



CHRIST CHURCH

Members' Covenant

Having been brought by God's grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, we now joyfully and solemnly enter into covenant with one another by the help of the Spirit, under the Lordship of Christ the Son, in obedience to the Father.

1. Communion with Christ

- ❖ We commit to abide in Christ, the True Vine, seeking daily fellowship with Him through Scripture, prayer, worship, and obedience.
(John 15:5; Psalm 1:2; John 4:23)
- ❖ We commit to strive to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord, keeping Him at the center of our lives, our gatherings, and our affections.
(2 Pt 3:18; Matt 6:33; Col 3:1-2, 16)
- ❖ We commit to pursue friendship with Christ as our highest joy and eternal hope.
(Luke 10:38-42; John 15:15)

2. Rooted Theology

- ❖ We commit to build our lives and this church on sound doctrine, holding fast to the unchanging truth and authority of God's Word.
(2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pt 1:21)
- ❖ We commit to diligently study the Scriptures, contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, and resist false teaching.
(Acts 17:11; Jude 1:3; 2 Tim 2:3-4)
- ❖ We commit to train ourselves and disciple one another in sound theology so that we may grow in wisdom, discernment, and godliness.
(Titus 1:9; Heb 5:14; 1 Tim 4:8)

3. Biblical Community

- ❖ We commit to proclaim Christ by regularly gathering as the church body for the public worship of God: to sing, pray, confess, preach the Word, and partake of the sacraments with reverence and joy.
(Heb 10:24-25; Psalm 95:6-7; Col 1:28, 3:16; 1 Tim 4:13; 1 Cor 11:26)
- ❖ We commit to treasure the weekly rhythm of worship as a foretaste of heaven and a means of grace in our spiritual formation.
(Acts 2:42, 20:7; Rev 7:9)

- ❖ We commit to pursue holiness in community by walking together in brotherly love, bearing one another's burdens, encouraging one another in the faith, and pursuing peace and reconciliation through forgiveness.
(John 13:34-35; Gal 6:2; Heb 3:13; Eph 4:32)
- ❖ We commit to embrace mutual accountability by speaking the truth in love, confessing our sins to one another, and serving one another with humility, modeling the love of Christ.
(Gal 6:1; Eph 4:15; James 5:16; Phil 2:6-8)
- ❖ We commit to gladly submit to the care and spiritual oversight of the church's pastors, including restorative church discipline, as they follow Christ, our Chief Shepherd.
(Heb 13:7, 17; Matt 18:17)

4. Generational Faithfulness

- ❖ We commit to entrust the gospel to the next generation, teaching our children in the fear of the Lord and the greatness of His works.
(Eph 6:4; Psalm 145:4-6)
- ❖ We commit to support parents in their calling to pass on the faith through instruction, example, and loving correction.
(Deut 6:6-7; 2 Tim 2:2)
- ❖ We commit to labor to cultivate multi-generational discipleship, honoring those who came before us and raising up those who commit to come after us.
(Psalm 78:4-7; Joel 1:3)

5. Great Commission Fulfillment

- ❖ We commit to proclaim Christ to our neighbors and the nations, making disciples of all peoples for the glory of God.
(Matt 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:45-49; John 20:21; Rev 7:9)
- ❖ We commit to pray for the lost, give generously to the church for the work of missions, and go wherever the Lord sends us.
(Rom 10:1, 10:14-15)
- ❖ We commit to bear witness through our words and our lives, testifying to the gospel of grace and the hope found in Jesus Christ alone.
(Acts 1:8; Matt 5:16; 1 Pt 3:15)

By God's help and the empowering of the Holy Spirit, we make this covenant together, looking to Christ, the Author and Finisher of our faith, until He returns or calls us home. If we leave this congregation, we commit to join another gospel-preaching church as quickly as possible, to carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word. To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.