**Sunday, October 7, 2012**

**Covenant Membership Renewal**

**Welcome** – Greg Snow

**Call to Worship –** *1 Chronicles 29:11-13*

 *Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.*

 *We thank Thee, and praise Your glorious name.*

 *Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all.*

 *We thank Thee, and praise Your glorious name.*

 *In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.*

 *And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.*

**Song of Praise –** *To God Be the Glory*

**God’s Guidance –** *Psalm 25:4, 5, 8, 9; Isaiah 48:17*

 *This is what the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel says: I am the LORD your God, who teaches you for your benefit, who leads you in the way you should go.*

 *Make Your ways know to me, LORD; teach me Your paths.*

 *Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; I wait for You all day long.*

 *The LORD is good and upright; therefore He shows sinners the way.*

 *He leads the humble in what is right and teaches them His way.*

 Holy Spirit, as we prepare to renew our commitment to Christ and the local body, I ask you to stir within us and make your vision plain. I also ask you to give grace to sinners all around us, that they may run for refuge to lay hold on the hope set before them!

**Song of Worship –** *Be Thou My Vision*

**Reading of the Church Covenant**

Today as we remember our church covenant we ask the Lord, once again, to renew us with strength as we strive together for the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

 Having been led, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

 We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality and to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

 We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to be good stewards of our bodies, avoiding addiction and excess; to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

 We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

 We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God’s Word. May the Lord continue to help us with this commitment. And all of God’s people said, : AMEN!

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Guidance**

**Signing of the Church Covenant**

**Song of Worship –** *Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)*

**Observance of the Lord’s Supper**

**Song of Praise –** *O Great God*

**Closing Prayer**