COVENANT

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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, members of Disciple Church, do now joyfully and solemnly covenant together.

By the gracious aid of God, 4 we promise and commit:

To trust and obey the Word of God by: 5

- · Acknowledging its supreme and final authority in all areas of life, 6
- \cdot Confessing and defending the doctrines of this church, and $\underline{7}$
- · Striving for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and encouragement. 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, 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, and 16
- · Participating in and accepting the discipline of the church concerning doctrine and conduct. 17
- Discerning with the elders if or when it would be biblically wise to leave this congregation to join with another biblically faithful church. 18

To take part in the edification of the church by: 19

- \cdot Giving tithes & offerings to the ministries of the church joyfully, regularly, and sacrificially, 20
- · Serving the church in our various God-given ministries, 21
- · Praying for the church as a whole and for its individual members, 22
- Participating in the life of the church by regularly and faithfully engaging in public worship, fellowship, and ministry, in person, unless providentially hindered, <u>23</u>
- · Giving the church a sacred priority over all institutions of human origin, 24
- · Observing the Christ instituted ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, 25
- · Fulfilling family obligations and commitments as God prescribes, 26
- Engaging in family worship and private devotion, and 27
- · Raising those under our care in the fear of the Lord. 28

To be faithful kingdom witnesses by: 29

- · Seeking the salvation of others through the proclamation of the gospel throughout the world, 30
- · Serving our neighbors, especially those poor and oppressed whom God has assigned us, 31
- · Living with humility, justice, mercy, holiness, and peace in the world, 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.** Romans 12:1-2; Hebrews 10:23-25, 13:7,17 **19.** Ephesians 4:15-16 **20.** Genesis 4:4, 14:20, 28:22; Matthew 23:23; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 8:1-15; 9:6-15 **21.** Romans 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7; Ephesians 4:11-13; 1 Peter 4:10-11 **22.** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; James 5:16; Jude 20-21 **23.** Acts 2:42; Hebrews 10:23-25; 1 Thessalonians 2:17-18 **24.** Mark 3:31-35; Galatians 6:10 **25.** Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 **26.** Exodus 20:12; Matthew 5:31-32; Ephesians 5:22-6:4; Colossians 3:18-20 **27.** Joshua 24:15; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Psalm 5:3; 119:147; Matthew 6:6; 14:23 **28.** Proverbs 2:1-5; Ephesians 6:4 **29.** Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:20 **30.** Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8, 2:38; 2 Corinthians 5:20 **31.** Luke 10:25-37; 1 Timothy 5:3-8; James 1:27; 2:14-17; 5:1-6 **32.** Micah 6:8; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 **33.** Jude 24-25