

Christ Presbyterian Church

Cohesive Identity Framework

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Preamble

Why is CPC developing this identity framework with mission, values, vision, etc.?

In seeking to be led by the Spirit, we desire to function as a unified body, sharing life together and pursuing a common mission.

Should we develop a vision, plans, and a strategy?

Yes! It is biblical and practical.

Biblical

We see positive examples throughout the Bible of God's people organizing, planning, and executing strategically according to the guidance of (1) scripture (Ephesians; 1 Timothy 3; Titus 1) and (2) God's Spirit through prayer (Acts 13:1-4). Failing to seek the Lord's specific guidance for our direction is contrary to the clear pattern of Scripture.

Practical

Visioning, planning, and strategizing are necessary to form one body out of many individuals. (1 Cor. 12:1-31)

Name

Christ Presbyterian Church

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Rooted in Christ, Reflecting His Kingdom

Mission

By the power of the Spirit, we make disciples, see lives transformed, and reflect God's redemptive work in the world, in the name of Christ, to the glory of the Father.

Core Values

Depending on God Alone

"Grounded in God's Word, Guided by His Spirit, Everything Through Prayer"

We stand on the authoritative and sufficient Word of God as the only infallible rule of faith and life, with the Westminster Standards serving as a faithful summary of its teachings.

We seek the Holy Spirit's guidance and empowerment to apply and live out His Word in every area of life.

Because we depend on God alone, prayer is the breath of our lives and is constant in all we do, shaping us individually and as a body.

Scripture References: Ps. 19:7-11; 119; Is. 55:10-11; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; John 7:17; John 14:21; John 17:17; Psalm 119:105; Gal. 5:16; John 16:13; Dan. 6:10; Phil. 4:6-7; Ps. 65:2; Matt. 6:5-15; 2 Cor. 12:9; Eph. 3:16; 6:18-20; Rom. 12:1; Col. 4:2

Confessional Reference: WCF 1.6; WLC 35; WCF 21.3-4; WCF 5.3-7; WLC 178-185; WSC 98-107; WCF 1.4-5; WLC 154

Adopted into God's Covenant Family

"Welcomed as children, united in love, growing together as a family."

As God's beloved children, we embrace our adoption in Christ. We live out our new identity in a way that extends this love to others, within and outside the body.

As God's redeemed covenant community, we seek to embody the love, humility, and forgiveness of Christ as we live, serve, and worship together as His family.

We are a community of hospitality, mutual encouragement, shared life, and discipleship, where everyone is valued and equipped to serve and grow.

Scripture References: Jer. 31:31-34; John 1:12-13; Eph. 1:4-5; Rom. 8:15-17; Gal. 4:4-7; Heb. 12:5-11; Ps. 68:5-6; 103:8-14; Romans 8:29; Rev. 7:9-10

Confessional References: WCF 12.1; WLC 74; WCF 20.1; WCF 26.1-2; WLC 135-136; WSC 67-69; WCF 7.4-6; WCF 14.2

Redemptive Perspective

“Joy Restored, Redeemed by Christ, Hope Renewed”

Our deepest desires—love, purpose, belonging, wholeness, and joy—are distorted by sin, but reflect our longing for God, and are ultimately satisfied in Jesus Christ alone. Hallelujah!

The gospel proclaims that in Christ, God is making all things new, restoring what was lost and bringing healing to the broken.

Because of the life, death, resurrection, ascension, and imminent return of Jesus Christ, we live in sure hope for the future and our eternal joy.

Scripture References: Gen. 12:1-3; Ps. 34:8, 145:19; Ezek. 36:26-27; Gal. 3:16; Rev. 21:5; Col. 1:13-14; Matt. 11:28-30; 2 Cor. 5:17-20; Rom 6:3-4, 8:18-25;

Confessional Reference: WCF 7.1-6; WCF 11.1-3; WLC 30-32; WSC 20-21; WCF 13.1-3; WCF 32.1

Trinitarian Worship

"Living for the Glory of the Father, through the Son, by the Spirit"

We live to the glory of the Father in all of life.

We exalt Christ as the preeminent Savior, Redeemer, and King of our whole lives.

We live all of our lives in worship by the power of the Spirit.

We come together on the Lord's Day to passionately proclaim our Triune God's greatness as we receive His grace through Word and Sacrament.

Scripture References: Gen. 1:26-27; Is. 6:3; 1 Cor. 10:31; Col. 1:18; Phil. 2:9-11; John 5:23; Eph. 2:18; 2 Cor. 13:14; 1 John 1:3; Matt. 28:18-20; Rom. 11:36; Ps. 95:1-7; Is. 6:1-8; John 4:23-24; Acts 2:42-47; Matt. 3:16-17; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 10:24-25; Rev. 4:8-11

Confessional References: WCF 14.1; WCF 16.1; WCF 21.1-2; WCF 26.1; WLC 1, 154-160; WSC 1, 50-62; WCF 21.3-4; WCF 2.3; WCF 8.1; WCF 10.1; WLC 9-11; WSC 6; WCF 22.5-6; WLC 109

Kingdom Discipleship

"Proclaiming the Good News, Making disciples, Resting in Christ's reign"

As Christ's visible church under His sovereign reign, we serve as ambassadors of His kingdom and as a foretaste of His eternal rule.

We are called to participate in Jesus' Great Commission, growing as disciples who make disciples.

Our goal is to see His kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven while longing for the consummation of His reign when He returns in glory.

