

OUR VISION

We aspire to be a church where the Gospel of Jesus Christ is faithfully proclaimed and faithfully lived in grateful response to God's love.

LIVING AS A CHURCH FAMILY

We are members of the body of Christ who strive to be a welcoming family of faith, extending hospitality to all, and loving, supporting and forgiving one another as Christ does for us.

GROWING AS DISCIPLES

We are followers of Jesus Christ who seek to grow in our faith by worshipping together joyfully, studying God's word, abiding in prayer, and obeying Jesus' commands.

Jesus Christ
is
Lord

SERVING IN GOD'S MISSION

We are witnesses for Jesus Christ who participate in his ministry by proclaiming the good news, sharing our gifts and resources, and reaching out to those in need with love, humility and compassion.

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- **In Baptism, we are adopted into the family of God and become members of the body of Christ, joined with one another.**

1 Corinthians 12:26-27 If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Ephesians 2:19-20 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

Ephesians 4:4-6 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

- **As the body of Christ, we extend Christ's welcome to all of God's children.**

Hebrews 13:2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Romans 15:7 Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Luke 18:16 But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

- **As those who have received grace and mercy from God, Jesus commands us to love and forgive one another as we have been loved and forgiven.**

John 13:34-35 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

Ephesians 4:32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

1 John 4:21 The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

- **Since we are family, God calls us to support and care for one another, especially when a brother or a sister is in need.**

Leviticus 25:35 If any of your kin fall into difficulty and become dependent on you, you shall support them; they shall live with you as though resident aliens.

1 Peter 4:8-10 Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

GROWING AS DISCIPLES

We are followers of Jesus Christ who seek to grow in our faith by worshiping together joyfully, studying God's word, abiding in prayer, and obeying Jesus' commands.

- **We believe that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior, the unique Son of the Father, who reveals God to us and calls us to follow him.**

Philippians 2:9-11 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend...and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 10:30; 14:9 The Father and I are one... Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

Luke 9:23 Then he said to them all, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

- **As Christians, worship is the most foundational act we do; it is God alone who deserves our worship.**

Psalms 100:1-2 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Luke 4:8 Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

- **In order to know Jesus, it is critical that we spend time studying God's word, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ.**

Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

John 20:31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

- **For us to be in relationship with God, we must maintain a life of prayer.**

Philippians 4:6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Colossians 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving.

John 15:4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

- **In order to be faithful disciples who are growing in our faith, we must do as Jesus commands.**

Matthew 7:24 Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.

John 8:31-32 Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

1 John 2:3 Now by this we may be sure that we know him, if we obey his commandments.

SERVING IN GOD'S MISSION

We are witnesses for Jesus Christ who participate in his ministry by proclaiming the good news, sharing our gifts and resources, and reaching out to those in need with love, humility and compassion.

- **Jesus calls us to be his witnesses in the world, sharing the good news about Jesus and participating in his ministry.** •

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore 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 that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

- **God has given each of us many gifts that we might be good stewards of them, using them in grateful service to Jesus.** •

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Deuteronomy 15:10-11 Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, "Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land."

Luke 12:48 From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

- **God calls us to love and serve those who are in need with compassion and humility.** •

Isaiah 1:17 Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

Micah 6:8 He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Ephesians 2:10 For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Matthew 25:40 The king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'