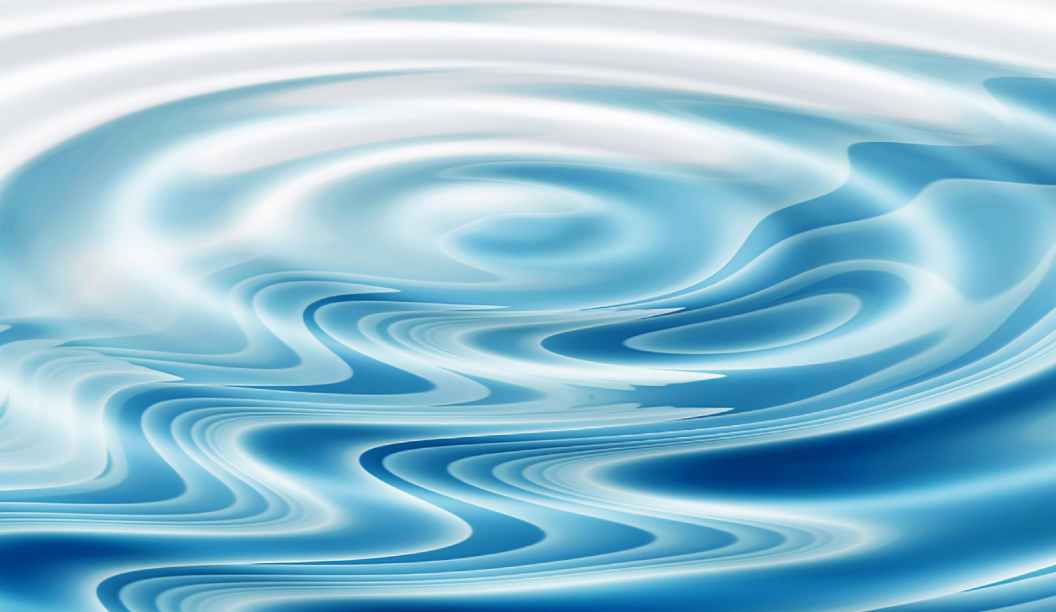


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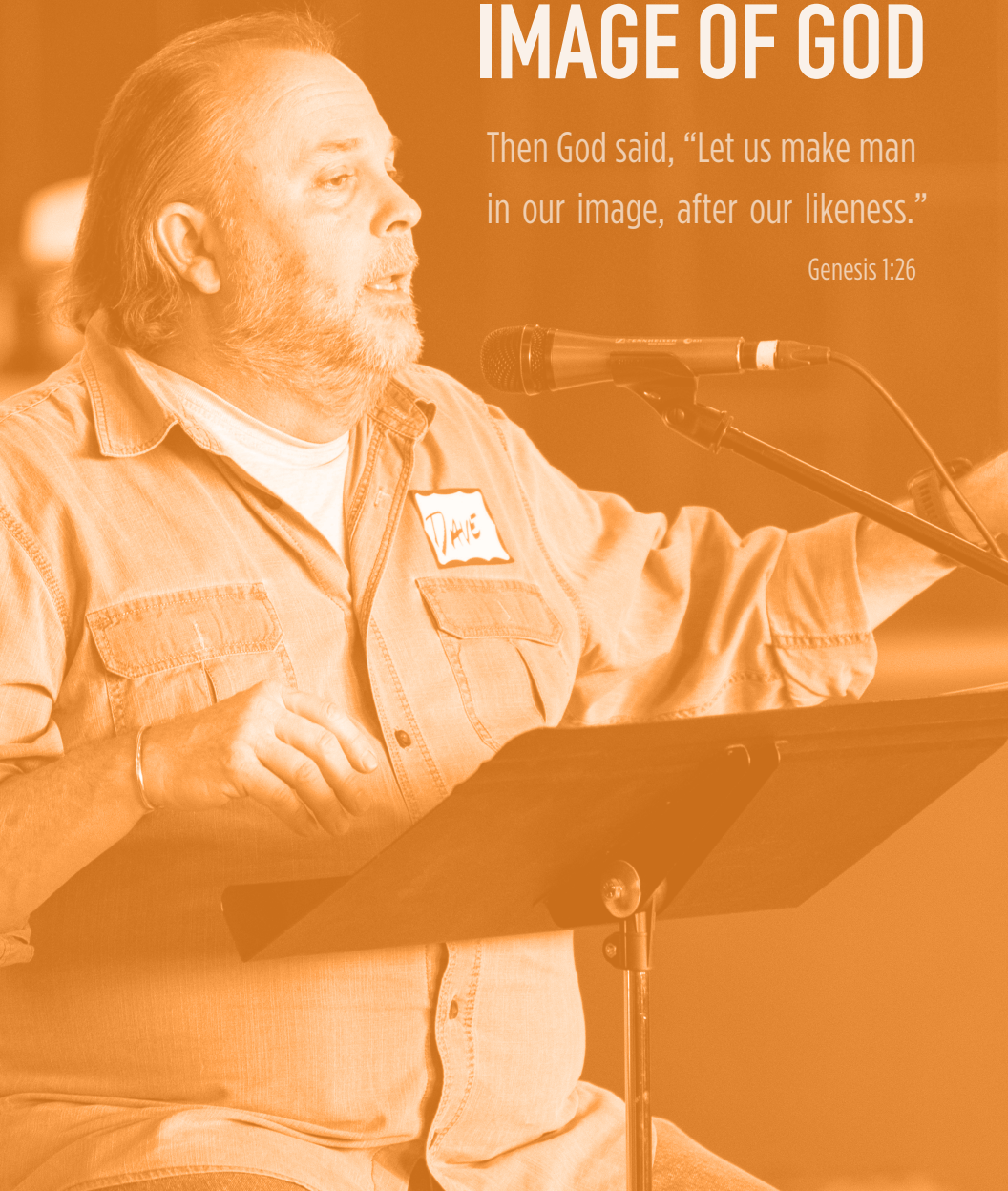
OUR VISION | OUR VALUES  
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IMAGO DEI  
**IMAGE OF GOD**

