

## **Faith Presbyterian Church Policies and Procedures Manual**

### **CHAPTER I – DOCTRINE/HERITAGE/MISSION**

#### DOCTRINE AND HERITAGE

The Presbyterian Church has its roots in the teaching of the early Reformation leaders such as Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Knox and others. The Presbyterian Book of Confessions includes the Westminster Confession of Faith and other historic confessions which define the reformed heritage in which the Presbyterian Church stands. The theological requirement for communicant membership is a profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

The members of this church are part of a fellowship in which Christ's Spirit is present and through which He continues His work of redeeming love in the world.

#### MISSION

#### **Faith Mission Statement: *Follow the Path of Christ***

##### **Follow the path of Christ into Discipleship**

Which includes calling people to discipleship and training them in ...

1. Bible and biblical interpretation
2. Theology, church history
3. Spiritual disciplines
4. Spiritual gifts
5. Discerning vocation
6. Various church ministries, with commissioning and prayer for those called to these ministries
7. Applies Christianity: Ethics, contemporary issues

##### **Follow the path of Christ into Christian Community**

A community that exhibits...

1. Koinonia (sharing of all things as family)
2. A Christian, not emotional, basis of unity
3. Inclusiveness
4. Evangelistic outreach
5. Solidarity with the poor
6. A prophetic voice for our time

##### **Follow the path of Christ into the Future**

Which means interpreting the Bible for today; open-minded debate of difficult issues; unity without uniformity; patience in disagreement; reaching people in new ways with the Christian message.

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