



Vision Night

OUTLINE AND LITANY

PURPOSE

To gather as a Covenant people to discern God's vision for renewal in ourselves, our congregations, and our neighborhoods, and to recognize that true renewal begins with repentance, turning away from whatever holds us back and embracing new life in Christ so that we can more faithfully join God in God's mission to see more disciples among more populations in a more caring and just world.

SCRIPTURE

All Scripture references are from NLT.

- "Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away. Then times of refreshing will come from the Lord" (ACTS 3:19–20).
- "Or do you think lightly of the riches of his kindness, tolerance, and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?" (ROMANS 2:4).
- "The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed but wants everyone to repent" (2 PETER 3:9).
- "Throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy" (EPHESIANS 4:22–24).
- "He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit" (TITUS 3:5).
- "Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him" (COLOSSIANS 3:9–10).

Litany of Repentance and Renewal for the Evangelical Covenant Church

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, we gather as part of the Covenant family, mission friends, who long to see renewal in our lives, our churches, and our world. We remember the Lord's promise: "Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways..." (2 CHRONICLES 7:14A).

People: "I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land. For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?" (2 CHRONICLES 7:14B; ISAIAH 43:19).

Leader: As the Evangelical Covenant Church, we affirm our shared need for God's mercy. Scripture reminds us: "Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away" (ACTS 3:19).

People: Then times of refreshment will come from the presence of the Lord (ACTS 3:20).

Leader: We come with humility, seeking the renewal of the Holy Spirit. That is why the Lord says, "Turn to me now, while there is time. Give me your hearts. Come with fasting, weeping, and mourning. Don't tear your clothing in your grief but tear your hearts instead" (JOEL 2:12–13A).

People: As mission friends, we long for God's transforming work: "And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart" (EZEKIEL 36:26).

Leader: We confess our sins and place our trust in Christ. “For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There’s no regret for that kind of sorrow” (2 CORINTHIANS 7:10A).

People: “This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” (2 CORINTHIANS 5:17).

Leader: We are a people rooted in Scripture, centered in worship, united in community, and engaged in mission. Together we hear the call: “But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness” (1 John 1:9).

People: “That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day” (2 CORINTHIANS 4:16).

Leader: Friends, [Insert church name] joins together with churches across the Covenant, believing that true revival begins with repentance and that lasting renewal comes through Christ. Hear once more the invitation of Jesus: “Look! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me” (REVELATION 3:20).

People: “Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen” (EPHESIANS 3:20–21).

The Call to Renewal for the Evangelical Covenant Church

As the Evangelical Covenant Church, we respond to this call, seeking God’s renewal and reimagined ministry. Together, we commit to lead with hope, boldly share this vision within our congregations, and generously support this movement of renewal. We are focusing on three areas of renewal: empowering resilient leaders, planting and revitalizing churches, and nurturing authentic, Christ-centered faith.

In our changing world, we need Spirit-led leaders—women and men who serve with wisdom and reliance on God. We are committed to raising up pastors who are rooted in Scripture, guided by prayer, and compelled by a passion for discipleship and justice.

We seek to remain mission-driven, rooted in the gospel and adapting to our ministry contexts, embracing innovation, deepening spiritual formation, and strengthening evangelism.

Throughout our history we have sought to proclaim the gospel along with demonstrating compassion through mercy and justice.

THE CHALLENGE

We acknowledge the weariness and struggles the Church is experiencing.

Begin with Prayer

Renewal begins not with our strength, but with humbling ourselves before God.

Invitation and Commitment

- Where do you sense God calling us to repentance?
- Where do you see signs of God’s renewal?
- How might you personally step into Vision for Renewal?

Closing Prayer and Blessing:

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