Then God said, "Let us make man  
in our image, after our likeness."

Genesis 1:26





WELCOME TO

# IMAGO DEI

COMMUNITY CHURCH

IDCC started as a church plant by Bethel Church. For a number of years we were part of a multi-site church here in Pasco, Richland, and Prosser. Early in 2023 God made it clear that planting a new independent church was what He desired. With a tremendous amount of work and help from the people of our congregation, the kindness of Fairchild Cinemas, and the generous support of Bethel Church, we began our new church in August of 2023.

Our core values are Worship, Community and Service. These are not simply aspirational goals but who we are as a church.

We hope to get to know you soon and please let us know if you have questions!

May the Lord bless you abundantly,

Dave Stevanus  
*Lead Pastor*

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“... be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created after the **likeness of God** in true righteousness and holiness.”

Ephesians 4:23-24



## Our Vision

To create a community where every person, each one made in God's image, can connect to Jesus and to others.

## Our Values

### WORSHIP: A Gospel Focus

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- We teach the Word of God.
- We regularly take communion to remember Christ's sacrifice.
- We celebrate baptisms and lives transformed by Jesus Christ.
- We encourage everyone to develop a lifestyle of personal and corporate worship.

### COMMUNITY: A Place to Belong

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- We welcome and encourage people to come as they are.
- We create opportunities for people to build meaningful relationships.
- We value people over programs.
- We ensure every program and ministry has a relational component.
- We desire to connect everyone to a small group.

### SERVICE: A Heart to Serve

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- We help people find a place to serve the Lord.
- We develop local, regional, and global partnerships to work alongside in sharing the love of God.
- We value being humble, approachable, and authentic in serving each other and our neighbors.

# Our Statement of Faith

## • The Scripture •

We believe the Bible and only the Bible to be the verbally inspired Word of God and the Christian's supreme authority in all matters of faith and practice. We believe the Holy Spirit superintended human authors so that, through individual personalities and literary styles, they composed and recorded the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments as God's complete, inerrant, and infallible Word.

*Psalm 119:97-104; Matthew 5:18; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; 1 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:19-21*

## • The Godhead •

We believe in one Triune God, Creator, sustainer, and sovereign ruler of all things. He is self-existent, infinitely perfect, and eternally exists in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. While the members possess individual, personal attributes, the Trinity is without division of nature, essence, or being.

*Genesis 1:1, Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; Mark 12:29; John 1:1-4, 4:24, 10:30; II Corinthians 13:14; I John 4:13*

**God the Father** - We believe in God the Father: an infinite, personal Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love. He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of humanity, hears and answers prayer, and saves and adopts as His own all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

*Psalm 90:2; Psalm 100:5; John 1:18; John 6:46; Romans 11:33-36*

**God the Son** - We believe in the total deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God. We believe He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. We believe Him to be fully God and fully Man. We also believe in His sinless life, His substitutionary death on the cross, His bodily resurrection from the dead, His ascension into heaven, His priestly intercession on behalf of His people, and His personal, visible return from heaven to rule and reign as King.

*Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 24:6 & 7; John 1:1, 14,18; John 14:8-9; 1 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 1:3; Hebrews 4:14-15; Hebrews 7:25; 1 John 4:10; Revelation 19:11-16*

**God the Holy Spirit** - We believe in the total deity of the Holy Spirit and that His ministry is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. In this age, the Holy Spirit draws humanity unto God and convicts the world of sin, of God's righteousness and of coming judgment. The Holy Spirit indwells, seals, guides, instructs, and empowers the believer for godly living and service.

