



Membership Vows

Having been led together by our gracious God, we intend, by His continued grace, to respond to Him wholeheartedly with reverence and joy. We do now, before God, most solemnly and gladly enter into covenant with Him and with one another. It is our earnest desire that Christ our King would reign in our hearts and in our church.

I. WORSHIP

- A. We exist to spread a passion for the supremacy of God in all things for the joy of all peoples. Therefore, we purpose to ceaselessly praise Him from whom all blessings flow. We will gather regularly and eagerly to worship the Triune God with all of our hearts.
- B. We will devote ourselves to His word, continually reforming our thoughts and actions in response to His revealed will. We pray that the words of our King will dwell in us richly.
- C. We will be a people devoted to prayer, both privately and corporately. We will pray that God's will be done on earth ~ in every corner of our existence ~ as it is in heaven. We will strive to remember one another before our Father in prayer.
- D. We will obey our Lord by following Him in baptism.
- E. We will remember Him with reverence and joy at His table, proclaiming His death until He comes.
- F. We will be cheerful givers, ever mindful of all that God has given us. We will wholeheartedly and sacrificially support the life and ministry of our church, contributing our tithes and offerings as God enables us.
- G. We will frequently confess our sins to our Father in heaven, repenting toward the pleasure of our King.
- H. We will seek to preserve and deepen the unity of the body of Christ.

II. COMMUNITY

- A. We will celebrate the gift of one another. In a world starving for joy, we will take every opportunity to rejoice in our Lord's extravagant goodness, liberally sharing the blessings we have received. We will seek to be a culture of Godward delight.
- B. We will pray for and encourage our Elders, following their leading and submitting to their oversight. We will uphold the doctrine, order, discipline and mission of our church.
- C. We will use whatever gifts and talents we have received to serve and build up the body of Christ and to further His Kingdom, faithfully sharing God's grace in its various forms to the end that He be glorified. We will continually explore what it means to find our lives by losing them for His sake.
- D. We will be devoted to one another. We will gather together regularly, both formally and informally, to carry one another's burdens and to encourage one another toward heaven. We will suffer with those who suffer and rejoice with those who rejoice.
- E. We will be attentive, careful listeners.

- F. We will refrain from gossip, and use words only to build one another up. We will maintain a conversation of truth and grace.
- G. We will be loyal, merciful, careful in judgment, and slow to take offence. When misunderstandings arise, we will be eager for reconciliation and mindful of the rules our Lord has given us to secure it without delay.
- H. We will hold one another accountable to the Word and to these vows. We will speak the truth in love, knowing that it is the truth which sets us free.
- I. We will be faithful to our spouses and uphold the vows we have made before God, and encourage the ongoing health of all the marriages within our fellowship.
- J. We will rejoice in the existence of our children, welcoming them as our Lord has taught us. We will train their affections Godward both by example and precept, always mindful that each one of them has a soul that will never die.
- K. We will practice hospitality. We will seek to be a family, to be willing to sacrifice our own comfort to ensure one another's well-being. We will work to diminish the loneliness which might exist in our fellowship, to be channels of healing and hope to those who have endured brokenness and loss.
- L. We will endeavor to rid our hearts of all un-biblical prejudice. We will welcome and love those who are different from us, mindful that every person is created in the image of God.

III. OUTREACH

- A. We will seek to spread light in our community by deepening in our affection for one another. We will diligently forge the love and unity which our Lord tells us is a compelling witness in a fragmented world. We will, by His grace, be a counter-culture for our culture.
- B. We will share the light and warmth of Christ with our neighbors, and look for ways to be welcoming and hospitable. We will strive to be a people who articulate the Gospel with courage, clarity and joy, commending the worth of our King whenever and wherever possible.
- C. We will deliberately work and give to ensure that the blessings of the Gospel spread cross-culturally both here and overseas. It is our desire to see many others join us in worshipping God.
- D. We will find ways to promote the welfare of the poor and needy, to be merciful to others as God has been merciful to us.
- E. We will be faithful in the places where God has called us, whether it be in our places of employment, in our homes or in our schools.

IV. RESOLVED...

We will rest in God's grace, knowing that without it, we have no hope of even approximating these vows. Knowing that His grace precedes all our efforts, however, and having been abundantly blessed by Him thus far, we press forward to know and follow Him with joy.

