



Preamble

Santiago Community Church is a Christian, Protestant Church. Established by the merger of the St. Andrew's Anglican Church and the mainly Presbyterian Union Church, we are now international and interdenominational, welcoming everyone.

Mission

By the unmerited grace of God, we strive to be an instrument of God's love in the world, to share that love and the Good News with others, to pray for and encourage one another and to struggle against sin and injustice as we await the return of Christ in glory and the fulfilment of God's promised reign on earth as it is in heaven.

We commit to undertake all these ministries in the Chilean society and, especially, among the English-speaking community in Santiago, in fellowship with other Christian congregations.

Statement of Faith

- God:** We worship one God in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
The central doctrines of our faith are contained in the Apostles' and the Nicene creeds.
- Salvation:** We believe that our sin separates us from God. Reconciliation with God and eternal life come only by the grace of God in Jesus Christ who through the Holy Spirit calls us to repentance, forgives our sins and empowers us to lead new lives characterized by love, joy and compassion.
- The Bible:** The Bible is the word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit. It is the primary authority regarding matters of Christian love, hope, faith, living, teaching, doctrine, discipline and morality and contains all things necessary for salvation. Scripture in its entirety (both the Old and New Testaments) must be interpreted through that same Holy Spirit, in the light of Jesus' birth, life, teachings, death and resurrection.
- The Church:** We hold the church to be the body of Christ, the community of believers, created and empowered by the Holy Spirit to advance the Kingdom of God and fulfil the commission to make disciples from people of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all that Jesus commanded. The Holy Spirit gives gifts and ministries to his people so that they may build each other up to worship and serve God and to love and enjoy fellowship with one another.
- Sacraments:** We acknowledge as sacraments, Baptism and Holy Communion (also known as Eucharist) as being the two special means of grace commanded by Christ.