



*A Church dedicated to the glory of God
in the service of humanity through worship,
congregational care, Christian education
and the stewardship of life.*

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST;
16 November 2014 at Eleven o'clock in the morning

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

The Music in Preparation for Worship is intended to draw the people from the outside world into the presence of God. You are invited to remain silent during this time.

Please silence your cell phone.

THE SILENT MEDITATION

Tolerance? Kindness? Diversity? We have generally moved to exclude nearly all of the world beyond our neighborhood, or at least beyond our borders. The idea of a neighbor has become a rather narrow and parochial one. The truth is, we like some of those we already know, tolerate a few others, and look with suspicion on all the rest. In that sense, we should relate well to the young man who challenged Jesus with the question, "Who is my neighbor?"

Everett Goodwin

THE RINGING OF THE ANGELUS BELL

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY
"Choral, Op. 37, No. 4"

*Joseph Jongen
(1873-1953)*

The ringing of the Angelus Bell, a three-fold ringing of three, signifies the presence of the triune God; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. In ancient practice it was rung as a noonday prayer calling the whole community to prayers for peace.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

At this time, everyone is invited to sign the friendship register found at the end of each pew. If you are our guest today, we welcome you especially and ask that you include your address, phone number, and email. If you are interested in learning more about our Church, we invite you to note this on the register. Everyone is invited to coffee fellowship in Heaton Hall Foyer immediately following worship. We invite our guests to the Welcome Table in Heaton Hall Foyer for a more personal welcome and to answer any questions you may have about our Church.

We offer childcare during worship for children ages birth - fifth grade. Please see an usher who will assist your family.

THE MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Nancy Culp

*THE OPENING SENTENCES

(From Psalm 105)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord; call on God's name.
People: Make known God's deeds among all peoples.
Leader: Sing to the Lord, sing praises to God.
People: Let us tell of the wonderful works of God.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in bold.

+ Ushers will seat anyone waiting.

*THE PROCESSION AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE
"Glorious things of thee are spoken"

Number 216
Austria

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, stand if you are able.

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

+ *During the interlude, 3 and 4 year olds and TK/Kindergarten children will leave with their teachers. Preschoolers may be picked up in their classroom after worship. TK/K may be picked up in Room 213 after worship.*

THE KYRIE ELEISON (*Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.*)

Jonathan Crutchfield

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Chris - te e -
 Lord, to me give mer - cy. Christ, to me give
 lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 mer - cy. Lord, to me give mer - cy.

Kyrie eleison – a prayer that predates Christian usage. The text actually is Greek in origin, not Latin.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and gracious God,
 You have shown us the way to love our neighbor,
 to overcome our divisions and to reconcile with one another.
 In the life of Jesus, we know how to live wholly dedicated to you,
 in heart, soul, mind and strength.
 Yet too often we put ourselves before others;
 we place our ideology before the humanity of others;
 and we let superficial barriers divide us.

Forgive us, O God.
 and in your mercy, help us to see beyond the barriers.
 Give us power and courage to continue the ministry of reconciliation
 begun in Christ Jesus.
 Lord, renew us and transform us into agents of love and justice. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE CANTICLE (*Glory to God in the highest.*)

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The use of the Canticle gives the people of God a corporate way to sing our thanks to God for the gifts of forgiveness and grace.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Ancient words of greeting and forgiveness may be used when Passing the Peace to those around you, saying either: “The peace of God be with you” or “The peace of Christ be with you.” The response may be: “And also with you.”

The Passing of the Peace is an ancient tradition whereby followers of Christ would greet each other.

THE MOMENT FOR OUTREACH

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED AND HEARD

THE HEBREW LESSON

Deuteronomy 6:4-9
(See page 6 in the order of worship.)

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 10:25-37

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

People: Thanks be to God.

