



CITY SOUTH  
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Mission, Vision, Values  
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# City South Presbyterian Church

*Meet Jesus with us.*

## Our Mission

We are a meeting place between Jesus and the world. We want to be a community living in God's presence and so carrying his presence to the world. We long to see our city and world transformed by Jesus as his good news changes both sinful individual lives and unjust systems.

## Our Vision

We are a community who:

- **Meets Jesus** in his word, with each other, to be transformed by the Spirit, into people who love and worship God, and so become the people he created us to be.
- **Meets the living, Triune God, our creator and redeemer**, in prayer and worship together, and so become living sacrifices who invite others to meet Jesus in our lives together.
- **Meets together** as a taste of the goodness of God to us in Jesus, to bear one another's burdens, to live and speak the truth in love, pursuing maturity in Christ, and to encourage one another to live lives worthy of our calling, and in anticipation of his return.
- **Meets our neighbours**, wherever they might be, and love them as God has loved us in Jesus, as a faithful presence in our communities, serving as ambassadors of God's kingdom and his ministers of reconciliation, in anticipation of Jesus returning to make all things new.

## Our Values

We **hold firmly to the truths of the Gospel of Jesus** as the basis of our unity. We believe the Bible is God's word, and that it tells the story of Jesus so that it is 'fulfilled in him'; his story becomes our story as we are united in and to him by the Holy Spirit.

We **prayerfully seek God's will in our lives**, and in the life of our community, as we long to see his kingdom come on earth, as it is in heaven. Our time with one another is marked by prayer, including prayer that others might come to know Jesus as Lord, and so receive his presence in their lives through the Holy Spirit.

We **are vulnerable and honest about our own sin and brokenness**, living and speaking the truth to one another in love, and welcoming to those not yet trusting Jesus.

We are a **community marked by the hope and joy** that comes from our story, rather than cynicism or despair. We are 'good news people,' anticipating the renewal of all things. We play together in ways that help us experience God's goodness, and so become a non-anxious presence in a challenging world.

We **value diversity**. The breadth of God's love for the world in Jesus is expressed in the inclusion in God's kingdom of people from every tribe and tongue and nation, and in our church community it is expressed in the inclusion of people of different ages, ethnicities, backgrounds, sexual orientation, sub-cultures, or marriage status, finding life and wholeness in obedience to Jesus and transformation into his image.

We are a **church family that is multi-generational**, seeing each person as a member of the body, and welcoming and reflecting the diversity of our broader community and cultural context.

We **seek to be a healthy church community** which embraces biblical understandings of spiritual growth and leadership and rejects worldly models of power, status, consumerism and growth. It is our prayer and hope that those who meet Jesus in our midst will become his lifelong resilient disciples, equipped to obey and serve him in our community, and wherever he leads them throughout his world.

We **seek out the things that are broken, that they might be fixed as a faithful presence in God's world**. Our experience of God's love and grace in the Gospel motivates us and influences the causes we care about, as we are re-created as God's image bearing presence in the world, called to be fruitful and multiply, and to go and make disciples. We see, in this, a responsibility to love God's creation as God does, and to participate in, and long for, its transformation.

We **encourage ownership and ministry by all members of our church**, not just those with formal/paid ministry roles.

We **practice hospitality** as a way of showing Jesus' welcome of us and to help make the Gospel attractive to those around us.