

“SERVICE OF NEW MEMBERS”

PASTOR: YOU ARE NO LONGER STRANGERS AND SOJOURNERS, BUT YOU ARE EQUALLY CITIZENS WITH THE SAINTS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD, BUILT UPON THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS, CHRIST JESUS ALONE BEING THE CORNERSTONE, IN WHOM THE WHOLE STRUCTURE IS JOINED TOGETHER AND GROWS INTO A HOLY TEMPLE IN CHRIST; IN WHOM YOU ARE ALSO BUILT INTO IT FOR A DWELLING PLACE OF GOD IN THE SPIRIT.

ONE: LET US UNITE WITH THE CHURCH IN ALL TIMES AND PLACES IN CONFESSING OUR FAITH IN THE TRIUNE GOD.

ONE: DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD?

ALL: I BELIEVE IN GOD.

ONE: DO YOU BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST?

ALL: I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST.

ONE: DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT?

ALL: I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

PASTOR: BY YOUR BAPTISM YOU WERE MADE ONE WITH US IN THE BODY OF CHRIST, THE CHURCH. TODAY WE REJOICE IN YOUR PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH WHICH HAS BROUGHT YOU TO THIS TIME AND PLACE. WE GIVE THANKS FOR EVERY COMMUNITY OF FAITH THAT HAS BEEN YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME, AND WE CELEBRATE YOUR PRESENCE IN THIS HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH.

ALAN TURNER, DON LAWRENCE, GLEN VERMETTE, DO YOU PROMISE BEFORE GOD AND US TO RENOUNCE EVIL, DO YOU PROMISE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LIFE AND MISSION OF THIS FAMILY OF GOD'S FOLK, SHARING REGULARLY IN THE WORSHIP OF GOD AND ENLISTING IN THE WORK OF THIS LOCAL CHURCH AS IT SERVES THIS COMMUNITY AND WORLD?

RESPONSE: I PROMISE WITH THE HELP OF GOD.

PASTOR: LET US, THE MEMBERS OF FEDERATED CHURCH OF PAXTON, EXPRESS OUR WELCOME AND AFFIRM OUR MUTUAL MINISTRY IN CHRIST.

CONGREGATION: WE WELCOME YOU WITH JOY IN THE COMMON LIFE OF THIS CHURCH. WE DO PROMISE YOU OUR FRIENDSHIP AND PRAYERS AS WE SHARE THE HOPES AND LABORS OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST. BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT MAY WE CONTINUE TO GROW TOGETHER IN GOD'S KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE AND BE WITNESSES OF OUR RISEN SAVIOR.

MODERATOR: IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, AND ON BEHALF OF THE FEDERATED CHURCH OF PAXTON, WE EXTEND TO YOU THE HAND OF CHRISTIAN LOVE, WELCOMING YOU TO OUR FAMILY.

NOW, LET US AS A FAMILY IN OUR FAITH PRAY TOGETHER, AS CHRIST TAUGHT US TO, OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN...

Welcome