



## Mission Statement -- Adopted by CPC Session, December 3, 2018 and based on Matt 28:19-20

Centerville Presbyterian church is a church committed to:

### ◆ EXPERIENCING JESUS    ◆ TRANSFORMING LIVES    ◆ AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY

What does it mean to be committed to Authentic Community, Experiencing Jesus, and Transforming Lives? We want to be a body that daily seeks out and experiences the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We wish to create a community that loves and serves each other as the Lord first loved and served us. And we seek our lives, the lives of those around us, and across the globe, to be transformed by the overwhelming power of the Holy Spirit. We believe the goals we have developed below bring truth and action to our mission.

## Goals

We are a Bible based church that will:

### A. Share the Good News within our fellowship of believers and the community at large and the world.

- **Preaching:** We believe that Scripture, God's word, is the Truth. The infallible Word of God witnesses God's redemptive acts culminating in the incarnation of the Living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible, uniquely and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, is the authority on all matters on which it speaks. We are committed to preaching and teaching that supports this Truth.
- **Missions - *global, local and personal*:** We believe that we are called to share the love of Christ with those that do not know Him, which includes reaching those in faraway lands, those within our community, and those that God has placed into our personal everyday lives.
- **Worship:** We believe that worship is an opportunity to praise God together and thank Him as one body. We want to provide a vibrant, interactive, and welcoming worship time that will allow the Holy Spirit to work within the body and glorify the Father.

### B. Make Disciples and Baptize.

- **Discipleship, training, and mentoring:** The Great Commission was very clear, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the *age*." (Matt 28:19-20.)

We are called to make disciples, and at Centerville we want to proclaim that for everyone and encourage and train our church to live their lives as disciple makers. We believe that training and mentorship is important to help Christ followers understand their role in being a disciple, but how it looks for each of us could be different. Bringing people to Christ and baptizing them is the first step but continuing that relationship through mentorship is essential to help brothers and sisters grow in Christ.

### C. Live Life Together

- **Praying together:** Prayer is the cornerstone of our relationship with Christ. Praying together not only encourages our relationship with God but it also helps us to grow together in God. We believe in emboldening the church to be prayerful, but not just in isolated prayer, but prayer together.
- **Small groups:** Part of living life together involves sharing our lives. Being part of a small group gives us opportunity to share joys and sorrows, and to grow in faith together. We encourage everyone to get involved in some type of small group and to become connected. We also believe that it is important to train and provide support small group leaders. Group Leaders take on a burden when caring for those in their group. Being prepared to handle this role and be provided respite and support is essential to the health of the groups and the leaders.
- **Investing in the lives of others:** We believe that when Christ taught us to "love our neighbors as ourselves," He meant for us to invest in the lives of others. We are called to do more than just a "friendly hello" on Sunday mornings. Serving those in need and building relationships with them helps to share Christ's love, whether it be the homeless, those struggling with health or mental health issues, those with financial struggles, or those that are isolated, lonely, or marginalized.
- **Caring for the internal needs of our congregation:** We believe that Christ taught us to care for one another as brother and sisters in Christ. Currently, our congregation is a mostly elderly population with needs specific to their age. We believe that it is essential to provide help and hope for those with needs within our church as well as outside of it.