*Mark 13:11; John 14:26; John 16:7-14; Romans 5:5;  
1 Corinthians 3:16; 2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 5:18*

## • **Humanity** •

We believe that Adam and Eve were created in the image of God (the Imago Dei) in innocence but fell into sin and became separated from God. All people are sinners by birth and by choice and therefore are under just condemnation, without defense or excuse. We believe that every man and woman is lost and needs a savior.

*Genesis 1:26-27; Genesis 3:1-7, 15; John 3:6-7;  
John 14:6; Romans 5:12; Romans 8:7-8*

**Sanctity of Life** - We believe that since each human, born and unborn, has been created by God in His image, they should be treated with love, honor, and dignity regardless of age, race, sex, background, beliefs, or convictions. The duty of Christians is to represent Christ's love to those around them, believers and non-believers alike, and affirm the dignity given to them by God by creating them in the Imago Dei (Image of God).

*Genesis 1:26-27; Genesis 5:1-2; Genesis 9:6; Psalm 139:13-14;  
Jeremiah 1:5; Matthew 7:12; Romans 5:8; Galatians 1:15;  
Ephesians 4:15, 32; James 3:8-11; 1 John 4:9-11*

**Marriage, Sex, and Identity** - We believe that God's design for marriage is as a covenant relationship between one man and one woman, in a single exclusive union, for life. We also believe that God fearfully and wonderfully created each person, male or female, as fixed bodily realities not to be interchanged or eradicated. God created sex as a gift to be enjoyed only within the covenant of marriage, and the exercise of sexual expression outside the biblical definition of marriage in any form is contradictory to God's design for sexuality and marriage.

*Genesis 1:26-27; Genesis 2:15-25; Psalm 139; Matthew 5:27-32;  
Matthew 19:3-12; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, 18;  
1 Corinthians 7:2-5; Ephesians 5:22-33; 1 Timothy 1:10; Hebrews 13:4*

## • Sin •

We believe that sin is any action, inaction, or attitude that is contrary to the nature or Word of God, which constitutes a rejection of His authority, resulting in alienation from God.

*Leviticus 4:27; Matthew 5:22, 28; James 1:14-15; James 4:17*

## • Salvation •

We believe that “God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). We believe that salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace, apart from any human merit, works or rituals, and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose blood was shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Each person who receives Christ as personal Savior through faith is born again of the Holy Spirit and becomes eternally secure as a child of God.

*John 10:28-29; Romans 6:23; Romans 8:37-39;  
1 Corinthians 12:13; 2 Corinthians 5:21*

## • The Church •

We believe that the true Church is composed of all persons who, through saving faith in Jesus Christ, have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit. There is one church universal, composed of all those throughout the world throughout history who acknowledge Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. The Scriptures command believers to gather in order to devote themselves to worship, prayer, teaching of the Word, observance of the ordinances (baptism and communion), fellowship, service to the body through the development and use of talents and gifts, and outreach to the world in fulfillment of the command of Christ to make disciples of all nations. Wherever God’s people meet regularly in obedience to this command there is the local expression of the church – under the oversight of elders and other supportive leadership. The church’s members are to work together in love and unity, intent on the ultimate purpose of glorifying Christ.

*Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:41-46; Romans 12:1; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13;  
1 Corinthians 14:26; 2 Corinthians 6:14; Ephesians 4:4-6, 15-16; Ephesians 5:23*



## • The Ordinances •

We believe that baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, as a testimony of the person's faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Christ. It is a confession that the believer is dead to sin and risen to newness of life in Christ Jesus. We believe that the Lord's Supper (Communion) is a commemoration of the Lord's death "until He comes."

*Matthew 28:19; 26:26-30; Acts 8:35-38; Romans 6:3-5; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

## • Angels and Satan •

We believe angels are beings created by God to worship and serve Him, and are therefore not to be worshiped. We believe that Satan is a created angel who has fallen from his original state of perfection by rebelling against his Creator. He is the enemy of God and humanity, the prince of this world, and the god of this age who tempts mankind and accuses them before God. He has been defeated through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and shall be eternally punished in the lake of fire.

*Job 1:12; 2:6; Isaiah 14:12; Zechariah 3:1; John 14:30; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:2; Colossians 2:15; Revelation 20:10*

## • The Last Things •

We believe in "that blessed hope" (Titus 2:13): the personal, visible return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved and the everlasting conscious suffering of the lost. We believe it is imperative for the Church to work and wait in sober watchfulness, that it may be found ready at His coming.

