

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought by God's grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, we now, depending upon the Holy Spirit, establish this covenant with one another.

In all we do, we will aim to glorify and enjoy the God of our salvation, from whom and through whom and to whom are all things: to Him be all glory forever!

(1 Cor. 10:31; Rom. 11:36)

We will eagerly maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace by walking together in love and in the Spirit, and by putting away all bitterness, anger, and injurious speech.

(Eph. 4:3; Gal. 5:16, 25; Eph. 4:29, 31)

With humility and gentleness, patience and love, we will be kind to one another, tenderhearted, encouraging and facilitating any necessary reconciliation, forgiving each other, even as God, for Christ's sake, has forgiven us.

(Eph. 4:1-2; Luke 17:3; Matt 18:15-17; Col. 3:13; 1 Thess. 5:11; 1 Pet. 1:22)

We will carry each other's burdens, praying for each other, rejoicing with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep.

(Gal. 6:2; Rom. 12:15)

We will encourage personal reading of the scriptures and the practice of a regular personal prayer life. We will train our children in the instruction of the Lord, seeking to walk in a way that adorns the gospel of Christ before our family, friends, and neighbours.

(Ps 119:105; 2 Tim 3:15; 2 Tim 2:8; Eph 6:18; Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4; 1 Pet. 3:1)

We will strive to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, as we wait for the blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

(Gal. 5:22-24; Titus 2:12; 1 Pet. 1:14)

We will not neglect to gather together, but will support and treasure the biblical preaching of the whole counsel of God, praying together, the faithful observance of baptism and the Lord's Supper, and the loving exercise of church discipline.

(Heb. 10:25; 2 Tim. 4:2; Acts 2:38; 1 Cor. 11:26; Matt 18:17; 1 Cor. 5:13)

We will contribute cheerfully and generously to the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the advancement of the gospel both to our neighbours and the nations.

(Matt. 28:19; Luke 12:33; 2 Cor. 9:7)

We will, when we move from this place, unite as soon as possible with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

In all these things, we rely on our God who has made a new and everlasting covenant with us.

(Jer 32:38-41)

In and because of Jesus we pray. Amen.