

Membership Covenant

FAITH

I am a Christian, baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who seeks to conform my life to the Word of God.

- Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.
- His perfect life, sacrificial death, and resurrection are my only hope for redemption from sin, death, and divine judgment.
- I believe that there is no other name by which people may be saved.
- I believe that the Bible is God's Word written and, as such, is the supreme authority in the life of this church.
- I uphold the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed as expressing the rule of faith of the one holy catholic Church.
- I understand and support the Statement of Faith adopted by Aletheia Church.

MISSION

I am an ambassador of Jesus Christ.

- I commit myself to the mission of this church in being and bringing the gospel to Harrisonburg and the broader Shenandoah Valley.
- I believe that the gospel is for all people and all places.
- I long for the day when this city and valley will be known for its faith, hope, and love.
- Knowing that I have been sent by Jesus into the world on mission, I seek to be a witness for Jesus at my workplace, in my community, and in my family.

COMMUNITY

I am a member of the body of Christ.

- I intend to practice the humility and sacrificial attitude of Christ by considering first the needs of others, speaking the truth in love and guarding against gossip, seeking spiritual friendships, and praying for my Christian brothers and sisters.
- I intend to exercise affectionate care and watchfulness over others in this church family, receiving and giving godly admonition with courage, gentleness, humility, and love as we struggle together against sin and pursue, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the holiness and righteousness that is fitting for God's family.
- I intend to be chaste: I will conform my body and my sexual self to God's vision of human sexuality as laid out in Scripture and articulated by church tradition—fidelity within marriage between a man and a woman, and abstinence outside of such a marriage.
- I intend to respect and follow the leadership of my church.

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE

I am a disciple of Jesus and will conduct my life in a manner worthy of him.

- I intend to grow into maturity in Christ through regular personal Bible reading, prayer, fellowship, and the practice of the other spiritual disciplines.
- I intend for my journey in Christ to be evident through my regular participation in corporate worship, and I intend to seek regular times of fellowship, accountability, and encouragement with other members of this church.
- When I move away from this place, I will seek, as soon as possible, to unite with some other church body where I can carry out the spirit of this affirmation and the principles of God's Word.

STEWARDSHIP

I am a steward in the King's service.

- I intend to be a faithful steward of my time, body, gifts and talents, finances and possessions.
- I intend to serve in the ministry of this church and God's Kingdom by using the gifts God has given me.
- I intend to regularly and sacrificially give financially to support the ministry of this church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel.

Almighty God, look with favor upon us as we affirm our commitment to follow Christ and to serve in his name. Give us courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world, and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.