

THE COVENANT OF HEARTLAND PRESBYTERY:

As the body of Christ, we covenant with God and with each other to affirm our unity in Jesus Christ and share Christ's ministry with others as the Holy Spirit leads us.

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OUR COVENANTAL VALUES

1. **Proclaim and celebrate** the good news of Jesus Christ to one another and the world in our worship, ministry & mission.
 - *We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.*[I Thes. 1:2-3]
2. **Affirm and give thanks** for the variety of our gifts so that our common ministry may be enriched by the Holy Spirit.
 - *Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.* [I Cor. 12: 4-7]
3. **Respect** one another as sisters and brothers in Christ.
 - *Let us no longer pass judgment on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of another.* [Rom 14:13]
4. **Care** for one another through mutual prayer and the sharing of our needs and concerns.
 - *God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. . . . We love because he first loved us.* [I John 4:16b-17,19]
5. **Empower** one another to “do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God” through shared ministry & mission.
 - *He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?* [Micah 6:8]
6. **Engage** in faithful stewardship by sharing our gifts in common ministry and mission.
 - *The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.* [II Cor. 9:6-8]