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## OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor

REV. J. K. ALDRICH

Deacons

HENRY TROWBRIDGE  
FRANKLIN GEORGE

Clerk

HENRY TROWBRIDGE

Treasurer

HENRY TROWBRIDGE

Superintendent of Sunday School

MRS. LUCY A. GEORGE

Prudential Committee

EDWIN O. SUMNER  
EDMUND W. WARREN  
ARTHUR M. KEITH

## Order for Admission of Members

INCLUDING

### Articles of Faith and Covenant

*The names of those persons intending publicly to confess Christ, having already been pronounced and accepted by vote of the Church, shall be read by the minister, and they shall present themselves before the pulpit, and the minister shall say:*

Hear the words of the Lord Jesus. "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. Whosoever, therefore, shall confess me before men, him will I confess before my Father which is in heaven."

### ADDRESS

Dearly beloved, you have presented yourselves in this holy place to make confession of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to enter into covenant with His church. We trust that you appreciate the solemnity and the blessedness of this confession, and that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

### ARTICLES OF FAITH

We believe in God the Father, who hath life in himself (John 5: 26) whose greatness is unsearchable; (Ps. 145: 3) who hath created all things, (Rev. 4: 11) and preserveth them all, doing according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth. (Dan. 4: 35) who was in the beginning with God. (John 1: 2)



who was made flesh and dwelt among us, (John 1: 14) died for our sins, was buried, rose again the third day, (1 Cor. 15: 3, 4) ascended up on high, (Eph. 4: 8) and ever liveth to make intercession for us. (Heb. 7: 25).

And in God the Holy Ghost, (Acts 5: 3, 4) the Comforter whom Christ hath sent unto us from the Father, (John 15: 26) who with the Father and the Son, together, one God, for there is no God but one, (1 Cor. 8: 4) is to be worshipped in the beauty of holiness. (Ps. 29: 2.)

And in the Holy Scriptures, given by inspiration of God, (2 Tim. 3: 16) able to make us wise unto salvation, (2 Tim. 3: 15) profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for instruction in righteousness (2 Tim. 3: 16).

We believe that the heart of the sons of men, is fully set in them to do evil. (Ecc. 8: 11) so that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, (Rom. 3: 23), and that by the offence of one, judgment came upon all men to condemnation. (Rom. 5: 18.)

We believe that in this was manifested the love of God toward us, (1 John 4: 9) that He sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins, (1 John 4: 10) and not for ours only; but also, for the sins of the whole world, (1 John 2: 2) for while we were yet sinners Christ died for us, (Rom. 5: 8), so that whosoever believeth in him, shall receive remission of sins. (Acts 10: 43).

We believe that we must work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, (Phil. 2: 12) and that whosoever will, may take of the water of life freely. (Rev. 22: 17). Yet, that except a man be born again by the renewing of the Holy Ghost, (Titus 3: 5) he cannot see the kingdom of God. (John 3: 3).

We believe in the church, the pillar and

ground of the truth, (1 Tim. 3: 15), in baptism for believers, (Acts 8: 37) and their households (Acts 16: 15) in the communion of the body and blood of Christ (1 Cor. 10: 16) for them that examine themselves, and eat and drink worthily, discerning the Lord's body. (1 Cor. 11: 28, 29).

We believe that we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done whether it be good or bad, (2 Cor. 5: 10) for the hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth (John 5: 28, 29) some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. (Dan. 12: 2).

This you truly confess and heartily believe.

### THE COVENANT

In the presence of God and this assembly, you do now solemnly confess to take God the Father, to be your God; Jesus Christ to be your Saviour; and the Holy Ghost to be your sanctifier; promising that you will faithfully endeavor to renounce sin, and that, denying all ungodliness, and every worldly lust, you will live soberly and righteously, in this present world, and will give up yourselves, body and soul, to be the servants of the Lord.

You acknowledge this to be a true church of Christ, and do covenant to walk with us blamelessly in all the ordinances which Christ has appointed in His church; particularly, you engage to sacredly observe the Holy Sabbath; to search diligently and prayerfully the Holy Scriptures; to worship God with reverence and constancy, in the closet, in the family, and in the congregation of His people; also that you will walk in broth-

erly love with all the members of this church as it becomes the followers of Jesus; and that you will submit to the government of Christ in this church, to its administrations and discipline, as far as conformable to the rules of the Gospel, so long as God in his providence shall continue you a member of it.

This you covenant and promise, relying on the Lord Jesus Christ for strength to perform these vows.

#### TO THOSE UNITING BY LETTER

Having previously made a confession of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and been recommended to us by the Church (or churches) from which you come, and assented to our articles of faith which have been read in your hearing, you do now renew your covenant with Christ and this church, promising to submit to the government of Christ as here administered, and to walk with us in loving Christian fellowship.

(The members of the Church will now please rise)

We now as a church affectionately receive you into our fellowship and communion, giving thanks to God, who we trust has inclined your heart to fear his name.

We promise to treat you with Christian affection; to watch over you with tenderness; and to offer our prayers to the Great Head of the Church, that He will enable you to fulfill this solemn covenant.

And may God of His great mercy give us all grace to be faithful to him and to each other, that at last through the merits of Christ, we may be admitted to the everlasting fellowship of saints and angels in the presence of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

#### Names of Resident Members

Rev. J. K. Aldrich	Mary A. Sherman
Mrs. Bertha E. Aldrich	William E. Sherman
Henry A. Bosworth	Mrs. Samantha A. Snow
Carrie L. Bosworth	Leander H. Snow
Mrs. Emma S. Bowen	Mrs. Sarah E. Snow
Mary E. Bowen	Caroline M. Sumner
Frederick A. Bowen	Mrs. Sarah J. Sumner
Orlo B. Carpenter	Edwin O. Sumner
Alice J. Carpenter	Mrs. Eva M. Sumner
Isabella G. Cheney	J. Melvin Tatem
George S. Deans	Mrs. Minnie J. Tatem
Mrs. Luthera L. Deans	Charles H. Tatem
Gilbert S. Dean	J. Carlton Tatem
Franklin George	Henry Trowbridge
Mrs. Lucy A. George	Mrs. L. F. Trowbridge
George A. Griggs	Mrs. Mary Walker
Mrs. Eliza A. Healey	E. Leon Walker
Mrs. M. B. Holman	Isaac Warren
Mrs. Sarah Hopkins	Mrs. Lydia Warren
Rev. S. M. Jones	Edmund W. Warren
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Arthur M. Keith	Benjamin Warren
Mrs. Lillian A. Keith	E. H. Warren
Mrs. Mary Ormsbee	Mrs. Abbie Warren
	Josie P. Warren





# NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS

Daniel M. Bennett	Oliver Earl Bowen
Mrs. Olive H. Bennett	Arthur L. Davis
Jessie Bennett	William Gaylord
Annie J. Bennett	A. Etta Bowen Gaylord
Usial H. Bowen	Mrs. Mary C. Marcy
Stephen O. Bowen	Mrs. Clarissa Perrin
	Mrs. Jessie B. Palmer

Number of members since the organization  
of the church 591.







