

CHURCH COVENANT

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Having been brought by the Holy Spirit to new birth, repentance of our sins and saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ¹ according to the will of the Father,² and having been baptized on profession of faith in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit³ we do now joyfully and solemnly covenant together.

Relying on God's grace and with His help, we promise and commit⁴

1. To trust and obey the Word of God by:⁵

Acknowledging its supreme and final authority above all others⁶

Striving for the advancement of this church in biblically-rooted knowledge, holiness & comfort⁷

Refusing to be led astray by unbiblical philosophies, false teachers, manmade traditions and even our own hearts⁸

2. To promote and protect the unity of the church by:

Confessing and defending the doctrines as revealed in the Bible¹⁰

Walking together in a way that honors God¹¹

Speaking the truth in love in ways that are edifying and encouraging¹²

Seeking reconciliation by humbly repenting of sins and freely offering forgiveness¹³

Serving and providing care for one another as members of one body in Christ¹⁴

Submitting to the leaders with joy who have been granted authority by Christ through the church, recognizing these men must give an account,¹⁵

Working together in accordance with this Covenant, our Church Constitution and our Confessions,¹⁶

Watching over one another and as disciples of Christ, humbly receive and give rebuke as occasion requires,¹⁷

Participating in and accepting the discipline of the church concerning doctrine and conduct,¹⁸

3. To take part in building up the church by:

Giving our time and money cheerfully and faithfully to the ministries of the church,¹⁹

Serving the church using our spiritual gifts to build others up,²⁰

Praying for the church as a whole and for its members,²¹

Participating in the life of the church by actively engaging in worship, fellowship and ministry faithfully, unless providentially hindered,²²

Giving the church a sacred pre-eminence over all institutions of human origin,²³

Observing the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper that Christ has given to the church,²⁴

Committed stewardship of our family in God honoring ways,²⁵

Engaging in family worship and private devotion,²⁶

Loving and training those under our care in the fear of the Lord,²⁷

4. To bear witness for Christ and His Kingdom by:

Unashamedly seeking the salvation of others through the proclamation of the gospel throughout the nations,²⁸

Aiding the persecuted, poor, vulnerable and suffering,²⁹

Living with love, humility, justice, mercy, holiness, and peace wherever we go,³⁰

Promising to unite as soon as possible with another church of like faith and commitment to God's Word if we move from this place.³¹

All this we do by God's grace to God's glory in accord with God's Word. Amen

1. Acts 11:18; John 3:1-8; John 6:44. **2.** Galatians 1:3-4; Ephesians 1:5-6. **3.** Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:38-41 **4.** 1 Cor. 1:10; 1 Cor. 12:14; Eccl. 5:4 **5.** 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:19-21. **6.** Ephesians 2:20; Acts 15:15; 28:23. **7.** Ephesians 3:18; Philippians 3:10 **8.** 2 Timothy 3:16 Mark 7:8-13; 2 Pet. 1:19-21 Mark 13:31 Psalm 119:23-24; Col. 2:8; Jer. 17:9 **9.** John 17:20-21; Philippians 2:1-2. **10.** Romans 16:17; Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Timothy 6:3-5; Titus 1:9; 1 Timothy 4:16 **11.** John 13:34; Ephesians 5:2; 1 John 4:7-8. **12.** 2 Corinthians 12:20; Ephesians 4:25, 29; 5:4. **13.** Matthew 5:23; 6:12, 14-15; 18:15-35 **14.** Mark 10:45; Galatians 6:10; 1 John 3:18; 1 Peter 4:9 **15.** Mark 10:45; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; 1 Timothy 5:17-19; Hebrews 13:17; James 3:1. **16.** Romans 15:5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 2:19-22. **17.** 1 Thessalonians 5:14; 1 Timothy 5:20; Titus 1:9; Hebrews 3:13. **18.** Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5; 2 John 7-11. **19.** Ephesians 4:15-16. **20.** Acts 2:44-45; 2 Corinthians 8:1-15; 9:6-15. **21.** Romans 12:6; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7. **22.** 1 Timothy 2:8; James 5:16; Jude 20-21. **23.** Acts 2:42; Hebrews 10:23-25. **24.** Matthew 16:18-19; 18:17; 1 Timothy 3:15. **25.** Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34. **26.** Exodus 20:12; Matthew 5:31-32; Ephesians 5:22-6:4; Colossians 3:18-20. **27.** Joshua 24:15; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Psalm 5:3; 119:147; Matthew 6:6; 14:23. **28.** Proverbs 2:1-5; Ephesians 6:4; 1 Corinthians 13:6. **29.** Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:20. **30.** Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:20. **31.** Matthew 6:19-34; Luke 12:32-34; 16:1-13; James 1:27; 2:14-17; 5:1-6; Micah 6:8; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12; Hebrews 10:23-25. **33.** Jude 24-25.