

# MEMBERSHIP CLASS #1, PART 1

Vow #4 – *I promise to serve Christ in His church by supporting and participating with this congregation in its worship and work.*

## SUPPORTING THE CHURCH IN ITS WORSHIP

I. Worship is the great \_\_\_\_\_ of the Christian.

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In true worship, \_\_\_\_\_ is the audience, and we perform for His \_\_\_\_\_.

Ask about worship, not *how did it make me* \_\_\_\_\_? But *how did I* \_\_\_\_\_?

III. The elements of public worship.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrews 13:15 and singing as a form of \_\_\_\_\_

a. Hymns and songs

b. Types of songs: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

c. Musical styles: Pop or Bach?

2. Prayers

3. Offering

4. Reading and sermons

a. Using your own \_\_\_\_\_

b. Taking notes or a \_\_\_\_\_ listening

5. Other:

- Prelude music means to sit down and be \_\_\_\_\_

- Announcements

- Baptisms and Lord's Suppers

- Ministry Highlights and Testimonies

- Greetings

\*\*\* Handling of children in worship:

1. Teach them and have them \_\_\_\_\_ with you.

2. Children and Worship provided for children aged 4-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade.

3. Nursery and Cry Room.

## MEMBERSHIP CLASS #1 SCRIPTURE SHEET

### **JOHN 4:23**

But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

### **LUKE 19:10**

For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.

### **HEBREWS 13:15**

Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.

### **1 CORINTHIANS 12:7**

But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

### **1 CORINTHIANS 12:17-21**

If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. <sup>19</sup>If they were all one member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>But now there are many members, but one body. <sup>21</sup>And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

### **EPHESIANS 4:11**

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ.

### **EPHESIANS 4:15-16**

But speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

# MEMBERSHIP CLASS #1, PART 2

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## SUPPORTING THE CHURCH IN ITS WORK

I. The concept of the body – each part doing its job.

1. The principle of \_\_\_\_\_
2. The principle of \_\_\_\_\_
3. The role of the pastor is to \_\_\_\_\_ the saints to do the **m**\_\_\_\_\_
4. Spiritual gifts – what is **your** role in the body?

## MISSION STATEMENT OF NORTH PARK CHURCH

To make disciples of Jesus who **WORSHIP** God passionately, **CONNECT** with each other in caring community and **IMPACT** the world by word and deed.

II. Mission Statement—The Elements of the Mission

1. **W**\_\_\_\_\_
2. **C**\_\_\_\_\_
3. **I**\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Proclamation
  - b. Invitation
  - c. Compassion

III. PBJ – Pray, Bless, Jesus

- A. Prayer for a **h**\_\_\_\_\_ for lost persons, for alertness to how we can bless them and for God's saving work in them
- B. Bless – in practical ways
  - A**\_\_\_\_\_ - thanks and encouragement
  - G**\_\_\_\_\_ - to promote connection
  - E**\_\_\_\_\_ - invite to share a meal or coffee
  - L**\_\_\_\_\_ - give them your ear
  - S**\_\_\_\_\_ - find something helpful you can do
- C. Jesus – **I**\_\_\_\_\_ to church or Bible Study, share your **t**\_\_\_\_\_, offer the good **n**\_\_\_\_\_

IV. The commitment of the church

# MEMBERSHIP CLASS #2, PART 1

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## SUPPORTING THE CHURCH IN ITS WORK

### V. The finances of the Church

1. The expectation of God for our \_\_\_\_\_ – Malachi 3:8-12
  - a. God tells us to expect a \_\_\_\_\_ when we give.
  - b. God says that He expects the giving of a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The promise of God to givers – II Corinthians 9:6-11
  - a. Give as you have \_\_\_\_\_ in your heart, not grudgingly or compulsively.
  - b. God blesses those who give cheerfully and generously.
3. The finances of North Park Church
4. My financial commitment (see form)

Vow #5 – *I submit myself to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to the spiritual oversight of this church Session, and do **promise to promote its purity and peace of the church.***

## PROMOTING THE PURITY OF THE CHURCH

### I. Doctrinal Purity

- a. Doctrinal Standards: The Westminster \_\_\_\_\_ of Faith.
- b. Essentials and non-essentials. *In essentials* \_\_\_\_\_, *in non-essentials* \_\_\_\_\_, *in all things* \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. The responsibility for doctrinal purity belongs to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. Moral Purity

- a. The problem of a polluted church
- b. What is at stake?
  1. The honor of our \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Eternity – Titus 2:14 says those Jesus redeems He \_\_\_\_\_

## MEMBERSHIP CLASS #2, PART 2

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### PROMOTING THE PEACE OF THE CHURCH

#### I. The importance of church/spiritual unity

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of spiritual unity.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of disunity.
3. Its effect on a church's \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Its effect on a church's \_\_\_\_\_.

#### II. The need for a diligent preservation of spiritual unity.

\*\* Our unity is fragile because we are all **s**\_\_\_\_\_ in need of the grace of **h**\_\_\_\_\_.

#### III. The pathway to preserving unity.

1. Approach church-life to minister; that is to \_\_\_\_\_, not to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Be \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Remember \_\_\_\_\_ patience and forbearance with \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Repair hurts and tears as \_\_\_\_\_ as possible.
  - a. When you sin, quickly ask for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. When sinned against confront in \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Complain only to those who can \_\_\_\_\_ things.
6. Beware of the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ to evil reports.