+ *As the interlude begins, children in grades 1-4 are invited to go through the door beside the Lectern to join adult teachers. Parents may pick up their children in the Cornwell Gym following worship.*

*THE SERMON HYMN

“Jesu, Jesu fill us with your love”

Number 233

Chereponi

THE SERMON

“Showing Mercy to Strangers”

The Reverend Dr. Everett C. Goodwin

THE TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS TO GOD’S WORD

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING

THE ANTHEM

“The Dream Isaiah Saw”

Lions and oxen will sleep in the hay,
leopards will join with the lambs as they play,
wolves will be pastured with cows in the glade,
blood will not darken the earth that God made.
Little child whose bed is straw,
take new lodgings in my heart.
Bring the dream Isaiah saw:
life redeemed from fang and claw.
Peace will pervade more than forest and field:
God will transfigure the Violence concealed
deep in the heart and in systems of gain,
ripe for the judgment the Lord will ordain.
Little child whose bed is straw,
take new lodgings in my heart.
Bring the dream Isaiah saw:
justice purifying law.

The Chancel Choir

Glenn L. Rudolph
(b. 1951)

The Loose Plate Missions Offering for November supports the work of Friendship Trays. Friendship Trays is a Charlotte-area “Meals on Wheels” program which prepares and delivers meals to elderly, handicapped and convalescing individuals.

Nature reordered to match God's intent,
nations obeying the call to repent,
all of creation completely restored,
filled with the knowledge and love of the Lord.
Little child whose bed is straw,
take new lodgings in my heart.
Bring the dream Isaiah saw:
knowledge, wisdom, worship, awe.

Thomas H. Troeger
(b. 1945)

Amy Morris, piano

*THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

As the deacons move down the center aisle, the congregation is asked to stand at the moment the deacons pass their pew. This presentation to God enacts our self-offering and gratitude to God.

*THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Old Hundredth

Doxology – a hymn or verse in Christian liturgy glorifying God that points to the Trinitarian nature of God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE COMMUNITY DEPARTS FOR MINISTRY

*THE PROCESSION INTO THE WORLD AND CLOSING OF THE BIBLE
“Lord, whose love through humble service”

Number 241
Beach Spring

THE BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Praeludium in G, BWV 568”

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Following worship, you are invited to coffee fellowship in Heaton Hall Foyer.

We invite our guests to the Welcome Table in Heaton Hall Foyer for a more personal welcome and to answer any questions you may have about our church.

Leading worship today with The Reverend Dr. Everett C. Goodwin, Interim Senior Minister,
are The Reverend Mr. R. Christopher Hughes, Minister of Youth,
Cheri Lindblom, Director of Outreach,
Nancy Walker, Member of the Congregation,
and The Reverend Ms. Deborah Warren, Member of the Congregation.

The Chancel Choir leads worship through music with
The Reverend Dr. Jonathan E. Crutchfield, Minister of Music,
and Dr. Matthew Manwarren, Organist.

The acolytes are Graham Suddeth, Abby Thomas and Taylor Riley.

The sound technician is Eric Roberts.
The webcast technician is Van Wilson.

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of
Avery Blackwell and Chris Northrop on November 15, 2014.

The Deacon of the Week for November 16-22 is
Kathy Bahnson, kbahnson@bellsouth.net, 704.752.7871.

THE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2014

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (NRSV)

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Luke 10:25-37 (NRSV)

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

THE CHURCH IN WITNESS AND MISSION

TODAY

NOVEMBER 16: THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; THE REVEREND DR. EVERETT C. GOODWIN PREACHING

- 8:30 Charlotte Community of Mindfulness Meditation Group (also 10:15-11:00am), Room 27
- 9:30 Preschool Sunday School, Preschool Wing
- 9:30 God's Garden, Elementary Wing
- 9:45 Youth Sunday School, Youth Sunday School Rooms
- 9:45 Adult Forum: *Covering The Hidden Assault on Our Civil Rights*, Heaton Hall
- 10:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 11:00 Worship in the Sanctuary
- 11:15 Grades 1-4 leave for fellowship in the gym
- 12:00 Parents Pick Up Children, Cornwell Center Gym
- 12:00 Coffee Fellowship, Heaton Hall Foyer
- 12:00 Guest Welcome, Welcome Table in Heaton Hall Foyer
- 12:00 Welcoming and Affirming Meet and Greet, Parlor
- 12:30 Young Adult Gathering for Panthers Game, Offsite
- 5:00 Youth Choir Rehearsal, Berry Hall
- 6:00 Youth Supper and Fellowship, Youth Hall and Cornwell Gym (ends at 8:00)
- 6:45 Taizé Prayer Service, Chapel

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

OUR NEXT WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY WILL BE NOVEMBER 19:

