

Saint's Rest Reformed Church

Covenant

Having been brought, by God's grace, to repent and believe in Jesus Christ according to His law and His gospel, and having been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and recognizing His providence in gathering us together as a visible church, we now joyfully confirm our covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We commit to faithfully gather on the Lord's Day to receive the ministry of Christ in Word, sacrament, prayer, fellowship, and discipline, and to grow together in our reliance on Christ and one another in our common union with Him. To contribute to the ministry of this church according to our various giftings and callings, and to support the planting and strengthening of other like-minded local bodies as He gives occasion.

In gratitude, out of the love we receive from Christ in our gathering, we commit to pursue a fervent love for one another from the heart, in deed and in truth. To bear one another's burdens, weep with those who weep, and rejoice with those who rejoice. To regard one another as more important than ourselves; outdoing one another in showing honor. To admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, and help the weak with patience toward everyone; praying at all times in the Spirit for one another and for the ministry of this church, that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, through which we are all built up and sustained.

In gratitude, out of the love we receive from Christ in our gathering, we commit to pray for and diligently work to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace in this church. We will rely on Christ for the perfecting of our

unity in our common union with Him, praying that we would be of the same mind, maintain the same love, united in spirit, and intent on one purpose. In any areas of personal uncertainty concerning the doctrine of this church's confession of faith, we will pursue a teachable spirit; being open to persuasion concerning the doctrine it contains and avoiding the public contradiction of the same; with the goal of growing toward full subscription to the confession over time.

In gratitude, out of the love we receive from Christ in our gathering, we commit to pursue living out the fruits of our sanctification in the denial of ungodliness and worldly lusts, and the pursuit of good works according to the law of Christ. Recognizing the reality of the irreconcilable war that exists between the inner man, which has been made alive in our union with Christ and is being renewed day by day; and the flesh, with all of its remaining corruption—we commit to bear one another's burdens in our mutual fight against sin. To watch over the souls of our brothers and sisters and confess our own sin in the safety of this church's gospel community. To be quick to return to our confession of law and gospel when we stray; agreeing with God concerning the sinfulness of our sin as revealed in the law and relying on Christ as revealed in the gospel for mercy, ongoing forgiveness, and our only hope for righteousness, sanctification, and eternal life.

In gratitude, out of the love we receive from Christ in our gathering, we commit to pursue love toward our neighbors beyond the gathering of this church. To bring up those under our care in the discipline and instruction of the Lord, to pursue the flourishing of all through honest, diligent labor in our vocations, to pray for the salvation of unbelievers, share the gospel with them according to our gifting as opportunity arises, invite them to the gathering of this church, and to pray on behalf of all men; for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead tranquil and quiet lives in all godliness and dignity.

In gratitude, out of the love we receive from Christ in our gathering, we commit to contribute sacrificially, cheerfully, regularly, and primarily to the work and expenses of this church and the needy among us, by faith.

We commit, should we depart from this congregation, to seek membership in another church of like faith, piety, and practice.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. Amen.