

FORM FOR THE CONFESSION OF FAITH



To the church

Ac 2:39
Rom 8:17
Gen 17:9
1 Tim 1:15
Col 2:2
1 Tim 6:12
1 Jn 1:3
Gal 4:6
Eph 4:12

Beloved in the Lord,

In Jesus Christ, our Lord, God established the covenant of grace with us and with our children.

As children and heirs, we share in the full riches of the benefits of this covenant. We are, however, also called to accept and obey this covenant. For this reason, our covenant children must, once they have gained the necessary insight, publicly profess their faith before the church; and also undertake to uphold covenant fellowship with God, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Guided by the Spirit of God and his Word, these brothers and sisters (this brother/sister) requested the church council for an opportunity to publicly profess their faith. Having been properly instructed and examined, the church council is convinced that each of them (he/she) are (is) equipped to make such a personal profession.

Therefore, each of them (he/she) will be given the opportunity to do so.

To the professing member/s to be

Dt 6:4
Mt 28:19

Ps 51:7
Rom 7:21
Heb 10:10
Eph 1:5
1 Pet 1:21

You come now in the presence of God and his church to profess your faith. I request you therefore to sincerely answer the following questions:

1. *Do you believe in the one and only true God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit into whose name you were baptised?*

2. *Do you believe and confess that even though you were conceived and born in sin and remain prone to all wickedness, you nevertheless have been sanctified in Christ, adopted by the Father as his child and raised up to a new obedience by the Holy Spirit?*

3. *Do you believe and confess that the Old and New Testament are the Word of God and the complete doctrine of salvation, as it is expressed in the confessions of the Reformed churches and taught in this church?*

1 Tim 4:16
Jn 15:4
Dt 6:5
1 Sam 15:22
1 Pet 1:14
1 Cor 1:30
1 Pet 2:5
1 Pet 2:2
Php 2:4
Ac 1:8
Pr 8:33
Mt 18:15

4. *Is it your intention, by the grace of God, to steadfastly persevere in this doctrine all the days of your life: to maintain covenant fellowship with God, to love him wholeheartedly and worship him in obedience to his Word? Is it also your intention to forsake the world and its desires, to seek your life and salvation not in yourself but only in Jesus Christ, thereby confirming your profession with a God-fearing life?*

5. *Whilst full communion with the church of Christ is now unlocked for you, do you promise as a living member of the church: to diligently seek and make use of the ministry of the Word and sacraments, to use your gifts willingly and with joy for the benefit and well-being of other members and for the expansion of the kingdom of God. Do you promise further to submit to Christian admonition and discipline, should you stray in doctrine or life?*

[NAME], what is your answer?

Answer Yes

Welcoming and reception Now that you have publicly professed your faith and accepted God's covenant promises sealed to you in your baptism, we hereby charge you to persevere in the profession you just made. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we sincerely welcome you into full communion with the people of God. God of all grace has called us to his eternal glory in Christ. May he himself, after we have suffered a little while, restore, confirm, strengthen and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Mt 24:13
1 Pt 5:10-11

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