

~ Vision of the First Presbyterian Church ~

Preface

We have a Vision for our church, to which we fervently aspire. We may not be living to this Vision today, either individually or collectively, but we can see the destination in our hearts and minds. It guides us forward as a congregation and sets a true course for First Presbyterian Church, Napa.

Our Vision

1. We are a welcoming and redemptive community.
 - All people feel welcomed to worship God and to be a part of this congregation.
 - We actively seek and embrace others in pursuit of a meaningful relationship with God and do not judge them for how they earnestly seek God in their lives.
 - Each member supports the other both spiritually and emotionally; we offer help with respect and in confidence.
 - Members feel connected as individuals and behave as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.
 - We look for the good in each and forgive the wrong.
2. We are a community of learning, growing in our faith.
 - Our church has a diverse and changing membership, one that is engaged actively in the life of the church.

Empowered
by the Holy Spirit,
we exist so that
all may experience
the full breadth of
God's love, grace,
and salvation
through Jesus Christ.

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- We worship in a variety of styles, but with the same spirit of joy and reverence.
 - We seek learning opportunities throughout our lives so that we become closer to Jesus Christ and closer as brothers and sisters in him.
 - We are nurtured in hearing the Word of God, listening and making music, and keeping reverent, prayerful silence.
3. We are a community of service making a difference in this place and in the world.
 - Each member devotes time and talent, in addition to financial support, to achieving the Mission of FPC and takes initiative to find ways to contribute more.
 - When hard work is required, members respond enthusiastically and in large numbers to the call.
 - We perform God's work wherever we are called, whether in Napa or across the seas, through financial support, prayers and personal action.
 - We have personal missions within the church and take the initiative for making them happen.
 4. We embrace communities with special needs.
 - Members of the congregation cherish children and youth as a special trust and blessing, and provide them nurturing, encouragement and caring instruction in the teaching of the gospel.

- We remember and care for the elderly both in prayer and deed.
 - Members of the congregation reach out to Napa County to embrace those who seek a caring place of worship or who need a helping hand.
5. We are a community of conversation.
- We pray and seek God's guidance in all things.
 - We actively communicate among and between ourselves.
 - Our session, committees, task forces, and small groups of all kinds inform and consult with each other and members of the congregation.
 - We recognize that desire for communication requires mutual responsibility and we not only have a right to be informed but also have an obligation to seek information and share it accurately.
6. We maintain an open, safe and accepting facility.
- Members of the congregation maintain a secure and healthy physical, emotional, and spiritual environment that sustains all who wish to participate in worship, to teach and aid others, and to pursue other ministries.
 - Our physical buildings facilitate active use and contribute to the ease of engaging in ministry.
 - The sanctuary's abiding presence in the center of Napa reminds us of God's steadfast love and to welcome all who wish to worship with us.

A Covenant of the Congregation
of First Presbyterian Church
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Jesus Christ calls us to follow him and model our behavior after his. Therefore, as a congregation, we covenant to:

- Love God and each other
- Live as a community of faith under the authority of Scripture
- Accept each other both as children of God and as sinners
- Give ourselves for God's greater glory
- Embrace the differences in our cultures, talents, and experience
- Explore the differences in viewpoints that exist among us
- Prayerfully explore ways to move beyond the status quo
- Be personally committed to and accountable for achieving the Vision and Mission of the church



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