

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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Core Values and Elements of Our Strategic Plan

<u>Mission</u>

As part of the global church of Jesus Christ, Redeemer Presbyterian Church exists to draw people into a life-long transforming relationship with Him (by:)

<u>Goals</u>

1. EXALT(ing) God thoughtfully and joyfully

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- 2. KNOW(ing) God intimately
- 3. SERVE(ing) others wholeheartedly
- 4. SHARE(ing) God's love locally and globally.

Core Values and Enabling Objectives

1. EXALT(ing) God thoughtfully and joyfully

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.

—Romans 12:1

HURCH

We believe that everything we do should be done as an act of our worship to our God. The following reflects our beliefs regarding the corporate worship experience.

- 1.1 Focus the congregation on our transcendent God by means of visual beauty in the worship space.
- 1.2 Prepare the worship service carefully and intentionally to have a fully coordinated worship theme from which every element of the worship service shall flow, in order to give purpose and meaning to all that we do in that service.
- 1.3 Focus the congregation on our transcendent, yet personal, God by means of carefully selected and skillfully presented music.
- 1.4 Use the various gifts—both spiritual and natural—in the congregation to give a multi-faceted approach to our understanding of the God we worship.
- 1.5 Leaders in worship should take opportunities to intentionally communicate the meaning and significance of the various elements of the liturgy, with the intent of making the worship experience as understandable and rich as it can be.

- 1.6 Offer the sacraments of baptism and Holy Communion as important parts of our robust worship.
- 1.7 Celebrate, as an appropriate means of hallowing and redeeming the time, the Liturgical Church Year and remind our congregation of these festivals and the part they play in our Christian heritage.

2. KNOW(ing) God intimately

We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true—even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. —1 John 5:20

We believe that in order to live the abundant life that God has called us to in Christ Jesus, we must allow the Holy Spirit to lead us into an ever-deepening, intimate knowledge of God

- 2.1 Clearly teach and proclaim to people of all ages that they can experience lifetransforming regeneration by the work of the Holy Spirit because of what Jesus has already accomplished through His death and resurrection.
- 2.2 Clearly teach and proclaim an intellectual understanding of what God promises and requires through His word.
- 2.3 Promote individual spiritual formation and daily devotion.
- 2.4 Purposely provide Christian Education for all with special consideration to age, gender, and spiritual maturity.

3. SERVE(ing) others wholeheartedly

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. —1 Peter 4:10

We believe that God has called us to Himself and redeemed us through the blood of Christ so that we may represent His Kingdom here on earth by serving others wholeheartedly.

3.1 Offer times of fellowship for the congregation in order that members may get to know, love and care for each other.

- 3.2 Provide ways to minister to the poor, hurting, and sick of our congregation.
- 3.3 Encourage and equip congregation members to minister to those in need within the community.
- 3.4 Provide times of prayer for those who struggle.

4. SHARE(ing) God's love locally and globally

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." —Acts 1:8

We believe that God has called us to share the Good News of salvation through the risen Lord Jesus Christ with men, women, boys, and girls within our own congregation, in our local communities, across our nation, and around the world. As a missional church, we strive to fulfill the Great Commission by every means possible.

- 4.1 Show forth the love of Christ and proclaim the message of salvation through every worship, education, and mission endeavor of the church.
- 4.2 Ascertain, with understanding, the passions and gifts within the congregation.
- 4.3 Determine which people groups to target with Christ's message.
- 4.3 Allot a specific percentage of the budget that will go toward mission.
- 4.4 Teach congregation members how to lovingly, relationally, and effectively share the gospel message at home, work, and wherever God places them.