- DINNER RESERVATIONS must be received by noon on Monday, November 17. Registration is now available online at www.mpbconline.org or 704.334.7232 x56 or runderwood@mpbconline.org. Dinner will be served from 5:45-6:45pm. Menu: chipotle chicken topped with vegetables, fiesta rice and beans (for the children: chicken tenders and rice), corn muffins, salad bar with fruit, and assorted fruit pies. Cost: \$6 for adults, \$3 for children (\$21 family max).
- CAROL CHOIR (GRADES 1-2) WILL SING at 6:05pm in Heaton Hall.
- CHILDREN AND YOUTH: "BAGS OF WARMTH" OUTREACH PROJECT - 6:30-7:30 in the Youth Hall.
- ADULTS: INTERFAITH CONVERSATION ON GRATITUDE AND THANKSGIVING, 6:40-7:30 in Heaton Hall.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRIES HANDS-ON OUTREACH PROJECT: "BAGS OF WARMTH" - Wednesday, November 19 from 6:30-7:30pm. Children ages three and older and youth are invited to participate in packing the "Bags of Warmth" as we let seniors at a local assisted living facility know that we are thinking of them. We are collecting the following items: notepads, easy grip pens and pencils, word search/Sudoku books, soft peppermints, cough drops, travel-size Kleenex, small wall calendars, small flashlights with batteries, books of Forever stamps, magnifying glasses. A blue collection bin is available in Heaton Hall Foyer. Donations due by Sunday, November 16.

INTERFAITH CONVERSATION ON GRATITUDE AND THANKSGIVING with Amy Jacks Dean from Park Road Baptist, Cantor Mary Rebecca Thomas from Temple Beth El, Imam John Ramadan from Ar-Razzaq Mosque and a leader from the Sikh faith community - Wonderful Wednesday, November 19, 6:40-7:30pm in Heaton Hall. We will share a meal together and then hear from clergy on the topic of gratitude from their own faith traditions. Ed Williams will moderate a panel conversation, largely based on questions from you!

COMMUNITY LIFE

MPBC IS ON SOCIAL MEDIA: HELP SPREAD THE WORD! Follow us, friend us, send us inspirational information, and bring us up in conversation. Social media begets social media. The more you include your interactions with MPBC in your communications with friends, the more people will see what we have to offer. So, like our “Myers Park Baptist Church” page on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @MPBaptist. If you come across a quote or an event you think is appropriate for us to tweet, send it to our social media contact, Chrissy Williamson at cwilliamson@mpbconline.org.

EDITH COLLINS NIGHT AT PARK ROAD BOOKS - Mark your calendar for Thursday, November 20 at 7:00pm. Several members of MPBC will be reading the heart-warming short stories from Edith's book “Sprouting Acorns.” The book is available now at Park Road Books in the Park Road Shopping Center at 4139 Park Road.

LGBT FELLOWSHIP GROUP INVITES YOU to break bread and celebrate NC's historic decision to overturn the same-sex marriage ban. Join the celebration at the Uptown Charlotte Progressive Dinner Crawl on Friday, November 21 from 6:30-8:00pm, at four restaurants. The cost is \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. Make reservations and pay online now at www.myersparkdinnercrawl.eventbrite.com. The password is: myerspark.

SPORTS FANS GROUP DINNER - Wednesday, December 3 at 6:15pm in Heaton Hall. All are invited to this fun evening with speaker, and fellow church member, Ryan McGee. Ryan is a Senior Writer for *ESPN The Magazine* and he covers SEC football and NASCAR. The cost of \$10 includes dinner and the program. For reservations, contact Richard Pearsall, richardpearsallre@gmail.com or 704.965.5558.

FAITH FORMATION

ENROLL IN DISCIPLESHIP CLASS AND SELECT A MENTOR BY DECEMBER 1 - All 8th graders are invited to join! Discipleship Class will begin Sunday, January 11 and conclude Sunday, March 29. In this class our youth go through a discernment process for baptism and for joining our Church. To enroll, please email Chris Hughes at chughes@mpbconline.org (by December 1) with the youth's name and the name of their mentor. If you would like to know more about choosing a mentor, feel free to contact Chris for more information.

