

The **mission of KCC** is to make gospel-centered disciples who delight in Christ, declare His cross, and display His love.

5 Core Identities

1. We are **Worshippers** who live to delight in Christ.
2. We are **Witnesses** who labor to declare the cross.
3. We are **Family** who display God's love to one another.
4. We are **Servants** who display his love to our neighbors.
5. We are **Disciples** who learn to follow Christ from Scripture.

KCC Church Life

Elders, Deacons, and Church Government

From **KCC Statement of Faith: The Church**

We, the church, obey our calling by preaching the gospel, making disciples, administering baptism and the Lord's Supper, and actively loving God, our neighbors, and one another. We believe Jesus Christ, as our Head and Chief Shepherd, lovingly rules His church through His Word and Spirit. Elders ought to be recognized as those who faithfully follow Jesus and lead the church as spiritual under-shepherds, and deacons ought to be recognized as those who serve the church.

In KCC, our form of church government is "elder-led congregationalism." We are led by a plurality (a team) of elders. We are congregational in that we are governed by the covenant membership.

Elders aka Pastors - The office of elder (aka "pastor," "bishop," or "overseer") is the highest office that will be recognized by King's Cross Church. The elders are the spiritual shepherds of the church.

Qualifications for Elders according to 1 Timothy and Titus.

1 Timothy		Titus	
3:2	above reproach	1:6, 7	above reproach
3:2	husband of one wife	1:6	husband of one wife
3:2	sober-minded	1:8	disciplined
3:2	self-controlled	1:8	self-controlled
3:2	respectable		—
3:2	hospitable	1:8	hospitable
3:2	able to teach	1:9	able to give instruction
3:3	not a drunkard	1:7	not . . . a drunkard
3:3	not violent but gentle	1:7	not . . . violent
3:3	not quarrelsome	1:7	not be arrogant or quick-tempered
3:3	not a lover of money	1:7	not . . . greedy for gain
3:4–5	manage his own household well, care for God's church	1:7	God's steward
3:4	keeping his children submissive	1:6	children are believers (or “faithful”), not insubordinate
3:6	not a recent convert		—
3:7	well thought of by outsiders		—
	—	1:8	a lover of good; upright, holy

Expectations of KCC Elders/Pastors

1. He will be biblically qualified.
2. He will be a man who knows and can teach the Bible.
3. He will be an example.
4. He will be a shepherd.
5. He will be a man.

Deacons - Deacons are the servant leaders of the church.

Church Discipline

Biblical mandate for church discipline: Matthew 18:15-17; 2 Thess. 3:14-15; 1 Timothy 5:19-20; 1 Corinthians 5:4-5

Church discipline refers to the whole process of holding people accountable to Christ, even if the process ends in removal from covenant membership. Even if the church is forced to dismiss a member, the goal is not punitive, but restorative.

Q: Why is church discipline necessary for the health of a church?

Baptism and the Lord's Supper

From **KCC Statement of Faith: Baptism**

We believe baptism is a joyful response to the command of Christ that symbolizes our death to sin and resurrection to new life. Thus, baptism in water is the delightful duty of all believers upon their profession of faith. Although we recognize other modes, we encourage baptism by immersion in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, in order to publically display our faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Savior through this solemn and beautiful symbol.

King's Cross Church will not practice infant baptism, nor recognize infant baptism for prospective church members. For those who were baptized as infants, a proper biblical baptism is required for those folks who desire to be Covenant Members.

Communion

From **KCC Statement of Faith: The Lord's Supper**

The Lord's Supper is a commemoration of Christ's dying love portrayed through the sacred use of bread and the fruit of the vine. This meal is for all Christians who trust Jesus and endeavor to repent of sin and to be reminded of the gospel. And since the Lord's Supper is a solemn and beautiful symbol by which we appreciate Christ's death on our behalf, we believe it ought to be celebrated regularly.

1. **Transubstantiation** (Roman Catholic) The bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Christ.
2. **Consubstantiation** (The Lutheran) The physical body of Christ is present "in, with, and under" the bread of the Lord's Supper.
3. **Real Spiritual presence** (Reformed and Anglican) Christ is spiritually present in a special way as we partake of the bread and wine.
4. **Memorial-sign** (Baptist and Anabaptist) Christ is being remembered in the Lord's Supper in a tangible way as we proclaim the gospel.