

Fallingbrook Presbyterian Church

STATEMENT OF IDENTITY

NOVEMBER, 2011

Identity-We are a community deeply committed to our Christian faith, seeking to know God better.

Approach-We openly welcome and embrace change, new ideas, new people, and are supportive of one another, the broader church and the community.

Values

1. **Worship:** We value creative and thought-provoking preaching and worship; variety and excellence in the musical selections, both vocal and instrumental, embracing contemporary and traditional approaches; imaginative and dramatic presentation of scriptures.

Therefore active participation of the congregation is encouraged. As we plan our worship, we are open to questioning and sharing insights on our Christian journey.

2. **Mission:** The church is called to do the work of Christ in the world. We provide opportunities for people to encounter God and be transformed by God's grace. We help people who are suffering and desire to walk alongside them. We care for all of God's creation and commit to using the earth's resources wisely.

Therefore we care for suffering people and God's good creation.

3. **Stewardship:** Everything we have is a gift from God. We are stewards of God's good creation. We examine and challenge our attitudes towards money and the way we allocate our time.

Therefore, we seek to discover and use those gifts which God has given to us for the good of all.

4. **Outreach:** To foster outreach, it is important to be a truly loving, supportive, inclusive community. Partnerships with area groups are to be explored and encouraged with the view to becoming a focal point for our local community.

Therefore we strive to understand our neighbourhood and its needs.

5. **Learning:** As disciples, we desire to learn more about our Christian faith and will support programs that foster learning for all ages.

Therefore opportunities to broaden our understanding of the faith and the world will be pursued.

Mission Statement:

With faith in God, we seek to share the good news of Jesus Christ, pursue justice for all, care for one another, our community and the earth.

**Motto: Searching
Sharing
Shaping**