

## **Behavioral Covenant of Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church**

(appended to church bylaws by congregational vote on 01/29/2023)

The people of Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church, called by God to be a congregation centered in Christ, caring for community, covenant to behave in ways that reflect our sacred values:

- **Honoring all people as loved by God;**
- **Trusting that all congregants wish to follow Jesus;**
- **Respecting those who lead us and their decisions;**
- **Prioritizing congregational good over individual wants;**
- **Practicing patience with one another;**
- **Listening receptively to diverse voices and viewpoints;**
- **Communicating peaceably, honestly, and courteously;**
- **Exhibiting self-control during times of stress or conflict;**
- **Resolving conflict with courage, fairness, and hope;**
- **Protecting all persons' safety and dignity;**
- **Preventing boundary violations, misconduct, and abuse;**
- **Stopping destructive behavior nonviolently and swiftly;**
- **Forgiving those who apologize or "know not what they do";**
- **Comforting those in need of compassion;**
- **Examining ourselves & confessing our need for forgiveness;**
- **Reconciling, when possible, with those estranged from us;**
- **Rejoicing in God's mercy and grace;**
- **Giving thanks for God's faithfulness;**
- **Praying for everyone's wellbeing;**
- **Relying on God to help us live by this covenant;**
- **Seeking the Spirit's wisdom and leading for our church.**