

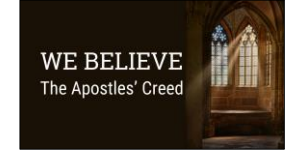
## NOTES

### Apostles' Creed

We believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



- How familiar are you with the Apostles' Creed? To what extent have you used it in your worship or devotional life?
- Read *Hebrews 11:1-2, 6; 12:1*. How is faith described in these verses? What verbs are used? What is their object?
- How is this portrayal of faith similar and/or different to ways people speak of faith in our society? What about in the Church?
- Read aloud a version of the Apostles' Creed. What stands out to you about the creed's structure and emphasis? Why is this important? What do you notice is not included in this creed?
- How does knowing this confession of faith has been commended by Christians for millennia influence the way you read and receive it (cf. Heb. 11:2; 12:1)?
- What is really meant by saying, "We believe in" or "I believe in"? How is this related to faith and trust? Where does this belief or faith come from?
- How can the Apostles' Creed continue to be a useful tool for you and for our church in the future?
- What questions do you still have about the Apostles' Creed?
- Challenge: If you have not done so already, begin to commit the Apostles' Creed to memory. If meeting in a group, conclude by reading the creed aloud together.

\*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.