



First Christian Church of Fayetteville

OUR MISSION IS TO BE A CHURCH THAT SERVES, LOVES, LEARNS AND MENDS.

We will accomplish this mission by discerning God's call as we work together for wholeness and reconciliation, as Christ did, through serving our community and in our relationships with one another.

SERVE

Our church is serving. We are at our best when we work together to make our communities a place where everyone has access to shelter, food, clothing and education. Jesus reminds us to serve others as if we were serving him: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

(Micah 6:8, James 2:14-18, Hebrews 6:10, Matthew 23:11, Matthew 25:40, Mark 10:45, 1 Peter 4:10, Romans 12:9-13)

LOVE

Our church is inclusive. We recognize all are created in the image of God and are children of God. We strive to be a community in which all who seek a genuine relationship with God and a church family are welcome with hospitality into the full life and ministry of the Church where each one's gifts can be discovered and used to build up the kingdom of God on earth.

(Galatians 3:28, I Corinthians 12:12-27, John 3:16-17, John 5:24)

LEARN

Our church is thinking. We stand in awe of God and recognize that studying the Bible and interpreting scripture is a process of "faith seeking understanding" and not a striving toward rigid certainty. We value diversity of thought and intellectual freedom. We cherish this as a safe place to openly discuss any topic as it relates to our life and faith.

(Romans 12:2, Philippians 4:8, James 3:13, James 3:17)

MEND

Our church is reconciling. We recognize we are created by a God of love who desires us to be in community. Events in our lives can lead to divisiveness and brokenness so that we fall short of living into our intended creation. Jesus gave his followers the ministry of reconciliation, and we are made whole when we adhere to Jesus' commands that we are to love God and love neighbor. Wholeness comes when we seek to reconcile with one another.

(Isaiah 61:1, Mark 12: 29-31, Ephesians 2:14, Romans 12:15-18, II Corinthians 5:16-21, Matthew 18:15)