



First United Methodist Church of Hurst

90-Day Covenant

From the beginning of his ministry, Jesus spent time in prayer with God. Jesus knew that this time spent with God allowed him to stay attuned to God's purposes, to be open to God's direction in his life. Over the next 90 days, I invite you to covenant with me to spend time in prayer with God each day. I ask that you be open to how God is inviting us, as a congregation, to respond faithfully to God's purposes for us.

With God's help, we covenant with you to set aside time for prayer each day and to be open to what God desires from us as the people of First United Methodist Church.

Jesus valued relationships with others and took time to listen to their needs. Through small groups and various ministries, you have the opportunity to listen and to share insights for ministry needs both in our congregation and in our community. I invite you to covenant together to be a people who value relationships through holy listening, openness, honesty, respect, and love.

With God's help, we covenant with you to be faithful conversation partners and will offer our prayerful insights trusting God to grant us all clarity in our purpose together.

At the heart of Jesus' teachings was the understanding that each and every person is a beloved child of God. Jesus spent his ministry encouraging his followers to live in response to the unconditional love God has for all people. Jesus showed us how to be a people of love, of grace, of mercy, of forgiveness, and of compassion. Given the love you have for Christ and for this church, I invite you to covenant with me to seek and believe the best in one another, trusting that we are all working together for the sake of Christ in response to God's deep love for us.

With God's help, we covenant with you to respond with love, grace, mercy, forgiveness, and compassion to each person and situation, trusting that we hold in common a deep desire to live faithfully as God's beloved children.

Let us pray together:

Loving and Compassionate God, we enter into this covenant with you and one another as a holy witness to our desire to live into your good purposes for us. Grant us the conviction and courage to uphold our pledge with faithfulness. Open our hearts and minds to hear your invitation to us, to bear witness to your work and word in our lives, and to respectfully trust in our shared love for you and for this, your church. Empower us with your Holy Spirit for your holy purposes. We offer this pledge in the name of your son, our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.