Scriptural Support for Vows

I. WORSHIP

- A. Nehemiah 8:6; Job 23:12; Psalms 9:1-2; Psalms 33:1-9; Psalms 44:8; Psalms 47; Psalms 57:5; Psalms 63:1-5; Psalms 68:3-4; Psalms 95:1-7; Psalms 96; Psalms 98; Psalms 100; Psalms 108:1-5; Psalms 122:1-2; Psalms 145-150. Isaiah 6:1-4; Isaiah 11:10; Isaiah 12; Isaiah 33:17; Isaiah 43:21; Romans 11:33-36; Ephesians 1:18-23; Ephesians 3:20-21; Philippians 2:8-11, 1 Timothy 1:17, Hebrews 10:25; Hebrews 12:28-29; Hebrews 13:15; Jude 24-25; Revelation 4-5.
- B. Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Deuteronomy 8:3; Deuteronomy 32:44-47; Joshua 1:8; Nehemiah 8:2-3; Nehemiah 9:3; Psalms 1:1-3; Psalms 19; Psalms 119; Proverbs 4:4; Isaiah 40:8; Isaiah 55:8-11; Jeremiah 15:16; Jeremiah 23:29; Matthew 4:4; Matthew 24:35; Luke 6:46-50; John 6:68-69; John 8:32; John 15:5-8; Romans 12:1-2; Romans 15:4; Ephesians 5:26; Ephesians 6:17; Philippians 1:9-11; Colossians 1:9-12; Colossians 3:16; 2 Timothy 2:7; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Hebrews 4:12; 1 Peter 1:23-25; 2 Peter 1:19-21; 2 Peter 3:2; James 1:19-25.
- C. Nehemiah 1:11a; Psalms 32:6-7; Daniel 6:10; Matthew 6:6-13; Mark 1:35; Luke 11:1-13; Luke 5:16; John 15:7-8; John 16:24; Acts 1:14; Acts 4:24; Acts 12:5; Ephesians 1:15-23; Ephesians 6:18; Philippians 1:3-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Colossians 4:2; James 5:16; 1 Peter 5:7; Jude 20-21.
- D. Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:38, 41;
- E. Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.
- F. Deuteronomy 8:17-18; Deuteronomy 16:10; Proverbs 3:9-10; Proverbs 11:24; Malachi 3:6-10; Matthew 6:19-21; Luke 6:38; Luke 21:1-4; Acts 20:35; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (2 Corinthians 8-9); 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19.
- G. Nehemiah 9:1-3; Psalms 19:12-14; Psalms 30; Psalms 32; Psalms 51; Psalms 130; Psalms 139:23-24; Isaiah 30:15; Acts 3:19; 2 Corinthians 7:10-11; 1 John 1:8-9; Revelation 3:19-20.
- H. Psalms 133; John 17:20-23; Romans 12:18; Romans 14:19; Romans 15:5-7; Ephesians 4:3-6; Philippians 2:1-5; Colossians 3:15; James 3:3-18; Revelation 7:9-10;