CONNECTIONS PROPOSALS NEEDED - Do you have an idea for a fun group activity? Want to host a potluck? Do you have a 4-6 week small group activity you'd like to create? Connections is asking for proposals to be submitted by December 5. Just go to the church website homepage, <https://mpbconline.org>, and click on the link to Connections Proposals.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT - Saturday, December 6, 4:30-8:00pm. Parents, are you in need of a night out? If you answered yes, the Ministry of Faith Formation is providing you with the opportunity. For a small fee of \$15 -\$45 (depending on the number of children registered), you may take the evening off knowing that your child(ren) (ages 8 weeks-5th grade) are not only being cared for, but are having a fantastic time with friends at their Church. Register online by December 1 at <https://mpbconline.org/event/parents-night-out/>.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

WE ARE IN THE FINAL WEEKS OF THE ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN! To those who have already turned in their “To a Dream Committed” pledge packet, thank you for your generous financial commitment. To those who are still considering what their pledge will be, please think about all that this Church is and does in the community. How will you be a part of it? If you haven't already seen the Stewardship video on the website (www.mpbconline.org), please take a minute to hear what other members are saying. And, in these last few Sundays of November, stop by the “Stewardship and Starbucks” table in Heaton Hall before the Sunday School hour. This is an informal time to have a cup of coffee, talk to those serving on the Stewardship SLG, to ask questions, and to talk about your hopes and dreams for our Church.

THANKS-FOR-GIVING FEAST - Please join us for a covered dish lunch on Stewardship Dedication Sunday, November 23, in Heaton Hall immediately following worship. Last names beginning with:

A-F - please bring a vegetable

G-M - please bring a salad

N-Z - please bring a dessert

We'll provide turkey, bread and beverages. You may bring your dish to the kitchen serving line on Sunday morning and there will be someone there to receive it. We are looking for volunteers to help set up and clean up, please contact Lalla Dabbs at ddabbs@carolina.rr.com.

OUTREACH

39TH ANNUAL CITYWIDE INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE - Tuesday, November 25 at 7:00pm at The Park Church, 6029 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte 28216. Everyone is invited to this citywide event to give God thanks and praise, through the beauty and the rich tapestry of faith traditions in our region. Sponsored by Mecklenburg Ministries, this celebration invites Charlotteans of different races, cultures and faiths, to join together as one in gratitude. There will be a canned goods collection to benefit Loaves and Fishes. For more information, visit www.meckmin.org/events/39th-annual-citywide-interfaith-thanksgiving-service/.

LAKESWOOD ANGEL TREE - Would you like to be an angel for a child in need this Christmas? If so, please visit the Angel Tree for the children of Lakewood neighborhood located in the Cornwell Center Lobby beginning Wednesday, November 19. You can select a tag for a boy or girl aged newborn through 18 years old. Please remember to sign out your choice at the Cornwell Center Welcome Desk. We ask that you return your unwrapped gift (\$50 max.) with the selected tag to The Cornwell Center by 5:00pm on Thursday, December 4. Please contact Chini Nichols at 704.651.5620 for more information.

8TH ANNUAL OATMEAL AND CANNED GOODS DRIVE is going on now through January 15, 2015. We are collecting all types of canned goods and non-perishables, as well as 5-lbs or larger of: oatmeal, flour, grits, and sugar (white or brown). Drop off locations are The Cornwell Center and Heaton Hall Foyer. Monetary donations can be made payable to MPBC (please note "Oatmeal Drive 2014/15" on the memo line) and sent to Barry Metzger at Myers Park Baptist Church, 1900 Queens Road, Charlotte, 28207. Contributions are tax deductible. For more information, contact Bob Bishop, 980.613.2573 or bobbishopuk@gmail.com. Our goal this year is 100,000 lbs.

ROOM IN THE INN (RITI) BEGINS DECEMBER 6 and continues every Saturday through the end of March. We will once again open our doors and provide shelter for our neighbors who are homeless. We need your help. Please volunteer to: be an overnight host, provide a meal or drive the church van. You may sign up on our website, www.mpbconline.org or on the bulletin board in Heaton Hall Foyer.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

MUSIC TOGETHER[®] REGISTRATION FOR WINTER SESSION is now open. Classes are available on Monday or Wednesday, 4:00-4:45pm. Winter Session begins on Monday, January 5 and Wednesday, January 7 and lasts for eight weeks. You can register and pay online at <https://mpbconline.org/music-together/>.

