



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## MISSION, VISION, & VALUES

At First Presbyterian Church, our mission, vision, and values serve as the foundation of who we are and how we live out our faith. Rooted in the transformative power of the Gospel, we are committed to glorifying Christ by equipping and empowering our congregation to impact our communities and the world with His grace.

Guided by deeply held principles that reflect our theological beliefs and biblical convictions, our values shape our worship, discipleship, and outreach. They are not merely aspirations but active commitments that influence our decision-making and direction as a church. Through Spirit-led worship, disciple-making, missional living, deeper community, kingdom networking, and proactive innovation, we seek to follow God's calling with faithfulness and purpose.

As we move forward, we embrace these values as a church family, trusting in the authority of God's Word and the leading of the Holy Spirit to transform lives for His glory.

### MISSION

Transforming lives for the glory of Christ

### VISION

Equipping and empowering the people of First Presbyterian Church to transform our communities and the world through the grace of Jesus

# CORE VALUES

The deeply held principles that guide our behavior and decision-making that are distinct to our church

Based upon our beliefs found in ECO's Essential Tenets and are consistent with our Mission and Vision

Because our Values are rooted in the authority of God's Word and the power of the Gospel, the Spirit leads us to engage positively in:

## SPIRIT-LED WORSHIP

In joy and delight, we gather to worship in the presence of the Living God, who alone is worthy to receive our praise for who He is and what He has done. Biblically based and theologically Reformed, the fruit of our worship is a transformed identity, faithfulness in holiness and mission, and glory to the name of Jesus (Colossians 3:16-17; John 14:15).

## DISCIPLE-MAKING

We equip everyday people—in whom God is already working—to encounter Him, to obey His commandments, and to multiply other disciples. In consideration of their giftedness, spiritual maturity, and stage in life (Ephesians 4:7), we do this to obey the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20)

## MISSIONAL LIVING

We equip ourselves to intentionally scatter, both as individuals and as micro-expressions of the church, into the places where we live, work, learn, and play. We do this to bring a Gospel presence into the various sectors of our communities (Acts 8:1-8) and to fulfill our unique calling as a church and as individuals (Ephesians 2:10).

## DEEPER COMMUNITY

Because the Gospel creates community (Acts 2:42-47; John 13:34-35), we will develop authentic relationships where people are invited and challenged in a loving and caring manner to be transformed into the image of Christ and mobilized for leadership.

## KINGDOM NETWORKING

We humbly accept the call to participate in God's movement to advance the Gospel. For maximum Kingdom impact, we network with other like-minded believers on local, denominational, and international levels (Acts 1:8; Luke 12:48).

## PROACTIVE INNOVATION

We are attentive to the ways in which God is sovereignly working in the world so we can creatively communicate the unchanging good news of the Gospel to a culture that is constantly changing (John 5:17). We pray for and seek new opportunities that stretch us to rely upon God so that we may bring His light and grace to our community and beyond.

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