



## Baptisms

Through the sacrament of baptism, we are joined with the Church and with Christians everywhere. It is a symbol of new life and a sign of God's love and forgiveness. We believe that persons of any age can be baptized.

The sacrament of infant baptism does not mean to suggest that the child is saved by baptism but instead, that God is already at work in him/her; that God's grace is already being poured into that young life; that the child is already precious in the eyes of the Almighty.

Therefore, our response to these baptisms, our covenant that we will lead lives that help the children of our community to make their own decision to accept Jesus as their Savior, is of the utmost importance. For in doing so, we literally become the hands and feet of Christ, showing the sacramental grace of God that claims us even from our first breath.

We baptize by sprinkling, immersing, or pouring.

## Who We Are

When you come to Crawford Methodist you can expect to be welcomed into a friendly, positive atmosphere by people who are genuinely glad to see you. Our gatherings usually last about an hour, filled with great music, children's time, and a bible-centered message.

## Mission

Our mission is to become a community of believers and followers of God; The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We gather to worship and become stewards and disciples, who express our faith with others, nurture one another, and are in ministry with Christ.

## Making Disciples of Christ

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Teach the new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of age. (Matthew 28:19-20)

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*Helping people take  
their next step toward  
Christ...together.*



## Creeds

The word “creed” comes from the Latin word “credo” which means “I believe”. The creeds are the statements that contain a summary of our basic beliefs.

In the Book of Common Prayer, reciting the creeds serves as a public declaration of the Christian faith, connecting individuals with the broader community of believers throughout history and across the world. The creeds articulate the core beliefs about God and the salvation offered through Jesus Christ, shaping understanding and reinforcing Christian identity.

## Holy Communion

Holy Communion, or the Lord’s Supper, is a holy meal of bread and juice that symbolizes the Body and Blood of Christ. It recalls the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and celebrates the unity of all the members of God’s family. By sharing this meal, we give thanks for Christ’s sacrifice and are nourished and empowered to go into the world in both mission and ministry.

We practice open communion: welcoming all who love Christ, repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another.

## The Church

We believe that the capitalized C in Church represents the global and universal Church in contrast with the local congregation. The Church is the body of Christ. It is an extension of Christ’s life and ministry in the world today, and its purpose and mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We believe that the Church is “the communion of saints,” a community made up of all past, present, and future followers of Jesus Christ, and that the Church is called to worship God and to support those who participate in its life as they grow in faith.



## Scripture

The role of scripture in Methodist theology: At the heart of Methodist theology lies a deep commitment and holy reverence for the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. We believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God, serving as a foundation for faith and moral guidance. John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, emphasized that scripture should be interpreted through Tradition, Reason, and Experience. These four things form the framework known as the Wesleyan quadrilateral. Scripture forms the supreme building block for Tradition, Reason, and Experience as we are led by the Holy Spirit. This approach ensures that sermons, biblical teaching, and study reflect the ordering of our church life as dual citizens of the Kingdom of God and as patriotic citizens of the United States of America and the world.