*Zechariah 14:4-11; Matthew 25:46; John 5:28-29; 11:25-26; Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; Revelation 20:4-6, 11-15*

# Membership

We are excited that you have chosen to pursue membership at Imago Dei Community Church! There are three steps to our membership process:

1. Please read through the *Purpose of Membership* and the *Commitment Between Members* sections that follow.
2. Fill out the Membership Covenant on the last page of this booklet.
3. Once you are ready, contact any of our IDCC elders to set up a membership interview.

If you have any questions along the way, please connect with any of the elders.

## What is the Purpose of Membership?

A Christian *does not* need to join a church to be saved, and becoming a church member *does not* make one a Christian. But becoming a member does signify your commitment to believe and live in a biblical, God-honoring way, and church membership is the way we formally recognize and commit to one another as believers.

In Matthew 16 and 18, Jesus gave His Church the authority and right to declare on his behalf the what and who of the Gospel: *What is a right confession?* and *Who is a true confessor?* That's why many churches (including ours) require prospective members to affirm a statement of faith and a membership covenant.

The statement of faith speaks to the “What is a right confession?” question. **By affirming the statement of faith, you signify that others can count on you to teach and abide by the core doctrine contained in it, which the church body regards as Biblically true and vital.** This is why roles like elders, ministry leaders, lead teachers, and community group leaders have membership as a requirement.

The membership covenant speaks to the “Who is a true confessor?” question. **Affirming the membership covenant signifies that fellow members can count on you to live according**

**to the commitments specified in the covenant.**

It indicates that you don't just give lip-service to the statement of faith, but strive, by God's grace, to live out the commands of Scripture daily, both in the church body and outside.

If a member's confession or life doesn't match the church body's statement of faith or membership covenant, the church body has the responsibility to correct and admonish the member, and if they are unrepentant, it has the right to remove the member from membership.

## **Commitment Between Members**

*By God's grace, we members commit to each other:*

- **To submit to the authority of the Scriptures as the final arbiter on all issues.** *Psalm 119; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21*
- **To pursue the Lord Jesus Christ through regular Bible reading, prayer, fellowship, and practice of spiritual disciplines.** *Luke 18:1; Acts 17:11; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Ephesians 5:1-21; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22*
- **To follow the command and example of Jesus by participating in the ordinances prescribed to His Church:**
  - By being baptized by immersion as a believer.
  - By regularly remembering and celebrating the person and work of Christ through communion.
- **To regularly participate in the life of Imago Dei Community Church by attending weekly services, engaging in gospel-centered community, and serving those within and outside of this church.** *Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:23-25; Titus 3:14*
- **To steward the resources God has given us, including our time, talents, spiritual gifts, and treasures. This includes regular participation in community, service, and financial giving that is sacrificial, cheerful, and voluntary.** *Matthew 25:14-30; Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 8-9; 1 Peter 4:10-11*

- **By God’s grace through the power of the Holy Spirit, to walk in holiness in all areas of life as an act of worship to Jesus Christ.** *1 Peter 1:13–16, 4:1–3*
  
- **To take seriously the responsibility of Christian freedom, especially actions or situations that could present a stumbling block to another.** *1 Corinthians 8:1–13; Romans 14:14–23*
  
- **To submit to the discipline of God through His Holy Spirit by:**
  - Following the biblical procedures for church discipline where sin is evident in another—the hope of such discipline being repentance and restoration.
  
  - Receiving righteous and loving discipline when approached biblically by fellow believers.  
*Psalm 141:5; Matthew 18:15–20;*  
*1 Corinthians 5:9–13; Hebrews 12:5–11*
  
- **To do the following when we sin:**
  - Confess my sin to God and to fellow believers.
  
  - Repent and seek help to put my sin to death.  
*Romans 8:13; Colossians 3:5; James 5:16; 1 John 1:6–10*
  
- **To submit to the elders and other appointed leaders of the church and diligently strive for unity and peace within the church.** *Ephesians 4:1–3; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 5:5*
  
- **To do the following should we leave Imago Dei for righteous reasons:**
  - Notify one of the IDCC elders.
  
  - Seek another church in which to carry out our biblical responsibilities as believers.

# IDCC MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you read and affirm IDCC's Statement of Faith and Commitment Between Members? YES / NO

Have you been born again through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ? YES / NO

What is your testimony or faith story?

Have you been baptized as a believer by immersion? YES / NO

Do you attend Imago Dei regularly? YES / NO

How long have you been attending? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to be a member of IDCC?

How are you currently stewarding the resources God has given you within the Imago Dei community?

a) Your time (regular attendance, community group, etc.)

b) Your talents/spiritual gifts (service in the body)

c) Your treasures (financial giving)

***Having been led by the Holy Spirit to repent of sin and believe in Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior, and having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, I solemnly and joyfully join in this membership covenant with my brothers and sisters at Imago Dei Community Church.***

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Applicant Signature

Date

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Pastor/Elder Signature

Date



“. . . put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the **image of its creator.**”

Colossians 3:10



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