



Alexandria First Presbyterian Church

Covenant Agreement

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself” - Luke 10:27

We are the Body of Christ in the world and individually members of it. When we love our neighbor as Jesus teaches, we must consider their wellness and safety as well as our own. As we move forward in faith together, we shall by God’s grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, covenant with one another when we gather. We will honor our collective goal glorifying Jesus Christ, loving each other, and taking all steps we can to keep each other safe.

To do that, we will:

- Not attend worship or other church activities if feeling unwell or experiencing cough, fever, or other COVID-19 symptom, if we have tested positive for COVID-19, or if we have had contact with someone with a COVID-19 diagnosis or symptoms
- Listen to each member’s concerns and needs for safety and health and work for the full inclusion of all in worship and group activities

When we gather indoors, we will:

- Wear masks and maintain social distancing
- Refrain from physical contact, support those who request further distance, and help remind those who struggle to keep distance

As we worship inside together, we shall seek to be creative and safe regarding all liturgical elements of worship.

To do that, we will:

- Allow family groups to be closer than socially distant
- Refrain from loud communal singing (please sing softly or hum)
- Resist the urge to pass the peace or greet one another *with physical touch (i.e., no handshakes or hugs)*
- Allow speakers, readers, soloist to unmask, only if they are vaccinated and/or if sufficient social distance is established

As in all aspects of our life together, we seek to glorify God and honor Jesus Christ in all that we and do. Thanks be to God.