

### **The Third Great End of the Church: The Maintenance of Divine Worship**

It is in the worship where we can discern the marks of the true church – in the faithfulness of the Word rightly preached and the faithfulness of the Sacraments rightly received. These vital activities allow the Gospel to be made real in the lives of disciples. In this sense, divine worship is the only indispensable thing the church does. In worship, God reaches out to us and is present in our lives.

#### **Hus Church Guiding Principle: Celebrating God's Love**

Believing God to be the Creator of all, we glorify and enjoy God by gathering together to celebrate God's love through joyful thanks and grateful praise.

#### **The Symbolism:**

The cup represents the Lord's Supper and the three drops of water symbolize baptism in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The dove reminds us that God's Spirit is active in worship. Raised arms signify our praise, thanksgiving, and worship of the living God.

### **The Fourth Great End of the Church: The Preservation of the Truth**

The church affirms that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6). We are called to preserve faith in the truth to which Christ bore witness, the truth that Christ is, and the Spirit of truth which abides in us.

#### **Hus Church Guiding Principle: Living And Growing In Word And Spirit**

Believing God speaks to us clearly and definitely through God's Word, the Bible, and that God's life is poured into us through the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, and seek to live in ways that demonstrate the power of God's Spirit to transform lives.

#### **The Symbolism:**

The banner represents the blossoming of God's truth in the light of Christ and through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, God with us and for us. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5) God's light is not only bright, it is colorful.

### **The Fifth Great End of the Church: The Promotion of Social Righteousness**

The church seeks to influence society by living righteously according to the Word. Christians are to model Jesus' lifestyle as expressed in His bringing good news to the poor, proclaiming release to the captives, letting the oppressed go free, and proclaiming the year of the Lord's favor (Luke 4:18-19).

#### **Hus Church Guiding Principle: Serving Faithfully In Christ's Name**

Believing Christ continues His ministry of reconciliation, love, redemption, and hope through His people, we offer our lives, just as Christ offered His, in service to others and to the world.

#### **The Symbolism:**

The water symbolizes the eternal truths of Amos 5:24: "Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream." The dove indicates the work of God's Spirit through God's people as they work for and exhibit God's righteousness in this world of death and despair.

### **The Sixth Great End of the Church: The Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World**

Before anyone will pay attention to the church's efforts to promote social righteousness, they must be able to see clear and tangible evidence of God's reign in this world. The church is to be an island of heaven's realities in the midst of this shadow world of deception.

#### **Hus Church Guiding Principle: Submitting Our Resources To The Reign Of God**

Believing Jesus Christ is the Lord of all life, and that a time will come when the whole world will exalt and confess His holy name, we earnestly submit our wills, our hearts, our minds, our work, our time, our possessions, our money, and all our resources to Him in order to invite as many people as possible to enter into the kingdom of God.

#### **The Symbolism:**

The dove is in flight over the world, representing the Spirit's work of making everything new. In its mouth is an olive branch which represents God's grace coming into the world, the reign of God proclaimed by Jesus Christ. The light behind the globe represents dawn, the dawning of God's kingdom. So must the church of Jesus Christ exhibit God's kingdom to the world.

# Hus PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## The Great Ends of the Church, The Guiding Principles of Hus Church, And The Banners



### **The Hus Church Purpose**

Inviting Seekers To Become Believers  
Equipping Believers To Become Disciples  
Inspiring Disciples To Become Servants

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## **The Six Great Ends Of The Church**

In 1910, the United Presbyterian Church in North America adopted a set of mission statements that was intended to define its life and work. Called the “Six Great Ends of the Church,” these brief phrases attempted to draw together elements of belief and practice that could be traced through the Reformed tradition to the very teachings of Jesus himself as they are recorded in the Gospels. A century and several denominational mergers later, these statements remain in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), being stated in the opening pages of the Book of Order.

