



Thank you for your interest in All Saints Church - A Reformational and Covenantal Congregation (CREC - Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches). Our congregation was constituted in February of 1999 under the oversight of Christ Church, Moscow Idaho, Douglas Wilson, Pastor. We are a church in the Bucer Presbytery of the CREC. Our legal status is that we are an approved 501c3 "association" (not a corporation), recognized by US and the state of Penn.

## OFFICERS, STAFF, MINISTRY LEADERS

**Officers:** Officer rotation and leadership - officers are elected by 3/4 vote for life; they take voluntary sabbaticals as needed and a mandatory rotation (1 year for every 5 of active service).

- Pastor - Kasey Horvath (full time - preaching, pastoral care, senior pastor)
- Associate Pastor - Brandon Gilanyi (part time - Christian Education, administrative)
- Director of Music - Herb Suereth (part time - music, sound/tech)
- Ruling Elders - Graham Dennis (sabbatical), Herb Suereth, Kevin Kanoff
- Deacons - Don Graves (sabbatical), Joseph Hibshman, Ivan Huyard, Dave Miller

### Staff

- Accompanist - Andrew Lenko
- Administrative Assistant - Michelle Suereth
- Choral Director - Debi Long

## COMMUNICATION

- The Saintly Synopsis, a weekly email newsletter (arrives Fridays)
- All Saints Church App - media, calendar, messaging, giving, etc
- Church directory (members only) - Instant Church Directory (app or [instantchurchdirectory.com](http://instantchurchdirectory.com))
- Website - [www.allsaints-church.com](http://www.allsaints-church.com)
- Official church emails and communication will arrive from [allsaintscrec@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintscrec@gmail.com) or [office@allsaints-church.com](mailto:office@allsaints-church.com).

## GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

- Documents are available online (<https://allsaints-church.com/our-beliefs>) or in hard copy per request. Summaries of the documents are attached to this packet
  - All Saints Constitution
  - All Saints Book of Confessions

## MUSIC

- Most of our hymns come from the Cantus Christi hymnal or Saintly Praises (2021).
- We utilize the church app, as well as Sing Your Part (Apple phones/iPads only at this time) to post the next week's hymns for practice

## MEMBERSHIP RECORD

If you plan to become a member, please complete this short form for our records which asks for baptismal information and former church membership, etc: [CLICK HERE](#)

## MEMBERSHIP VOWS

1. Your relationship to Christ: *Do you acknowledge that you and your household are sinners, worthy of eternal punishment apart from salvation in Christ, and do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, receiving and resting upon Him alone as He is offered in the gospel?*
2. Your commitment to live as a Christian: *On behalf of your entire household, Do you swear in the name of God, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, to seek to live as a disciple of Christ?*
3. Your relationship to our believing community: *Do you swear in the name of God on behalf of your household to support in service, tithes, and offerings the ministry of this church in its worship and work, submitting to its government and discipline, while pursuing its purity and peace?*
4. The congregation in relation to you: *Members of All Saints' Church, do you gladly receive [new members names] into our covenant fellowship and will you, therefore, endeavor to fulfill all biblical duties of membership in the body of Christ in your reception of this household?*

# **A Summary Outline of the Constitution of All Saints Church**

(Full document is available online: [AllSaints-Church/resources](http://AllSaints-Church/resources))

*Our vision is to grow in love and to reach out in love because we worship the loving God of the Bible - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We gather to renew our relationship with Him and one another in the Biblical pattern of historic Christian liturgy. In this we affirm God's promises to us and our children and are commissioned to live Christ-centered lives in the world.*

## **OUTLINE OF CONSTITUTION**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Household Membership

Release or Transfer of Membership

Electors

### **LEADERSHIP**

Election of Elders and Deacons

Session Leadership

Pastors: Elders who are Ministers of the Word

Calling and Ordination of Pastors

Dismissal and Termination of a Pastoral Call

Duties of Deacons

Meetings of Church Officers: Session (elders) & Consistory (elders and deacons)

Resignation of Elders or Deacons

Removal of Elders and Deacons

Church Discipline

Appeals to Presbytery

### **WORSHIP**

The Covenantal Form of Worship

The Schedule of Worship and Church Meetings

The Nature of Baptism/Recipients of Baptism

The Eucharist/Recipients of the Eucharist

Amending the Constitution or Book of Confessions

Dissolution of the Congregation

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History of Amendments and Changes

# A Summary Outline of the Book of Confessions of All Saints Church

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The elders of All Saints Church have sincerely received and adopted the essential tenets of the Christian faith as expressed in the following creeds, confessions, and catechisms.

The Apostles' Creed (ca 2nd Century)

The Nicene (Constantinople) Creed (381)

Definition of Chalcedon (451)

The Thirty Nine Articles (1562)

The Three Forms of Unity (1618) (The Belgic Confession, The Heidelberg Catechism [1563], The Canons of Dort)

The Westminster Confession (1646)

The Westminster Shorter Catechism (1647)

The Chicago Statement on Inerrancy (1978)<sup>1</sup>

Apart from the exceptions indicated, we take these as historic, authentic, and reliable summaries of what Scripture, our only infallible rule, teaches. These doctrinal symbols express the system of doctrine contained in the Scriptures. As such, they function in our congregation to indicate the boundaries of orthodoxy for our confession, to remind us of the church militant and triumphant - the pillar and ground of the truth, and they inspire us to a clear grasp and expression of our faith in historically and theologically informed language.

We wish to qualify the spirit of our confessional use. There are two extremes to avoid. On the one hand the church must avoid an anti-creedal spirit which tends to be irrational, ignorant, and ungrateful for the church's history of defending the truth from error by the use of creeds. On the other hand, the church must avoid a creedalistic-subscriptionalistic stance that tends to undermine or set creeds and confessions on equal par with the Bible, if not theoretically, then functionally. The attitude the church should take is that the statements of the good creeds, confessions, and catechisms are verbal distillations of the truths of the Word of God and are thus, "trustworthy statements deserving full acceptance" (1Tim. 1:15, 3:1, 4:9; 2Tim. 2:11; Titus 3:8).

## Exceptions to our Confessional Tradition

1. WCF 7: The "covenant of works" was not meritorious and we deny that any covenant can be kept without faith.
2. WCF 21: The fourth commandment calls us to rest our bodies and souls (Gen. 2:2-3; Ex. 16:30; 31:15-17) with naps and various forms of recreation, especially in the context of the fellowship of God's people.
3. WCF 24: We accept the biblical laws of consanguinity (i.e., you may marry your late wife's sister).
4. WCF 25: The bishop of Rome is not the Anti-Christ, Man of Lawlessness, or Beast of Revelation, etc.
5. WCF 27: The sacraments may be administered with the oversight of any elder, lawfully ordained.
6. WCF 29: "Worthy receivers" of the Eucharist (communion) should include all baptized covenant members who are able to physically eat and drink the elements, including very young children being raised in the discipline and admonition of the Lord.

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<sup>1</sup> It is our intention to adopt the newly written Lancaster Catechism in our annual review of our constitution and confessional views (February 2021).