

MEMBERSHIP CLASS #1, Part 1

Vow #4 – *I promise to serve Christ in His church by supporting and participating with this congregation in its worship and work.*

SUPPORTING THE CHURCH IN ITS WORSHIP

I. Worship is the great _____ of the Christian.

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In true worship _____ is the audience, and we perform for His _____ .

Ask about worship not *how did it make me* _____ ? But *how did I* _____ ?

III. The elements of public worship.

1. _____ Hebrews 13:15 and singing as a form of _____

a. Hymns and songs

b. Types of songs: _____ and _____

c. Musical styles: Pop or Bach?

2. Prayers

3. Offering

4. Reading and sermons

a. Using your own _____

b. Taking notes or a _____ listening

5. Other:

- Prelude music means to sit down and be _____

- Announcements

- Baptisms and Lord's Suppers

- Ministry Highlights and Testimonies

- Greetings

*** Handling of children in worship:

1. Teach them and have them _____ with you.

2. Children and Worship provided for children age 4-2nd Grade.

3. Nursery and Cry Room.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS #1, Part 2

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SUPPORTING THE CHURCH IN ITS WORK

- I. The concept of the body – each part doing its job.
 1. The principle of _____
 2. The principle of _____
 3. The role of the pastor is to _____ the saints to do the **m**_____
 4. Spiritual gifts – what is **your** role in the body?

MISSION STATEMENT OF NORTH PARK CHURCH

To make disciples of Jesus who **WORSHIP** God passionately, **CONNECT** with each other in caring community and **IMPACT** the world by word and deed.

II. Mission Statement—The Elements of the Mission

1. **W**_____
2. **C**_____
3. **I**_____
 - a. Proclamation
 - b. Invitation
 - c. Compassion

III. PBJ – Pray, Bless, Jesus

- A. Prayer for a **h**_____ for lost persons, for alertness to how we can bless them and for God's saving work in them

B. Bless – in practical ways

A_____ - thanks and encouragement

G_____ - to promote connection

E_____ - invite to share a meal or coffee

L_____ - give them your ear

S_____ - find something helpful you can do

C. Jesus – **I**_____ to church or Bible Study, share your

t_____, offer the good **n**_____

IV. The commitment of the church

MEMBERSHIP CLASS #2

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SUPPORTING THE CHURCH IN ITS WORK

V. The finances of the Church

1. The expectation of God for our _____ – Malachi 3:8-12
 - a. God tells us to expect a _____ when we give.
 - b. God says that He expects the giving of a _____.
2. The promise of God to givers – II Corinthians 9:6-11
 - a. Give as you have _____ in your heart, not grudgingly or compulsively.
 - b. God blesses those who give cheerfully and generously.
3. The finances of North Park Church
4. My financial commitment (see form)

Vow #5 – *I submit myself to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to the spiritual oversight of this church Session, and do **promise to promote its purity and peace of the church.***

PROMOTING THE PURITY OF THE CHURCH

I. Doctrinal Purity

- a. Doctrinal Standards: The Westminster _____ of Faith.
- b. Essentials and non-essentials. *In essentials* _____, *in non-essentials* _____, *in all things* _____.
- c. The responsibility for doctrinal purity belongs to _____, _____, _____.

II. Moral Purity

A. The problem of a polluted church

B. What is at stake?

1. The honor of our _____
2. Eternity – Titus 2:14 says those Jesus redeems He _____

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PROMOTING THE PEACE OF THE CHURCH

I. The importance of church/spiritual unity

1. The _____ and _____ of spiritual unity.
2. The _____ of disunity.
3. Its effect on a church's _____.
4. Its effect on a church's _____.

II. The need for a diligent preservation of spiritual unity.

** Our unity is fragile because we are all s_____ in need of the grace of h_____.

III. The pathway to preserving unity.

1. Approach church-life to minister; that is to _____, not to _____.
2. Be _____.
3. Remember _____ patience and forbearance with _____.
4. Repair hurts and tears as _____ as possible.
 - a. When you sin, quickly ask for _____.
 - b. When sinned against confront in _____.
5. Complain only to those who can _____ things.
6. Beware of the _____.
7. Don't _____ to evil reports.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS #3

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SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNMENT & DISCIPLINE OF THE CHURCH

I. Submission – Hebrews 13:17

1. Submission assumes that you will have spiritual _____.
2. Submission means obedience and _____.

II. Church Government – Key Principles

- A. The King and Head of the church is _____.
- B. He rules the church through His written _____. II Timothy 3:16
- C. His rule is mediated through _____.
- D. The Constitution of the EPC:
 1. The Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms
 2. The _____ of Order
- E. North Park Church Policy Manual

III. Church Government – Structure

- A. Three types of church government are: _____
- B. Three courts of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church
 1. General Assembly

2. Presbytery. We are part of the Presbytery of the _____
 3. Session (Board of _____).
- C. Elders are appointed to both _____ and _____ the flock.
 * Some are ruling elders and some are _____ elders.
- D. The diaconate or board of _____ are responsible for _____, maintenance and _____.
- E. Congregational members must be gathered to vote in order to: _____ officers, call or dismiss pastors (teaching elders), buy or sell real _____, withdraw from the denomination, or appoint a _____ committee.

IV. Church Discipline – I Corinthians 5

A. Purposes

1. The _____ of God
2. The reclaiming of the sinner
3. The protection of the _____ from the _____.
4. The maintaining of _____. It serves as a _____ to others.

B. Means of discipline

1. The order of Matthew 18 beginning with _____ confrontation.
2. Told to Session
 - a. Trials
 - b. Censures are: admonition, _____, and suspension
3. Told to Congregation (if deemed necessary)