



**Albany  
Presbytery**

*Our transactional and task-oriented society elevates self-interest and individual success, above connection, collaboration and covenant. It is important, therefore, regularly to remind ourselves of the vows that connect us to God, one another, to those who have walked this path before us and those yet to come.*

#### **WHO ARE WE AS ALBANY PRESBYTERY?**

#### **WHAT BELIEFS AND BEHAVIORS DO WE HOLD IN COMMON?**

We trust in Jesus Christ our Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to us.

We sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do. We are instructed and led by those confessions as we lead the people of God.

We fulfill our office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and are continually guided by our confessions.

We are governed by our church's polity and abide by its discipline. We are friends among our colleagues in ministry, working together, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit.

In our own lives we seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love our neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world.

We promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church.

We serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.

Together as a council of the church, we seek to find and represent the will of Christ. We listen to God through prayerful attention to one another and the stirring of the Holy Spirit among us. Together we are responsible for reviewing the work of sessions when matters of controversy, complaint, or appeal are referred to us. We are governed by the majority and together possess the authority to fulfill the responsibilities assigned to Presbyteries by our constitution.