



VALLEY COMMUNITY

BAPTIST CHURCH

MAKE YOUR COVENANT RENEWAL TODAY

At our January 2 Covenant Renewal service, Senior Pastor Rob O'Neal led a responsive reading with the congregation, encouraging everyone to renew their commitment to follow Jesus in 2022. Below is the script for that reading, which you can use to restart or refresh your faith walk - at any time!

- Leader** Let us gathered here before the Lord now in covenant commit ourselves to Christ as his servants. The power and strength to live as true servants is given to us in Christ. Let us give ourselves to Him so that we may fully belong to Him. Jesus Christ, we offer You this prayer:
- People** Let me be Your servant. Let me follow your commands. I will no longer follow my own desires. I give myself completely to your will.
- Leader** We accept the place and work that He gives us, acknowledging that He alone will be our reward.
- People** I am not my own. I am Yours alone. Make me into what You will. Rank me with those You will. Put me to use for You. Put me to suffering for You. Let me be employed for You. Let me be laid aside for You. Let me be lifted high for You. Let me be brought low for You. Let me be full or let me be empty. Let me have all things or let me have nothing. With a willing heart, I freely give everything to Your pleasure and disposal.
- Leader** Christ is Savior to those who are His true servants. He is the source of all salvation to those who obey. To be His servant is to consent fully to His will. Christ will be all in all, or he will be nothing.
- People** My righteous God, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, see me now as I fall down before You. Forgive my unfaithfulness when I have not done your will. You promise mercy if I turn to You with my whole heart.
- Leader** God requires that we rid ourselves of every idol in our lives.
- People** From the bottom of my heart, I here and now renounce every idol in my life. By turning against Your will I have turned my love toward the world. In Your power I will watch for any temptation that will lead me away from You.
- Leader** Through Jesus Christ, God offers to be our God, if we allow Him to be.
- People** Before all heaven and earth, I here and now acknowledge You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as my Lord and God. I vow to give all of myself, body and soul, to be Your servant and to serve You in holiness and righteousness all the days of my life.
- Leader** Jesus Christ is the only way and means to God and to salvation.



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People Jesus, I here and now accept You as the only new and living Way. I join myself in covenant with You. I come to You hungry, sinful, miserable, blind, and naked, and unworthy. With all my power, I accept You as my Lord and Head. I renounce my own unworthiness, and vow that You are the Lord, my righteousness. I renounce my own wisdom and take You for my only guide. I renounce my own will and take Your will as my law.

Leader Christ has told us that we must suffer with him.

People Jesus, I here and now make this covenant with You and accept whatever comes in life. Through Your grace I promise that neither life nor death will separate me from You.

Leader God has given holy laws as the rule of our lives.

People I here and now willingly take on Your yoke and burden. All Your laws are holy, just, and good. I accept them as the rule for my words, thoughts, and actions, promising I will strive to order my whole life around your direction. I will not allow myself to neglect anything I know to be my duty.

Leader The Almighty God searches and knows us, even the thoughts of our hearts.

People O God, You know that we have made this covenant today in sincerity, without deceit or reluctance. If You find anything false in us, guide us and help us to set it right.

Leader And now, glory be to You, God the Father.

People From this day forward, I shall look upon You as my God and Father.

Leader Glory be to You, God the Son.

People You have loved me and washed me from my sins in Your own blood. From this day forward, I shall look upon You as my Savior and Redeemer.

Leader Glory be to You, O God the Holy Spirit.

People By Your almighty power, You have turned my heart from sin to God. From this day forward I shall look upon You as my Comforter and Guide. O mighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you have now become my Covenant Friend. And I, through Your infinite grace, have become Your covenant servant. You are mine and I am Yours. So be it. May this covenant that I have made here on earth be ratified in heaven. Amen.