

## **\*Confessing Our Faith**

### **What is the church?**

The church is the fellowship of those who confess Jesus as Lord.

She is the bride of Christ,  
his chosen partner,  
loved by Jesus and loving him:  
delighting in his presence,  
seeking him in prayer—  
silent before the mystery of his love.

**Our World Belongs to God #35**

### **What is the church of Christ?**

A. Christ's church is His "calling" or followers taken collectively, or any number of them personally associated for his worship and glory. 1 Cor. 1: 2; Rev. ii: 7; Col. i: 18-24, Phil 1:1, Hebrews 10:24f

## **Compendium of the Christian Religion**

### **Q. 56 How does the church of Christ manifest itself before men?**

The church of Christ manifest itself in the communion of the saints and in the offices and functions of the organized church; i.e., local assemblies. Acts 2:46b-47a; Phil. 1:1; Titus 1:5

### **Q. 57 What do you confess concerning the communion of the saints?**

I confess in the communion of the saints that all believers as members of the body of Jesus Christ are knit together in the fellowship of Christian love and service.

1 Corinthians 12:12; Romans 12:4,5; 1 John 1:7; Colossians 2:2

## **Good Shepherd Community Church**

### **Worship Guide 10 September 2017**

Worship Theme: Assembly Membership

## **Gathering and Call to Worship**

*Prelude*

### **Call to Worship, Blessing and Doxology**

Leader: *Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven-fold Spirit who is before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.*

***To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.***

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; ***for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.*** Psalm 95:6-7

Hymn – "Come, People of the Risen King"

Invocation Pastor Jeff Gregory

Prayer Hymn – "Speak, O Lord"

## **Confession of Sin**

### **Prayer of Confession in unison**

*Be merciful, O Lord, to our offences. Seeing how great are our debts, which you have forgiven us in Jesus Christ, make us to love you and our neighbors so much the more. Be our Father, our Captain and Defender in all temptations. Hold us by your merciful hand, that we may be delivered from our sins, and fill our lives in the sanctifying and honoring of your holy name.*

John Knox, Leader of the Scottish Reformation

## **Hymn of Confession- "Most Merciful God"**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

*Hear now the promises of God's Word to those who have trusted in Christ alone: ... "He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us. AMEN (Eph 1:3-8)*

## **We Praise the Triune Savior God in Song**

*I (We) will be glad and rejoice in You; We will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.* Psalms 9:2

Hymn- "Reformation Hymn"

Hymn- "We Worship Christ the Cornerstone"

## **Scripture Lessons**

*That he (Christ Jesus) might sanctify her (the church), having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word.* Ephesians 5:26

Old Testament –Exodus 19:1-9

Psalms 132

New Testament Gospel – Matthew 16:13-19

New Testament – Acts 2:36-47

New Testament Letter- 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

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### **Hymns of Joyful Affirmation**

*Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!* Psalm 95:6-7

Hymn- "With Our Mouth Let Us Make One Confession"

Hymn- "We Are God's People"

Hymn- "I Love the Church"

## **Covenant Membership Reception Liturgy**

Hymn- "Kindred in Christ"

### **The Prayers of the People**

*Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.*

Ephesians 6:18

Thanksgivings, petitions, intercessions

Prayers of the People

### **Offering Reception**

*When you offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the LORD, offer it of your own free will.*

Lev. 22:29

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Doxology- *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow in heaven above and earth below; one God, three Persons we adore- to him be praise for evermore!*

## **Exposition of the Word**

Scripture Text- Romans 12:1-13; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27

*In the same way, even though we are many people, we are one body in the Messiah and individual parts connected to each other.*

*In the same way we who are many are one body in Christ and individually members of one another.*

Sermon- "Members in the Assembly " by Wayne Conrad

Hymn- "Christ from Whom All Blessings Flow" 593P

## **Christ Meets Us at His Table** led by Mark Bahr

***O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.*** (Psalm 34:8)

We Confess:

***Christ has died,***

***Christ is risen,***

***Christ will come again!***

Declaration from 1 Peter 1:3-9

***Though we have not seen him, we love him; and even though we do not see him now, we believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for we are receiving the goal of our faith, the salvation of our souls.***

Institution Words – Matthew 26:26-29

We Approach God in Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion Hymn- "Among Us Our Beloved Stands" 642P

Pouring of the Wine

Closing Prayer of Thanks

Closing Hymn – "Shout to the North"

Benediction- *"the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.*