

Covenanting together

29th January 2023



We are affirming our faith in God, the mission of the church and making a commitment to one another.

Leader: Together we proclaim our faith and celebrate the story of our salvation.

Together: We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven.

He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

Leader: Father you are the one who created us and redeemed us.

We thank and praise you for your covenant of grace made for our salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We come this day to affirm our commitment to serve you along with our brothers and sisters as followers of your Son Jesus.

Together: This day we give ourselves again to the Lord, and to one another, to be bound together in fellowship, for the sake of the mission of this church. To love you Father with everything we have, to love one another and to love the lost.

We pledge all that we have, and all that we are, to fulfil God's purposes in this place.

Celebrating our shared life, we commit ourselves to belonging and working together in this church and in this community.

Empower us to do your will and help us to walk together in your ways.

Pour down your Spirit, that the promises we make this day, may be an offering of love, and that by our life together we may glorify you, Father Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Leader: Lord, we look back to last year and we thank you for your faithfulness! Thank you for every sign of your grace and for every life touched by your transforming power.

Lord it is all about you. Your grace, Your love, Your mercy, and Your glory.

Lord, this year we pray for: greater love for the lost, deeper compassion for the broken, stronger faith in your saving power, bolder witness to your presence, believing that the kingdom is advancing.

Help your Church rise up, to seize the day believing that there are no "no-go" areas for you Lord. No people that cannot be reached. No chains that cannot be broken.

So, Lord, send us into this year longing for your presence and for your glory to fall anew.

Ignite us with an unquenchable flame. May we bring light, hope and love wherever you send us.

In Jesus' name. **Amen**