

AUTHENTICITY COVENANT

We Confess

- Our source of identity and worth is God alone.
- We are beloved image bearers of God.

Therefore We Promise

We will not allow our identity and worth to be rooted in our knowledge, our money, our position, our possessions, or anything else that can serve as a mask to keep us from being truly known by one another.

By the grace of God, we will be rooted and established in love.
Ephesians 3:14-22; Genesis 1:26-31; John 13:34

- God has lavished us with love and grace.
- We have everything we need to live a life that pleases God.
- Freely we have received, so freely we will give.

We will remind ourselves of God's abundance. We will trust that God will meet our needs as we give generously. We will be open and honest when dealing with church finances. We will listen to one another and seek true understanding of each other.

By the grace of God, we will live in God's abundance and reject the idea of scarcity in God's kingdom.
1 John 3:1; James 1:17; 2 Peter 1:3; Matthew 10:8

- Our Triune God is the model of relational integrity and wholeness, and we bear His image.
- Our gifts and resources are for strengthening God's church.

We will offer our gifts and resources for God's purposes. We will seek the common good of all people, inside and outside the Church. We will lay aside any agenda that could become self-serving, and invite the Holy Spirit to guide our actions and discussions. We will be ministers of reconciliation within the church and throughout the world.

By the grace of God, we will build one another up in truth and love.
Ephesians 4:2, 14-16, 29-32; Proverbs 20:19; 2 Corinthians 5:19-20

- God will enable us to be vulnerable with each other.
- Conflict can help us grow stronger together, but unresolved conflict festers and gives birth to resentment.
- God is the true source of courage, love, and unity.

We will value authenticity. We will practice being vulnerable and will receive vulnerability with empathy. We will honor the role of confidentiality in our sharing so that we can share openly and build trust. We will refrain from gossip and unwholesome talk. We will resolve conflicts quickly with honesty, love, and empathy with Jesus Christ as our guide. We will encourage one another in our journey toward Christlikeness.

By the grace of God, we will honor Him as He sanctifies us through and through.
1 Thessalonians 5:11-24; Luke 6:41-42; Matthew 5:21-26

Church Name: _____

Date: _____

Signatures: