

DREXEL HILL CHURCH

VISION STATEMENT

Drexel Hill Church is a house of prayer and worship for all nations — anointed by the Spirit, led by Jesus, and rooted in the goodness of God. We exist for the broken to be made whole, the hurting to be healed, and the captive to be set free — thereby forming a covenant family who experience and advance the Kingdom of God in love and in power.

FOUNDATIONAL VERSES — ESV

Luke 4:18–19

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Isaiah 56:6–7

“And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants... these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer... for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

Matthew 28:18–20

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Ephesians 3:16–21

“That according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

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CORE VALUES

These values are the theological DNA and cultural commitments of Drexel Hill Church.

01 KINGDOM FIRST

We live and lead with eternity's priorities shaping present decisions.

KEY SCRIPTURES

Matthew 6:33 — “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Colossians 3:1–2 — “Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”

Matthew 6:19–21 — “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth... But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:10 — “Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

02 GOD IS GOOD

God is a good Father — not distant, not punishing, not withholding. His nature is grace and compassion, and Jesus is the fullest revelation of that goodness. We build our entire culture on this foundation.

KEY SCRIPTURES

Psalms 103:8 — “The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.”

James 1:17 — “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.”

John 3:16–17 — “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

Lamentations 3:22–23 — “Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

03 WORD AND SPIRIT

Scripture is the foundation of everything we believe and practice. The Holy Spirit illuminates the Word, and the Word governs our experience.

KEY SCRIPTURES

John 4:23–24 — “Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

2 Timothy 3:16–17 — “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

John 16:13 — “But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth.”

Psalms 119:105 — “Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.”

04 PRAYER AND PRESENCE

We pursue authentic encounter with God as the foundation of everything we do. Prayer is not a program — it is the primary language of a people who live in His presence.

KEY SCRIPTURES

Psalms 27:4 — “One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.”

James 4:8 — “Come near to God and he will come near to you.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 — “Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

Matthew 6:6 — “But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”

05 FORMED INTO HIS LIKENESS

We are new creations in Christ — not sinners being managed, but saints being formed. We are committed to the whole-person development of every believer, from the inside out.

KEY SCRIPTURES

2 Corinthians 5:17 — “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

2 Corinthians 3:18 — “And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”

Romans 8:29 — “For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son.”

Romans 12:2 — “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

06 FREE INDEED

We believe every person can be fully free in Christ — spirit, soul, and body.

KEY SCRIPTURES

John 8:36 — “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

Galatians 5:1 — “It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”

Romans 8:1–2 — “Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.”

Isaiah 61:1 — “The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.”

07 LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Jesus called this a new commandment: love one another as He loved us — sacrificially, unconditionally, without limit. This love pursues peace and reconciliation where there is fracture, and crosses every barrier to restore what is broken. Every other value on this list depends on this one. Without love, honor becomes performance, family becomes tribe, and generosity becomes transaction. This is the mark by which the world will know we belong to Him.

KEY SCRIPTURES

John 13:34–35 — “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

1 Corinthians 13:1–3 — “If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal... If I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.”

1 John 4:7–8 — “Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.”

Romans 13:8 — “Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.”

08 CULTURE OF HONOR

We treat people as who God says they are — not as their worst moment, their background, or their offense defines them. Honor refuses contempt, chooses to see the image of God in every person, and pursues peace and reconciliation over division.

KEY SCRIPTURES

Romans 12:10 — “Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.”

2 Corinthians 5:16–17 — “So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view... Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

Philippians 2:3 — “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.”

1 Peter 2:17 — “Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.”

09 WE ARE FAMILY

We are a covenant household, committed to one another — and we refuse to draw the circle small. Following Jesus, we cross every boundary to love whoever is in front of us. Where relationships are broken, we pursue peace and reconciliation. Where there is division, we build bridges.

KEY SCRIPTURES

Ephesians 2:19 — “Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household.”

Luke 10:30–37 — The Parable of the Good Samaritan — Jesus redefines “neighbor” as anyone in front of us with a need, regardless of background or boundary.

John 13:34–35 — “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Acts 2:42–47 — The early church devoted themselves to fellowship, broke bread together, and met each other’s needs — a community marked by generous, covenant belonging.

Matthew 7:12 — “So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.”

10 GENEROUS LIKE OUR FATHER

We reflect God’s extravagant generosity in how we live and give.

KEY SCRIPTURES

2 Corinthians 9:6–8 — “Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Luke 6:38 — “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.”

James 1:17 — “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.”

Matthew 10:8 — “Freely you have received; freely give.”

11 ADVANCING HIS KINGDOM

We exist for the city and the world, not just the congregation. We are active participants in a kingdom that is on the move — sent into every neighborhood, every nation, every sphere of life. We carry with us the ministry of reconciliation, ambassadors of a kingdom where every wall has been torn down and every enemy has been made family. We pursue peace and reconciliation wherever we go.

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