Scripture References: Gen. 12:1-3; Is. 49:6; Matt. 28:18-20; 2 Cor. 5:20; Matt. 5:1-7:29; Col. 1:15-20; Eph. 1:22-23

Confessional References: WCF 25.3-4; WCF 28.1-2; WLC 63-66; WSC 88; WCF 8.1; WCF 30.1-2; WLC 191; WSC 26; WCF 13.1-3; WCF 32.1

Framework of CPC Church Life

In order to live out our mission and values, CPC cultivates ministries focused on the following distinct primary purposes:

- **Worship:** to glorify God by delighting in him
- **Discipleship:** to deepen our roots into Christ
- **Kingdom Impact and Expansion:** to make Jesus known, through word and deed, and see him obeyed
- **Life Together:** to grow as family
- **Scripture and Prayer:** to root us in God's Word and presence

Though each CPC ministry includes various elements of our identity, not all share the same *primary* purpose. Fully-engaged members of CPC are involved in the following ministries:

- **Sunday Worship** roots us in delighting in God and glorifying Him together.
- **Discipleship Hour** deepens our understanding of Christ, through his Word, as a whole church.
- **Triads** foster personal, Spirit-led growth as we deepen our redemptive perspective through shared life and prayer.
- **Small Groups** help us live life together and share Jesus in our communities.

Together, these form a full picture of what it means to be rooted in Christ and reflecting His kingdom.

CPC Ministries and Their Primary Purposes

Ministry	Primary Purpose: Worship	Primary Purpose: Discipleship	Primary Purpose: Kingdom Impact	Primary Purpose: Life Together	Primary Purpose: Scripture & Prayer
Sunday Worship	✓				✓ (whole-body)
Discipleship Hour		✓ (whole-body)			
Triads		✓ (individualized)			✓ (individualized)
Small Groups		*	✓	✓	

* For the Youth “Small Groups” only, discipleship is an additional primary purpose

One, Five, and Ten-Year Vision

1-Year Vision: Growing in Grace Together

This year, we're asking the Lord to help us grow as a Christ-centered family. A year from now:

- Sunday worship is a joyful and reverent time where people truly sense God's presence—where every element helps us see and savor Jesus together. We have fully established our updates and adjustments to Sunday Worship order, timing, and practices.
- Discipleship Hour is thriving, marked by joyful participation and growing engagement across all generations
- We have a fully-staffed rotation for nursery and children's church so no one is overwhelmed. At least one new family has joined our covenant community.
- Discipleship is deepening through the newly-established Triads—same-gender groups of three people focused on prayer, mutual encouragement, and spiritual formation in Christ. These groups are beginning to see real transformation, helping us follow Jesus in everyday life. Additionally, each Triad member is focused on ministering to three unbelievers outside the church.
- Leadership development is taking root: training is underway for men to understand the character and office requirements of elder and deacon, and for women to be equipped to shepherd other women. A new intern is ministering at CPC.
- Our Small Groups are growing as places of shared life and mission. They meet bi-weekly and seek to involve neighbors, care for one another, and serve together.
- We've also strengthened our culture of prayer. Weekly prayer groups are active, members are using family devotion guides, and we're learning to pray spontaneously—in small groups, in worship, and in everyday conversations.
- In short: CPC is growing in depth and unity of life and ministry.

5-Year Vision: Rooted in Grace Together

In five years, CPC is rooted—joyfully worshiping, actively discipling, and reaching into our city and region. Some key differences from year one:

- We've grown to about 80 members, including children. Our rhythms of worship, discipleship, and leadership are sustainable and Spirit-led.

- Many returning visitors share that worship at CPC helps them delight in God and see Jesus more clearly.
- Children are joyfully participating in the life and ministry of the body.
- Hospitality before and after worship has become a key part of our culture.
- Most members are in Triads at some point during the year. These groups are no longer new—they're essential for spiritual formation, encouraging real transformation and personal mission.
- Discipleship Hour is thriving. Additionally, we now have separate middle and high school Youth Groups growing in biblical literacy and gospel-centered friendships.
- Leadership multiplication is evident: elders, deacons, and women's shepherding leaders are active, and our first intern has finished training.
- Small groups are living on mission—inviting others in, praying with neighbors, and serving together. People on the margins of faith feel welcomed and loved. We are seeing new members come through initial engagement with Small Groups.
- Family Promise service continues, and at least one new ongoing community outreach has been added.
- Scripture and prayer saturate our life together—we seek the Spirit in decisions, ministry, and worship.

10-Year Vision: A Worshiping, Sending Family

Ten years from now, CPC is a vibrant, mature church—gathering in our own facility, forming disciples deeply, and sending leaders into new places. Here's what's new from year five:

- To enable church planting while maintaining a healthy sending church, we've grown to around 175–200 members, with a thriving community of children, youth, and adults joyfully engaged in the church's mission.
- CPC has planted, or is actively planting, a church in a nearby city led by trained leaders from CPC.
- We worship in our own space, which reflects who we are—sacred, welcoming, and designed to meet with God. Worship is marked by joy, reverence, and expectancy. People come longing to encounter the living God.
- Every member participates in a Triad annually, and CPC is known in our region for its deep, joyful discipleship culture.
- CPC small groups are gospel outposts throughout the area, regularly including unbelievers and caring for the broken. We're known as a church that sees the lost as family and welcomes those on the margins.

- 20–40 people regularly connected to CPC are not yet believers, but they are being loved, pursued, and drawn to Christ.
- We are a church of healing and welcome, where people tangibly experience what it means to be adopted into God’s covenant family.
- Prayer and Scripture remain our lifeblood, and CPC has become a model of Word-saturated, Spirit-led ministry. Other churches look to us for encouragement and guidance as we look to Christ.