COVENANT OF COMMITMENT
Christ Presbyterian Church: An Emerging Christian Community

VISION

God calls us to embody the Gospel by preparing, nurturing and sending out disciples to bear the diversity of God’s love into the world.

- We prepare our hearts, minds and initiative in a faith community committed to imitating the ways of Jesus in service of God’s mission.
- We nurture our relationship with God and neighbor through worship and spiritual practices; discerning the Holy Spirit’s promptings and surrendering to Christ’s transformative love.
- We send out disciples empowered by the Spirit to be Christ’s Body, intimately involved in healing the world’s hurts according to our unique spiritual gifts.

_____ I embrace this Vision for Christ Presbyterian Church.

THE COMMITMENT

In community, we provide a nurturing environment in which disciples discover their calling and engage their spiritual gifts.

- We are called to membership in a faith community church that supports serious discipleship to Christ Jesus.
- In our interactions with the world, we will be experienced as a community of justice, compassion, reconciliation and hope.
- We will be an open and affirming community that is without racial, cultural, economic or social barriers.
- We will become informed and mature Christians.

_____ I aspire to deepen my commitment to Christ, guided by these goals.

LIVING A CALLING

- We are called to give Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, practical priority in our daily life.
- We are called to confront injustice according to Jesus’ teachings and stand with victims in love.
- We are called to encourage small groups to form around their common passion to serve Christ in specific ways.
- We demonstrate our desire to commit deeply to Jesus Christ by welcoming the joy and accepting the work involved in discipleship.

_____ I affirm and will participate in fulfilling this Mission of Christ Presbyterian Church

PREAMBLE TO OUR CORE SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

- The Spirit faithfully gives guidance to those seeking God through spiritual practices.
- We offer to, and support each other in, these practices so we may strengthen our relationships with God, our brothers and sisters in Christ, and the grace-starved world.
- We respect each other’s choices regarding personal spiritual growth.
THE PRACTICES

1. _____ On-time weekly worship.
2. _____ Undertake an inward journey including at least thirty minutes of daily prayer with an emphasis on listening.
3. _____ Participate in planned study of the Bible, theology, ethics & Christian spirituality.
4. _____ Demonstrate responsible stewardship honoring God’s earth, its resources, people and all creatures.
5. _____ Give sacrificially, proportionally and regularly to Christ Presbyterian Church beginning with 3% of income as a minimum goal and generous in-kind giving.
6. _____ Discover one’s spiritual gifts and unique call to mission with the aid of the community.
7. _____ Commit to participating in a mission group consisting of people with a shared calling and common passion to serve Christ through a specific ministry.
8. _____ Be accountable to a compassionate spiritual partner for these practices.

___ I intend to make a sincere effort, with God’s help and the support of the CPC community, to be a Covenant Member accountable for all of the Core Spiritual Practices of the Covenant. I take up these practices humbly, for God’s glory, not my own, in order to deepen my commitment to Christ.

___ The following special circumstances need to be taken into consideration for me to be a Covenant Member of Christ Presbyterian Church.

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As a participant in the community of Christ Presbyterian Church I request the following support:

___ Help finding a compassionate spiritual partner.
___ Help finding devotional books or meditation guides for my prayer time.
___ Resources for discerning my spiritual gifts and calling.
___ Help forming/joining a mission group around the following concern(s):

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___ Resources for being a responsible steward of the earth.
___ Other (please describe below)

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I make this commitment for one year beginning May, 2015.

Signed: _______________________________ Date: ______________