

CONFESSION OF FAITH

AT FOSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- ◆ I believe that we are created by the one true God who has revealed Himself to be triune in nature (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), distinct in person yet one in unity.
- ◆ I believe that we humans are made in the image of God and exist for the glory of God yet are separated from God due to our inherent sinful nature and rebellion.
- ◆ I believe that God in His infinite grace, mercy, and love, made it possible for sinful humans to be reconciled to Him and forgiven through the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, who became Incarnate, God in human flesh, and lived on earth, like us in every way except without sin.
- ◆ I believe that Jesus' death on the cross was the perfect sacrifice by which my sins have been forgiven and I, through faith in Him, have been reconciled to God the Father.
- ◆ I believe that Jesus' resurrection with an immortal body has assured eternal life for myself and all who put faith in Him.
- ◆ I believe that Jesus is not only my Savior but also my Lord, and I pledge to seek to faithfully follow Him always.
- ◆ I believe that the Holy Spirit of God now dwells in my heart and is bringing about the transformation of my life – in thought, speech, and action – to be more like Christ.
- ◆ I believe that the Bible is the unique and authoritative word of God and through the leading of the Holy Spirit I am committed to be obedient to the scriptures.
- ◆ I believe that in putting my faith in Jesus Christ I have become a part of the family of God, which is the body of Christ, and I am committed to worship with, seek fellowship with, and serve with my brothers and sisters in Christ.



**And now I believe that I am led by God to connect with the body of Christ
through becoming a Covenant Partner of Foster Presbyterian Church.**

Name: _____

Date: _____

RELEVANT PORTIONS FROM THE ECO POLITY MANUAL

1.0304 The Benefits of Covenantal Partnership

Becoming a covenant partner (member) is important not only to the congregation but even more importantly for the covenant partner (member), as they are positioned to receive encouragement, support, and correction that the Lord promises to those who share spiritual fellowship. In committing to the cause of a life lived in and through Jesus Christ, members grow in Christian community together to become more Christ-like. In Christian community, we realize the fullness of life together and life in Christ, and discover our unique place in a common mission and narrative of God's work. The covenant partner (member) and the congregation are both blessed and become a great blessing as they covenant together, intentionally, in Christ's work.

1.0305 The Congregation's Expectations of Covenantal Partnership

Each covenant partner (member) shall strive to be faithful to Christ by participating in the congregation's worship, fellowship, and service on an ongoing basis. Faithfulness in Christ involves each covenant partner's dedication of time and talents for the congregation's mission and ministry, in accordance to the gifts that God has bestowed upon him or her. Faithfulness also involves the stewardship of finances. As each covenant partner grows in the grace of giving, financial support of the congregation's mission and ministry should grow, along with tangible support for other ministries that advance God's Kingdom. Faithfulness to Christ also involves each covenant partner's dedication of time and talents for the congregation's mission and ministry.