



Partner in Mission Covenant

Scripture promises: *“If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.”* - Romans 10:9-10

Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ

I profess that I believe...

- In One living and eternal God who exists eternally and indivisibly in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- God created the universe out of nothing, speaking into existence, and He created humanity, male and female, in His own image.
- The first humans, Adam and Eve, sinned by disobeying God, and their sin has been passed down through all of humanity; no one can escape from sin and, therefore, stand condemned before God because of it.
- That Jesus Christ is the only Son of God, the Messiah spoken of in Scripture, and that Salvation is found only through Him.
- That Jesus was born of the virgin Mary, died on the Cross for the sins of the whole world, rose again from the dead after three days, ascended into heaven after appearing to His disciples, lives eternally in heaven, and will come again in glory.
- Through faith in Jesus Christ, I have received the gift of the Holy Spirit, who dwells in me and testifies to the Truth of Scripture and of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- That the Bible is the True and Inerrant Word of God and is Authoritative in my life, teaching me the way of Christ and Salvation through Him, and also as my guide for continued Faith and life, how God calls me to live in response to the gift of grace He has given to me.

Therefore, I declare that I believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. I believe He died on the cross to forgive my sins. I believe that He rose again on the third day and is now seated at the right hand of God. I declare that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior, the King of my life and that I will follow Him, living my life in line with His commands and teachings.

Scripture tells us that when we put our faith in Jesus Christ, we should be baptized as a symbol of our being washed clean in His Blood, dying to our old self, and being raised to new life in Him. Some people will have been baptized as infants, part of your parents' covenant commitment to raise you in the ways of Scripture and to point you to Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. If you have been baptized, you do not need to do so again; we celebrate God's faithfulness in your life. He has built faith in you through the Holy Spirit and brought you to the point of claiming it as your own, placing your faith and trust in Jesus Christ!

However, if you have not been baptized or would like to experience baptism as a symbol of your commitment (or renewed commitment) to Jesus, we would love to celebrate that with you.

As a believer in Jesus Christ, Scripture tells us that it is abundantly beneficial for us to be part of His Church, which the Bible describes as His Body. A local church is the local expression of the Body of Christ, a community of believers who have covenanted together before the Lord, to worship together, to hold each other accountable, to build each other up, and to spur one another on toward Love and Good Deeds. (Hebrews 10:24-25, 1 Thessalonians 2:8, Ephesians 4:15-17, 1 Corinthians 12:14-15, Galatians 6:2, Romans 12:15-18)

Covenant Commitment between HCC and its Partners in Ministry

Hopkins Community Church, before God, commits to...

- Teaching and Proclaiming the Truth of God's Word and the Gospel of Jesus Christ found in the Bible
- Provide regular worship services, including the administration of the Sacraments
- Providing Discipleship and Growth opportunities for all ages, walks of life, and levels of Faith maturity
- Being a Biblical church community and fellowship in accordance with 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 and Hebrews 10:19-24
- Create and provide opportunities for teaching, equipping, and engaging the Bible outside of Sunday Worship Services
- Helping all those at HCC identify their Spiritual Gifts and will help to equip & encourage their use to build the church and spread the Gospel
- Continually ministering and being engaged in the community of Hopkins
- To walking with you through all seasons of life

Therefore, before God, I...

- Commit to participate in the worshiping life of Hopkins Community Church regularly
- Commit to an active pursuit of personal growth in my faith and understanding of Scripture through personal study and devotions
- Commit to being involved in at least one ministry at Hopkins Community Church
- Subscribe to the Mission, Values, and Vision of Hopkins Community Church and commit to upholding and helping HCC fulfill them
- Subscribe to the Creeds (Apostles', Nicene, & Athanasian) and Confessions (Heidelberg Catechism, Belgic Confession, Canons of Dort, Belhar Confession, & Great Lakes Catechism on Marriage and Sexuality) as faithful witnesses to the whole teaching of Scripture.
- Commit to living generously with my time, talent, and treasure in accordance with Scripture
- Willingly submit to the authority of the Hopkins Community Church Elders and Pastors to hold me accountable in my walk of faith.
- Will live my life in accordance with Scripture, seeking to further my relationships with others at HCC and use my gifts to build the church.