ALL OF THE CHILDREN'S CHOIRS (GRADES TK-5) WILL SING with the Chancel Choir on Stewardship Dedication Sunday, November 23. All choirs will rehearse together in the Sanctuary at 9:00am. Following the worship service, group pictures will be taken of each of the children's choirs in the Chapel.

WILLING HANDS AND HEARTS NEEDED FOR THANKSGIVING WEEKEND, NOVEMBER 29-30 - The weekend after Thanksgiving is going to be a busy time at MPBC:

- DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT - Saturday, November 29 at 9:00am, all willing hands and hearts needed to decorate the front doors and church grounds. No special skills needed. Bring work gloves and flower snips if you have some.
- MORAVIAN LOVE FEAST VOLUNTEERS needed on Saturday, November 29 for rehearsal at 11:00am to prepare for the worship service on Sunday, November 30 at 11:00am. 36 volunteers with willing hands and hearts are needed to serve cookies and tea. Please ask your friends and family to come with you! Contact me as soon as possible, preferably by email (cp.carolp@gmail.com), and let me know you, your friends and family will be there too.

THE MORAVIAN LOVE FEAST will be celebrated Sunday morning, November 30 during the 11:00am worship service. We will again bring in the Advent season through the singing of Christmas carols, the sound of children's voices, the sights of lit beeswax candles, the smells of tea and cookies, the reading of the Christmas story and a homily by our own Reverend Maria Long.

AN INFORMAL HYMN SING - Sunday afternoon, November 30, 3:30-5:00pm in the Parlor off Heaton Hall Foyer. Come join us to sing the hymns that we love and to enjoy sharing our Church's songs together.

CAROLS IN THE ROUND - Christmas comes early to Charlotte with our annual "Carols in the Round" by The Motet Singers. Please plan to join us on Sunday, December 7 at 6:30pm in Heaton Hall for an hour of beautiful Christmas carols sung by candlelight. Familiar Christmas hymns will be sung by everyone as we usher in the joy of the season. Bring your friends and family to this free concert.

THE CORNWELL CENTER

TINY TOTS BASKETBALL CLINIC for ages 3 to 5 begins November 17. Clinic meets Monday and Wednesday afternoons 3:45-4:30pm. Prorating is available for only 1 day a week. To register your child, please call 704.927.0774 or stop by the Welcome Desk at The Cornwell Center!

CALL TO ARTISTS interested in exhibiting and/or selling at The Cornwell Center's December Art Gallery and Crafts exhibition, *12 Days of Christmas*. It's open to all Cornwell and MPBC members. Contact Greg Scott at gascott@carolina.rr.com, by November 20 with your interest.

LOOKING AHEAD

NOVEMBER 23: THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY; THANKSGIVING SUNDAY; COMMUNION; STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY; THE REVEREND DR. EVERETT C. GOODWIN PREACHING

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- 9:30 Preschool Sunday School, Preschool Wing
- 9:30 God's Garden, Elementary Wing
- 9:45 Youth Sunday School, Youth Sunday School Rooms
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School, Education Building
- 11:00 Worship in the Sanctuary
- 12:00 Thanks-For-Giving Feast, Heaton Hall
- 3:00 High School Retreat Returns, Pick up in Youth Hall
- 5:00 Youth Choir Rehearsal, Berry Hall
- 6:00 No Youth Supper or Fellowship

DRAW NEAR TO GOD

THE MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

We, the members of the Myers Park Baptist Church, are a people on a journey of faith. By God's grace we are experiencing God's love through Jesus Christ and in the community of the faithful.

We are discovering in this experience our freedom to become new creatures and our responsibility to be faithful stewards of our lives and of this world.

We will be open to all new light, strengthened by God and each other in our faith.

We will sustain a critical examination of Scripture, belief and ritual as interpreters of God's active presence in the world.

We will accept controversy as a reality of life together and an opportunity for growth toward maturity.

We covenant to be a community of God's new creation and affirm that we are open to all and closed to none.

We covenant to nurture this church as a community of faith and as an instrument for reconciliation in this world: by worship, by Christian education, by the dedication of our personal and material resources and by all the other ways we express the significance of our lives with God and one another.

We covenant together to be priests celebrating God's presence in community and in the world, believing we are participants in God's kingdom on earth.

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As priests to one another, all members of the congregation are ministers. Some are called out for particular places of service:

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