- The proclamation of the Gospel for the salvation of humankind
- The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God
- The maintenance of divine worship
- The preservation of the truth
- The promotion of social righteousness
- The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world

## **The Six Guiding Principles**

In the life of Hus Presbyterian Church, six guiding principles (also called “core values”) were developed in an intentional three-year process of congregational forums, workshops, prayer seasons, and open discussion. In June 2005, these were endorsed by the congregation in an overwhelming vote of affirmation. These principles are worded to express the unique mission and ministry of this particular congregation, but they are in meaning and intent virtually identical to the Six Great Ends listed in the Presbyterian Church USA Book of Order.

- Proclaiming Christ In The World
- Living Life United In Christ
- Celebrating God’s Love
- Living And Growing In The Word
- Serving faithfully In Christ’s Name
- Submitting Our Resources To The Reign Of God

## **The Banners**

During the process of developing a set of guiding principles for the life and work of Hus Church, one of the members, Lois Wegner, had two very vivid dreams in which there were six brightly colored banners hanging in the sanctuary. She could not tell what was on them, but sensed that they meant something very important to the life of the congregation. She shared this with several others, including Marjorie Nejd, an internationally known artist who is a member of Hus Church.

Marjorie had been hoping to do an artistic project in service to God and this church for some time, and saw this as an opportunity to fulfill this desire. During the same time period, Pastor Will Jackson had been seeking a way to emphasize the importance of the Six Great Ends of the Church and the six guiding principles of Hus Church. With the Quilting Club graciously funding the material, this all came together to produce the wonderful banners that are so prominently displayed in the sanctuary, where they are bringing glory to God.

The artwork illustrating “The Great Ends of the Church” was taken from the small booklet, The Great Ends of the Church, Worship Resources for Congregations. This is a gathering of materials emphasizing the great worship heritage of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The artwork taken from the booklet was modified significantly by Marjorie Nejd for use by Hus Presbyterian Church. While the basic designs essentially are the same as in the booklet, the differences express Marjorie’s insightful interpretation as she understood their meaning in this particular congregation’s context of ministry.

In this brochure you will be introduced to the essential meaning of each banner, along with what some of the symbols represent. It is hoped that everyone who looks at these banners will not only see the gifted artistry that is displayed, but will be drawn by the Holy Spirit to understand what each banner is proclaiming about God’s ministry of faith, hope, and love through God’s people, the Church of Jesus Christ. In the end, it is the prayer of this congregation that these banners will be used by the Holy Spirit to invite people into a dynamic and living relationship with Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour, help equip people to live as committed disciples, and inspire many disciples to serve others in the name of Jesus Christ.

## **The First Great End of the Church: The proclamation of the Gospel for the Salvation of Humankind**

Jesus Christ is God’s proclamation to us. The Gospel, the Good News, is that God has been revealed and is with us in the birth, life, teaching, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who offers us all forgiveness of sins and new life everlasting.

### **Hus Church Guiding Principle: Proclaiming Christ In The World**

Believing Christ is the one true way to God, we go into the world to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to all seekers, attracting them to a life of discipleship through what we say and do.

#### **The Symbolism:**

The dove is rising from the Scriptures. The same Spirit that inspired the original writers must work in us if we are to receive the Gospel. The cross in the background reminds us that the heart of the Gospel is Jesus Christ, God with and for us.

## **The Second Great End of the Church: The Shelter, Nurture, and Spiritual Fellowship of the Children of God**

Christians recognize that nourishment in the faith is essential to the lives of believers and indispensable to the church’s mission. As the Holy Spirit forms us into Christ’s image, we freely adopt practices that help us grow spiritually – such as worship, intentional Bible reading, and prayers of thanksgiving and intercession. These help us become closer to God and to each other.

### **Hus Church Guiding Principle: Living Life United In Christ**

Believing Christ to be uniquely present with His people, we seek to be an inviting, loving community of Christ’s disciples, who are led and gifted by the Holy Spirit, and who care for one another, support one another, encourage one another, admonish one another, and forgive one another.

#### **The Symbolism:**

The multihued hands represent all the children of God. The dove’s wings are outstretched to hover protectively over God’s people, just as God’s Spirit in reality covers us and nurtures us with and in God’s presence.

# **TO THE GLORY OF GOD**