



COVENANT NETWORK OF PRESBYTERIANS

Beloved in Christ,

Our session has recently voted for our church to join the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, a national coalition of congregations and individuals across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Covenant Network seeks to strengthen the church's authentic welcome of LGBTQIA+ people in its life and leadership. You can read more about their work by visiting www.covnetpres.org or following them on Facebook.

By becoming a member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, our congregation publicly commits to the full participation of LGBTQIA+ individuals in the life and ministry of the church. We are joining in shared efforts to further unity in the church by supporting education and conversations about diverse gender and sexual identities. This partnership will provide our church with resources, connections, and opportunities to more deeply embody the inclusive love of God in our congregational life and public witness.

[Include any specific steps currently being discussed to put this commitment into action, and also someone (like the pastor or particular elder or staff member) people can talk to with any questions.]

We hope you'll join us in celebrating this commitment to the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, and in praying for our church and the opportunities we have to serve all God's people in our community and in our world.

Loving God,

We give you thanks for the work and witness of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians. We celebrate our congregation's decision to join a new ministry partner in working toward a world as just and generous as your grace.

Bless our shared ministry and grant us wisdom, courage, and compassion as we seek to dismantle barriers and proclaim your all-inclusive love. Embolden us to proclaim a wide welcome and create communities of faith that empower LGBTQIA+ people to live authentically into God's call on their lives. By your Spirit, help our church minister to the marginalized as we follow the example of Jesus, who welcomed all to the Table with radical hospitality.

In the name of Christ, our gracious host, we pray. Amen.

Sincerely in Christ,

_____, Pastor

_____, Clerk of Session