



Our purpose: To be a church family following Jesus Christ, honoring Him, growing to be like Him, and making Him known.

The St. Andrew's Membership Covenant

1. By the grace of God, I have received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and believe that I am being led to membership at St. Andrew's. Therefore, relying upon the strength given by God's Holy Spirit, I make the following commitments to God and my church family...

2. With God's help, I will share in the life of my church.

- ...by faithfully attending regular services
- ...by joining in regular fellowship with other church family members
- ...by growing in faith and godliness
- ...by regular personal prayer and scripture reading
- ...by praying for its growth, its health, its people and its leaders
- ...by generous giving

1 Thess. 1:1-2; Heb. 10:25; Philip. 1:27;
1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 9:7; 2 Tim 3:16,17

3. With God's help, I will protect the peace and unity of my church.

- ... by committing to love and truth in my relationships with others
- ... by pursuing reconciliation with other church family members when needed
- ... by refusing to gossip and instead speaking well of others
- ... by supporting and following godly leadership

Rom. 13:8; 14:19; 1 Peter 1:22; Ephesians 4:29; Hebrews 13:17

4. With God's help, I will serve the ministry of my church.

- ...by developing a servant's heart and a willingness to learn
- ...by discovering my gifts and talents and using them in ministry

1 Peter 4:10; Ephesians 4:11-12; Philippians 2:3-7

5. With God's help, I will support the mission of my church.

- ... by inviting the unchurched to attend
- ... by becoming prepared to share my faith
- ... by warmly welcoming our guests
- ... by going beyond our membership to minister to others

Ephesians 6:19; 1 Peter 3:15; Luke 14:23; Romans 15:7

Signed _____ **Date** _____

About the Apostles' Creed...

The Apostles' Creed was developed early in the life of the church before copies of the scriptures were widely available. The creed summarized the essential beliefs of Christianity. New Christians memorized it and used it as a checklist of non-negotiable Christian doctrine. It was a tool by which Christians could discern the truth or error of teaching they heard. In addition, when new Christians were baptized into the church, this creed was used as their baptismal covenant. We continue to use it for that purpose today.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic (i.e., universal) Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.