## MEMBERSHIP CLASS #2 SCRIPTURE SHEET

### **MALACHI 3:8-12**

“Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, ‘How have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. <sup>9</sup>You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation of you! <sup>10</sup>Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,” says the Lord of hosts, “if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows. <sup>11</sup>Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast its grapes,” says the Lord of hosts. <sup>12</sup> “All the nations will call you blessed, for you shall be a delightful land,” says the Lord of hosts.

### **2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-7**

Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

### **2 CORINTHIANS 9:10-11**

Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; <sup>11</sup>you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.

### **JAMES 3:1**

Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment.

### **JOHN 2:17**

His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for Your house will consume me.”

### **TITUS 2:14**

Who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

### **HEBREWS 12:14**

Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.

### **EPHESIANS 4:1-6**

Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, <sup>3</sup>being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

### **PSALM 133:1**

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!

### **JOHN 6:63**

It is the Spirit who gives life.

**EPHESIANS 4:30**

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God.

**1 THESSALONIANS 5:19**

Do not quench the Spirit.

**MATTHEW 5:9**

Blessed are the peacemakers.

**JAMES 4:1-2**

What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? <sup>2</sup>You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask.

**PHILIPPIANS 2:2-4**

Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; <sup>4</sup> do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

**EPHESIANS 4:32**

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

**EPHESIANS 5:1**

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.

**COLOSSIANS 3:13**

Bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

**EPHESIANS 4:26-27**

Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and do not give the devil an opportunity.

**MATTHEW 18:15**

If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.

**JAMES 3:5-10**

So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things. See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by the human race. <sup>8</sup>But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; <sup>10</sup>from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way.

**PROVERBS 11:13**

He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets, but he who is trustworthy conceals a matter.

**PROVERBS 16:27-28**

A worthless man digs up evil, while his words are like scorching fire.<sup>28</sup> A perverse man spreads strife, and a slanderer separates intimate friends.

**PROVERBS 17:9**

He who conceals a transgression seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates intimate friends.

**EPHESIANS 4:29**

Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

**PROVERBS 17:4**

An evildoer listens to wicked lips; a liar pays attention to a destructive tongue.

**PROVERBS 26:20**

For lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer, contention quiets down.

# MEMBERSHIP CLASS #3

Vow #5 – *I submit myself to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to the spiritual oversight of this church Session, and do **promise to promote its purity and peace of the church.***

## SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNMENT & DISCIPLINE OF THE CHURCH

### I. Submission – Hebrews 13:17

1. Submission assumes that you will have spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Submission means obedience and \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. Church Government – Key Principles

- A. The King and Head of the church is \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. He rules the church through His written \_\_\_\_\_. II Timothy 3:16
- C. His rule is mediated through \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. The Constitution of the EPC:
  1. The Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms
  2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Order
- E. North Park Church Policy Manual

### III. Church Government – Structure

- A. Three types of church government are: \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Three courts of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church
  1. General Assembly
  2. Presbytery. We are part of the Presbytery of the \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Session (Board of \_\_\_\_\_).
- C. Elders are appointed to both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the flock.  
\* Some are ruling elders and some are \_\_\_\_\_ elders.
- D. The diaconate or board of \_\_\_\_\_ are responsible for \_\_\_\_\_, maintenance and \_\_\_\_\_.
- E. Congregational members must be gathered to vote in order to: \_\_\_\_\_ officers, call or dismiss pastors (teaching elders), buy or sell real \_\_\_\_\_, withdraw from the denomination, or appoint a \_\_\_\_\_ committee.

#### IV. Church Discipline – I Corinthians 5

##### A. Purposes

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God
2. The reclaiming of the sinner
3. The protection of the \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The maintaining of \_\_\_\_\_. It serves as a \_\_\_\_\_ to others.

##### B. Means of discipline

1. The order of Matthew 18 beginning with \_\_\_\_\_ confrontation.
2. Told to Session
  - a. Trials
  - b. Censures are: admonition, \_\_\_\_\_, and suspension
3. Told to Congregation (if deemed necessary)

## MEMBERSHIP CLASS #3 SCRIPTURE SHEET

### HEBREWS 13:17

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

### 1 TIMOTHY 5:17

The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching.

### 1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-13

But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction,<sup>13</sup> and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.

### 2 TIMOTHY 3:16

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness.

### ACTS 15:1-2

Some men came down from Judea and began teaching the brethren, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.”<sup>2</sup> And when Paul and Barnabas had great dissension and debate with them, the brethren determined that Paul and Barnabas and some others of them should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders concerning this issue.

### ACTS 15:4-6

When they arrived at Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them.<sup>5</sup> But some of the sect of the Pharisees who had believed stood up, saying, “It is necessary to circumcise them and to direct them to observe the Law of Moses.”<sup>6</sup> The apostles and the elders came together to look into this matter.

### ACTS 15:22-23

Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas—Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brethren,<sup>23</sup> and they sent this letter by them, “The apostles and the brethren who are elders, to the brethren in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia who are from the Gentiles, greetings.

### ACTS 20:17

From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church.

### ACTS 20:28

Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

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### 1 CORINTHIANS 5:1-3

It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has his father's wife.<sup>2</sup> You have become arrogant and have not mourned instead, so that the one who had done this deed would be removed from your midst.<sup>3</sup> For I, on my part, though absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged him who has so committed this, as though I were present.

**1 CORINTHIANS 5:9-13**

I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people; <sup>10</sup>I did not at all mean with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters, for then you would have to go out of the world. <sup>11</sup>But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler—not even to eat with such a one. <sup>12</sup>For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within the church? <sup>13</sup>But those who are outside, God judges. Remove the wicked man from among yourselves.

**1 TIMOTHY 5:20**

Those who continue in sin, rebuke in the presence of all, so that the rest also will be fearful of sinning.