

## *Church Covenant*

Having been brought by the grace of God to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and believing that Christ has led us to become a part of this fellowship, we now solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with each other. As members of a Christian Church...

We will work and pray for unity among the members of this body, choosing to love one another even as we love ourselves. (Romans 15:5-6; Ephesians 4:1-3; Colossians 3:15)

We will walk together in brotherly love, exercise affectionate care for one another, and faithfully encourage and exhort one another as occasion may require. (John 13:34-35; I Peter 1:22)

We will seek fellowship with our brothers and sisters, and we will not neglect to pray for one another and ourselves. (Ps 95:6-7; Matthew 6:9-15; Hebrews 10:23-25; James 5:16)

We will strive to bring up our children and any under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and by a pure and loving example to seek the salvation of family and friends. (Matthew 28:18-20; II Corinthians 5:18-20; Ephesians 6:4)

We will rejoice at one another's happiness and, by tenderness and sympathy, bear one another's burdens and sorrows. (Romans 12:15; Galatians 6:2, 10)

We will seek, by His grace, to live in a manner striving for holiness in the world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts. We will constantly renew our minds to the truth that by being born again by His grace and brought into His kingdom and being voluntarily baptized and identified with His church, we are to lead a new and holy life glorifying our Father in Heaven. (Romans 6:1-4; Titus 2:11-14; I John 2:15-17)

We will submit ourselves to the discipline of this church as a testimony of our desire to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord. And for our brothers and sisters, we will seek their spiritual advancement as dearly as our own. (Matthew 18:15-20; Acts 2:42; I Corinthians 5:9-13; I Corinthians 11:23-26; II Thessalonians 3:6; I Timothy 4:16; 6:3-5)

We will uphold and defend the doctrines of the faith against all who would come against them and, consequently, against all who would come against the Word of God. (II Timothy 2:14-16; 4:1-4; Jude 3, 17-18)

We will contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the relief of the poor and those in need, and the spread of the Gospel throughout all the nations. (Malachi 3:8-10; II Corinthians 8:1-15; 9:6-8; I Timothy 6:18)

We will serve one another, using the gifts God has granted us in His sovereignty and grace. And in doing so, we will strive always to rely on the power of His Holy Spirit that all glory may be given to Him. (Romans 12:3-13; I Corinthians 12:4-31)

We will, if the Spirit leads any of us to move from this place, unite with some other church as soon as possible, keeping ourselves under the oversight and discipline of the church. At such time we will carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen**