

TRINITY COVENANT CHURCH BEHAVIORAL COVENANTS

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

Colossians 3:12-14

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

- **As a fallen, broken, undeserving people reconciled to God through his gracious, loving gift of Jesus Christ we commit to be forgiving, loving, redemptive, restorative and reconciling in our relationships**

LISTENING:

James 1:19, 20

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because our anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

1 Corinthians 13:1

If I speak in human or angelic tongues, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

- **I will listen with an open mind and heart to others for understanding before I speak**
- **I will value, listen, and take to heart the opinions, ideas and perspectives of others, even when different than mine**

LOVING:

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Matthew 5: 23-24

Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to that person; then come and offer your gift.

- **When I express myself, I will do so openly, honestly, and lovingly**
- **I will share my thoughts as different perspectives are important**
- **I will turn away from the temptation of gossip**
- **When an open discussion is completed and all have been heard, I will be obedient to Jesus by embracing the wisdom of the congregation and the work of the Spirit among us**

FORGIVING:

Luke 6:37, 38a

Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you.

Matthew 6:14

For if you forgive others when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

- **I accept disagreement, conflict and evaluation, as they are a healthy part of community life**
- **I accept that others may not agree with my view or perspective**
- **I will maintain a commitment to reconciliation and to be forgiving and seek forgiveness**