

Responsive Covenant Service

# Guildfield

**-BAPTIST CHURCH-**

**MINISTER:**

By what common and gracious experiences do we enter into spiritual fellowship and covenant relations with God and one another?

**CONGREGATION:**

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, Angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

**MINISTER:**

What is the great bond of our union with God and each other?

**CONGREGATION:**

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love.

**MINISTER:**

What are our great privileges and duties in this our own church?

**CONGREGATION:**

To strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort, to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines.

**MINISTER:**

What vows do we gladly make as stewards of that which God has entrusted to us?

**CONGREGATION:**

To contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel throughout all nations.

**MINISTER:**

For the sake of our homes and our loved ones, what gracious tasks do we humbly assume?

**CONGREGATION:**

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to educate religiously our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances.

**MINISTER:**

For the sake of the unsaved for whom our Saviour died, to what manner of life and conversation are we solemnly and sincerely pledged?

**CONGREGATION:**

To walk circumspectly in the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment, to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drink as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

**MINISTER:**

Since one is our Master, even Christ, and all we are brethren, by what fraternal ministries are we to strengthen each other and adorn the teachings of our Lord and Saviour?

**CONGREGATION:**

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to seek it without delay.

**MINISTER and CONGREGATION:**

Humbly confessing our past sins, we pray for grace and strength to keep these, our holy vows, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen