

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 understand that the Church of the Advent relies on the Apostles Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the 39 Articles of Religion as faithful summaries of what the Bible teaches.

MISSION

I am an ambassador of Jesus Christ.

- » I commit myself to the mission of this church in being and bringing the gospel to Washington, D.C.
- » I believe that the gospel is for all people and all places.
- » I long for the day when this city will be known for its faith, hope, and love rather than its crime, poverty, and corruption.
- » Knowing that I have been sent by Jesus into the world on mission, I will 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 will 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 will 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 will respect and follow the clergy of my church.
- » If I am called to marriage and family, I will love and honor my spouse and raise the children God has put in my care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

DISCIPLINE

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

- » I will grow into maturity in Christ through regular personal Bible reading, prayer, fellowship, and the practice of the other spiritual disciplines.
- » My journey in Christ will be evident through my regular participation in corporate worship, and I will 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 covenant and the principles of God's Word.

STEWARDSHIP

I am a steward in the King's service.

- » I will be a faithful steward of my time, body, gifts and talents, finances, and possessions.
- » I will serve in the ministry of this church and God's Kingdom by using the gifts God has given me.
- » I will 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 reaffirm 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.

By God's grace, I solemnly promise that this is my covenant with Almighty God and my brothers and sisters in this congregation.

Signed

Printed Name

Date