II. COMMUNITY

- A. Genesis 1:31; Deuteronomy 12:18; Deuteronomy 16:13-16; Nehemiah 8:10, 12, 17-18; Esther 9:20-22; Psalms 4:7-8; Psalms 5:11-12; Psalms 16:11; Psalms 30:11-12; Psalms 32:11; Psalms 36:7-9; Psalms 37:4; Psalms 63:3-5; Psalms 68:3; Psalms 126:1-3; Proverbs 4:18; Proverbs 15:15b; Proverbs 15:30; Proverbs 17:22; Isaiah 55:12; Malachi 4:2; John 15:11; John 16:33; Acts 2:46; Acts 16:34; Romans 15:13; Philippians 4:4-8; Colossians 2:2,3; 1 Thessalonians 5:16; 1 Timothy 4:4; 1 Timothy 6:17b; Hebrews 13:12; James 1:17b.
- B. Acts 20:28; 1 Corinthians 14:40; Hebrews 13:7; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:12; 1 Peter 5:1-4; 1 Timothy 5:17; 2 Timothy 1:13-14; Titus 1:9.
- C. Matthew 16:25; Mark 10:42-45; Luke 17:10; John 12:25; John 13:1-17; 1 Corinthians 12:4-31; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Galatians 5:13; Ephesians 4:7-16; 1 Peter 4:10-12.
- D. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Proverbs 17:17; Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:23-25; Romans 12:9-15; Romans 13:8; 1 Corinthians 12:26-27; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7; Romans 12:10; Galatians 5:6,14, 22-23; Galatians 6:2, 9-10; Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:12-14; Hebrews 10:23-45; Hebrews 13:1; James 3:17; 1 John 4:7-12, 20-21.
- E. Job 13:17; Job 21:1, 2; Proverbs 20:5; Proverbs 25:12; James 1:19.
- F. Job 16:4-5; Job 29:22-23; Psalms 15:1-3; Psalms 17:3b; Psalms 19:14; Psalms 34:12-13; Proverbs 10:19; Proverbs 10:21a; Proverbs 11:9a; Proverbs 11:12; Proverbs 12:18, 25; Proverbs 15:4, 23; Proverbs 16:24; Proverbs 17:9; Proverbs 26:20; Proverbs 27:17; Ecclesiastes 6:11; Ecclesiastes 12:11; Luke 6:43-45; Galatians 5:15; Ephesians 4:15, 29; Colossians 4:6; 2 Timothy 2:16; James 1:26; James 3:6; James 5:9.
- G. Proverbs 12:16; Proverbs 17:9; Proverbs 19:11; Isaiah 40:3 (Matthew 12:20); Matthew 7:1-5; Matthew 18:15-18; Romans 14:1,4; Romans 15:2,7; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7; James 2:12-13; James 3:17-18; 1 Peter 4:8.
- H. Deuteronomy 29:18; 2 Samuel 12:1-7; Proverbs 27:6; Matthew 18:15-20; Luke 15:3-7; Acts 18:24-28; Romans 15:14; Galatians 6:1; Ephesians 5:15; Hebrews 3:12-14; James 5:19-20; Jude 20, 22-23.
- I. Proverbs 3:3; Ephesians 5:22-23; Colossians 3:18-19.
- J. Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Deuteronomy 6:20-25; Deuteronomy 32:44-47; Psalms 78:1-6; Psalms 127; Proverbs 4:20-23; Proverbs 14:26; Proverbs 22:6; Proverbs 23:13-14; Mark 13:10-16; Luke 1:17; Luke 9:46-48; 2 Timothy 1:5; 2 Timothy 3:14-15.
- K. Genesis 2:18; Psalms 34:18; Psalms 68:5-6; Proverbs 11:25; Matthew 5:7; Matthew 25:31-46; Luke 6:36; Acts 2:45; Acts 4:32-35; Acts 16:34; Romans 12:13; 2 Corinthians 8-9; Ephesians 4:28; Philippians 2:4-5; Hebrews 10:34-35; James 1:27; James 2:14-17; 1 Peter 4:9; 1 John 3:16-18.
- L. Genesis 1:26-27; Deuteronomy 10:17-18; Job 31:15; Proverbs 17:5a; Acts 10:15; Acts 17:26; Romans 12:16; Romans 15:7; Galatians 3:28; James 2:1, 3:9; 1 Peter 2:17; Revelation 5:9; Revelation 7:9.

III. OUTREACH

- A. John 13:34-35; John 17:20-23; 1 John 4:20-21.
- B. Matthew 9:36-38; Matthew 28:18-20; Matthew 9:38; John 4:34-35; John 10:16; Acts 1:8; Acts 8:4; Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 3:6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:22; 2 Corinthians 3:12; 2 Corinthians 5:11-21; Colossians 4:3,4; 1 Peter 3:15.
- C. Genesis 12:1-3; Psalms 57:9; Psalms 67:1-4; Psalms 96:3-4; Psalms 108:1-5; Isaiah 6:3,8; Isaiah 12:4-5; Matthew 9:36-38; Matthew 28:18-20; John 4:34-35; John 10:16; Acts 1:8; Acts 3:23; Acts 8:4; Acts 10:9-10; Acts 15:3-4; Romans 1:5; Romans 1:16; Romans 10:14-15; 1 Corinthians 3:6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:22; 2 Corinthians 3:12; 2 Corinthians 5:11-21; Colossians 4:3,4; 1 Peter 3:15; Revelation 5:9; Revelation 7:9.
- D. Genesis 1:26-27; Deuteronomy 10:17-18; Deuteronomy 15:7-11; Job 29:11-16; Job 31:16-23, 32; Proverbs 14:21,31; Proverbs 19:17; Proverbs 29:27; Proverbs 31:8-9,20; Isaiah 58:6-12; Micah 6:8; Matthew 5:7; Luke 3:11; Luke 6:36; Luke 10:25-37; Luke 12:32-34; Luke 14:13-14; James 1:27; James 2:14-17.
- E. Deuteronomy 15:7-11; Deuteronomy 24:17-18; Proverbs 14:31; Isaiah 58:6-12; Micah 6:8; Matthew 25:31-46; Luke 3:11; Luke 6:36; Luke 10:25-37; Luke 12:32-34; Luke 14:13-14; Acts 2:45; Acts 4:34-35; 2 Corinthians 8-9; Ephesians 4:28; Hebrews 10:32-35; James 1:27; James 2:14-17; 1 John 3:16-18.
- F. Genesis 2:15-17; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Ephesians 6:5-9; Colossians 3:22-24; 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12.

IV. RESOLVED...

Isaiah 30:15-18; Isaiah 40:28-41; Isaiah 64:4; Psalms 4:8; Psalms 127:1; Lamentations 3:19-26; Romans 8:28-39; Ephesians 2:8-9; Philippians 2:13; Philippians 3:12-14; Titus 3:4-7; Hebrews 11:6; 1 John 4:19.