City Gates Church Membership Covenant

Byron Center, Michigan
Adopted on March 30, 2025

Having been brought by the Holy Spirit to repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ[1] according to the will of the Father,[2] and having been baptized in faith in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,[3] we joyfully and solemnly covenant together before God and one another to live in committed Christian fellowship, according to the teachings of Scripture.

By the grace of God,[4] we promise and commit:

To trust and obey the Word of God,[5]

Acknowledging its supreme and final authority,[6]
Confessing and defending the doctrines of the church,[7]
Striving for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort[8]

To promote and protect the unity of the church by,[9]

Walking together in Christian love,[10]
Speaking in ways that are edifying,[11]
Seeking reconciliation by humbly repenting and freely offering forgiveness,[12]
Serving and providing care for one another as members of one body in Christ,[13]
Submitting to the leaders who have been granted authority by Christ through the church, recognizing that they must give an account,[14]
Working together in accordance with this Covenant, our Church Constitution and Confession,[15]
Watching over one another and receiving admonishment as occasion may require,[16]
Participating in and accepting the discipline of the church concerning doctrine and conduct,[17]

To take part in the edification of the church by[18]

Giving our time and money cheerfully and regularly to the ministries of the church,[19]
Serving the church using our spiritual gifts,[20]
Praying for the church as a whole and for its members,[21]
Participating in the life of the church by actively engaging in worship, fellowship, and ministry, regularly and faithfully, unless providentially hindered,[22]
Giving the church a sacred pre-eminence over all institutions of human origin,[23]
Observing the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper that Christ has given to the church,[24]
Fulfilling family obligations and commitments,[25]
Engaging in family worship and private devotion,[26]
Raising those under our care in the fear of the Lord,[27]

To be faithful kingdom witnesses by[28]

Seeking the salvation of others through the proclamation of the gospel throughout the world,[29]
Aiding the poor and oppressed,[30]
Living with humility, justice, mercy, holiness, and peace in the world,[31]
To unite as soon as possible with another church of like faith and commitment to God's Word if we move from this place.[32]

Now to Him who is able to keep us from stumbling and to present us blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.[33]

Amen.

1. Acts 11:18; John 3:1-8; John 6:44
2. Galatians 1:3-4; Ephesians 1:5-6
3. Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:38-41
4. Galatians 3:3
5. 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:19-21
6. Ephesians 2:20; Acts 15:15; 28:23
7. Romans 16:17; Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Timothy 6:3-5
8. Ephesians 3:18; Philippians 3:10
9. John 17:20-21; Philippians 2:1-2
10. John 13:34; Ephesians 5:2; 1 John 4:7-8
11. 2 Corinthians 12:20; Ephesians 4:25, 29; 5:4
12. Matthew 5:23; 6:12, 14-15; 18:15-35
13. Romans 12:6; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7; 14:12; Galatians 6:10
14. 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; 1 Timothy 5:17-19; Hebrews 13:17
15. Romans 15:5-6; Ephesians 2:19-22
16. 1 Thessalonians 5:14; 1 Timothy 5:20; Titus 1:9; Hebrews 3:13
17. Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5; 2 John 7-11
18. Ephesians 4:15-16
19. Acts 2:44-45; 2 Corinthians 8:1-15; 9:6-15
20. Romans 12:6; 1Corinthians 12:4-7
21. 1 Timothy 2:8; James 5:16; Jude 20-21
22. Acts 2:42; Hebrews 10:23-25
23. Matthew 16:18-19; 18:17; 1 Timothy 3:15
24. Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
25. Exodus 20:12; Matthew 5:31-32; Ephesians 5:22-6:4; Colossians 3:18-20
26. Joshua 24:15; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Psalm 5:3; 119:147; Matthew 6:6; 14:23
27. Proverbs 2:1-5; Ephesians 6:4
28. Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:20
29. Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:20
30. Matthew 6:19-34; Luke 12:32-34; 16:1-13; James 1:27; 2:14-17; 5:1-6
31. Micah 6:8; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12
32. Hebrews 10:23-25
33. Jude 24-25