

## Covenant for Ordination

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule for faith and life?
2. Do you believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the only Redeemer of men, and do you confess Him publicly as your Saviour and Lord?
3. Do you believe that it is the duty of Christians to profess publicly the content of faith as it applies to the particular needs of each age and situation, and that such public profession, otherwise called covenanting, should be made formally by the churches and other institutions as well as informally by each believer according to his ability?
4. Do you believe in and accept the system of doctrine and the manner of worship set forth in the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, and the Testimony of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, as being agreeable to, and founded upon, the Scriptures?
5. Do you believe it to be the teaching of Scripture—that church and state are distinct and separate institutions; that both are under the mediatorial rule of the Lord Jesus Christ; and that the permanent form of church government is presbyterian?
6. Do you believe that Jesus Christ is Saviour and Lord of men and nations, and that in loyalty and obedience to Him, it is our duty to follow the noble example of the faithful confessors and martyrs of Jesus in their witness for divine truth, and in their sacrifices and labors to establish the Kingdom of God on earth?
7. So far as you can know in your own heart, is it the call of Christ, the glory of God and the welfare of the church, and not any selfish object, that moves you to undertake this sacred office?
8. That you may perform faithfully all the duties of the office to which you have been called, do you engage to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit? Do you promise, in His strength, to live a holy and exemplary life, to study and promote the purity, peace, unity and progress of the church—Ruling Elders, to watch over the spiritual growth of the members of the congregation, to endeavor to win others to Christ, to visit the afflicted and to attend the meetings associated with your office?—Ministers, to bring to your congregation the fruits of earnest study of the Word, to maintain a testimony for the Kingdom of God, to endeavor to minister to others and win them to Christ, to watch for souls as one who must give account?
9. Do you promise subjection in the Lord to the courts of this church, and engage to follow no divisive courses from the doctrine and order which the church has solemnly recognized and adopted; and do you promise to submit to all the brotherly counsel which your brethren may tender you in the Lord?
10. Do you make these promises in the presence of God, in humble reliance upon His grace, as you desire to give your account with joy at the Last Great Day.

# WELCOME!

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*Let us pray for the Holy Spirit's power!*

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**Prayer Service:**  
Monday, June 19, 2023  
8:00 PM

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MEETING AT  
MARION REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
1100 West Jeffras Avenue, Marion, Indiana 46952  
CovenanterPrayer.com

## ORDER OF PUBLIC WORSHIP

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**Call to Worship from God's Word in Psalm 4:1**

**Invocation and Prayer of Praise**

**Singing Psalm 85:1-7** (*tune: Arlington*)

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Preaching from Psalm 85**

"The Cost of Revival"

Preached by Pastor Romesh Prakashpalan

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Singing Psalm 85:8-13** (*tune: Glasgow*)

**Corporate Prayer Time: 1 Timothy 2:8**

"...men pray every where, lifting up holy hands..."

**Singing Psalm 72:15-19** (*tune: Azmon*)

**Benediction from God's Word in 2 Corinthians 13:14**

*NOTE: The Congregation will be directed to stand as able.*

### SUGGESTED PRAYER ITEMS

1. Pray to be granted repentance for our own sins, our congregation's, our Presbytery's and for our spiritual idols and adulteries.
2. Pray for the cultivation of prayer in the church, and thus revival in our mission works, congregations, Presbyteries, Synod unto the glory of God. Pray for the Great Commission.
3. Pray for faithful pastors to fill every pulpit for Christ's sake.
4. Pray for the fear of the LORD to fall on all men, especially the officers of Christ's church in church court proceedings.
5. Pray for corporate repentance wherever there may be covenant breaking against our covenants and vows.

## Covenant of Communicant Membership

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule for faith and life?
2. Do you believe in the one living and true God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as revealed in the Scriptures?
3. Do you repent of your sin; confess your guilt and helplessness as a sinner against God; profess Jesus Christ, Son of God, as your Saviour and Lord; and dedicate yourself to His service: Do you promise that you will endeavor to forsake all sin, and to conform your life to His teaching and example?
4. Do you promise to submit in the Lord to the teaching and government of the church as being based upon the Scriptures and described in substance in the *Constitution of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America*? Do you recognize your responsibility to become a member and work with others in the church and do you promise to support and encourage them in their service to the Lord? In case you should need correction in doctrine or life, do you promise to respect the authority and discipline of the church?
5. To the end that you may grow in the Christian life, do you promise that you will diligently strive to read the Bible, engage in private prayer, keep the Lord's Day, regularly attend the worship services, observe the appointed sacraments, and give to the Lord's work as He shall prosper you?
6. Do you purpose to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness in all the relationships of life, faithfully to perform your whole duty as a true servant of Jesus Christ, and seek to win others to Him?
7. Do you make this profession of faith and purpose in the presence of God, in humble reliance upon His grace, as you desire to give your account with joy at the Last Great Day?

## Psalm 85:1-7

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, thou hast been fav'able  
to thy belov-ed land:  
Jacob's captivity thou hast  
recall'd with mighty hand.

<sup>2</sup>Thou pardon-ed thy people hast  
all their iniquities;  
Thou all their trespasses and sins  
hast cover'd from thine eyes.

<sup>3</sup>Thou took'st off all thine ire, and turn'dst  
from thy wrath's furiousness.

<sup>4</sup>Turn us, God of our health, and cause  
thy wrath 'gainst us to cease.

<sup>5</sup>Shall thy displeasure thus endure  
against us without end?  
Wilt thou to generations all  
thine anger forth extend?

<sup>6</sup>That in thee may thy people joy,  
wilt thou not us revive?

<sup>7</sup>Show us thy mercy, LORD, to us  
do thy salvation give.

## Psalm 85:8-13

<sup>8</sup>I'll hear what God the LORD will speak:  
to his folk he'll speak peace,  
And to his saints; but let them not  
return to foolishness.

<sup>9</sup>To them that fear him surely near  
is his salvat-i-on;  
That glory in our land may have  
her habitat-i-on.

<sup>10</sup>Truth met with mercy, righteousness  
and peace kiss'd mutually:

<sup>11</sup>Truth springs from earth, and  
righteousness  
looks down from heaven high.

<sup>12</sup>Yea, what is good the LORD shall give;  
our land shall yield increase:

<sup>13</sup>Justice, to set us in his steps,  
shall go before his face.

## Psalm 72:15-19

<sup>15</sup>Yea, he shall live, and giv'n to him  
shall be of Sheba's gold:  
For him still shall they pray, and he  
shall daily be extoll'd.

<sup>16</sup>Of corn an handful in the earth  
on tops of mountains high,  
With prosp'rous fruit shall shake, like  
trees  
on Lebanon that be.

The city shall be flourishing,  
her citizens abound  
In number shall, like to the grass  
that grows upon the ground.

<sup>17</sup>His name for ever shall endure;  
last like the sun it shall:  
Men shall be bless'd in him, and bless'd  
all nations shall him call.

<sup>18</sup>Now bless-ed be the LORD our God,  
the God of Is-ra-el,  
For he alone doth wondrous works,  
in glory that excel.

<sup>19</sup>And bless-ed be his glorious name  
to all eternity:  
The whole earth let his glory fill.  
Amen, so let it be.