

An Affirmation of Faith and Commitment to Witness for Cumberland Presbyterians

We believe God's mighty act of reconciling love is accomplished in Jesus Christ, the divine Son who became flesh to be the means by which the sins of the world are forgiven.

We believe that Jesus Christ willingly suffered sin and death for every person. We believe that on the third day after being crucified, Christ was raised from the dead, appeared to many disciples, afterward ascending to God, and makes intercessions for all persons.

We believe the Holy Spirit works through the scriptures, the sacraments, the corporate worship of the covenant community, the witness of believers in word and deed, and in ways beyond human understanding. We believe the Holy Spirit moves on the hearts of sinners, convincing them of their sins and their need for salvation, and inclining them to repentance and faith toward God.

We believe the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, being nurtured, and sustained by worship, by proclamation and study of the word, and by the celebration of the sacraments, is commissioned to witness to all persons who have not received Christ as Lord and Savior.

We believe that God gives to the human family a variety of gifts, including gifts to each person for which each has a responsibility. We believe that God desires that each of us engage in the mutual sharing of these gifts so that all may be enriched.

We believe that all who are united to Christ by faith are also united to one another in love. In this communion we are to share the grace of Christ with one another, to bear one another's burdens, and to reach out to all other persons.

Therefore, we promise and commit ourselves to share the love of God in Jesus Christ by telling others the good news of Jesus and by helping those who suffer and are oppressed.

We promise and commit ourselves to live out our faith at home and in the world by creatively using our gifts, skills, and energies in every relationship.

We promise and commit ourselves to care for people outside the church because they are created in God's image and because Jesus Christ gave his life for all of us.

We promise and commit ourselves to share the good news of Jesus Christ so that others will come to believe in him and want to become a part of God's covenant family and we will do all we can to welcome new believers as our brothers and sisters.

(The Confession of Faith for Cumberland Presbyterians sections 3.07, 3.09, 4.02, 5.10, 5.28, and 6.12. The Catechism for Cumberland Presbyterians questions 78-81)

190th General Assembly adopted the *Affirmation of Faith and Commitment to Witness for Cumberland Presbyterians* and encouraged all presbyteries to incorporate it in their 2021 fall presbytery meeting worship service or devotion and encourage all congregations to include it into their worship service on Worldwide Communion Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021.