

Support and encourage others in the church

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What We Promise, part 3

1 John 3:11-18; John 13:31-35

Do you recognize your responsibility to work with others in the church and do you promise to support and encourage them in their service to the Lord? (from Question 4, Covenant of Communicant Membership)

I. “As I have loved you”

- A. What does it mean to “love” someone?
- B. Recovering love
- C. Love for us is something that the Son of God chose to *do*.
- D. A new command
- E. What is love?
- F. The wounded Surgeon

II. Practicing the love of Christ toward one another

- A. The Church is a place beyond judgment (Mark 9:50; Romans 14:13; Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13; Galatians 6:2; James 4:11; 5:9, 16; Romans 15:14)
- B. The Church is a place of generosity and hospitality (Romans 15:7; 1 Thessalonians 5:15; Hebrews 10:24; 1 Corinthians 12:25; 1 Peter 4:9)
- C. The Church is a place of love (John 13:34-35; 15:12,17; Romans 12:10; 13:8; Ephesians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 3:12; 4:9; 2 Thessalonians 1:3; 1 Peter 1:22; 1 John 3:11,23; 4:7,11-12; 2 John 5)

III. Directions for Christ Reformed Presbyterian Church