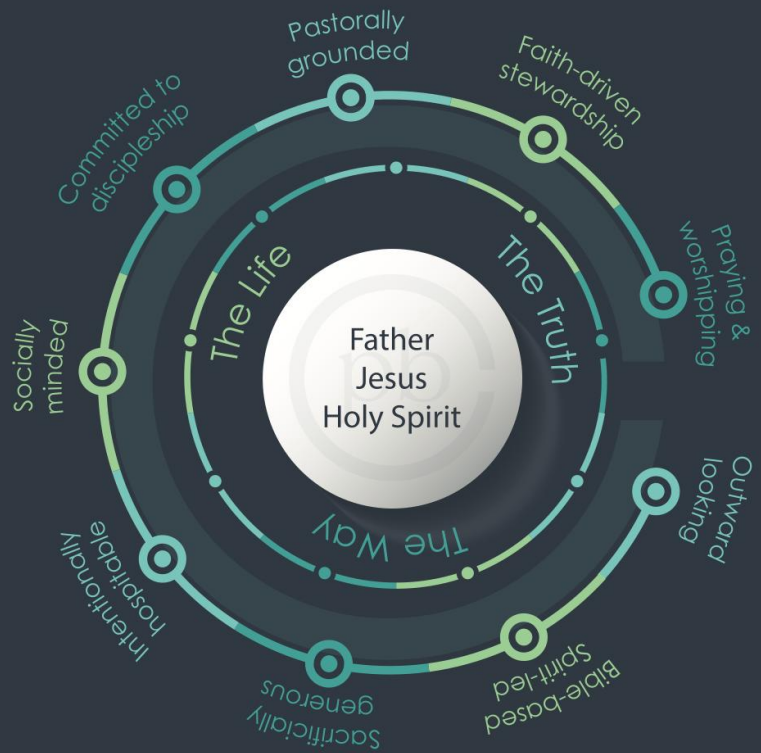


Our core values ...in practice

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PBC Missional Practices explained:

Our missional practices stem from our core values and exemplify how *The Way, The Truth, and The Life of Jesus* manifest in the daily life of our church community. These practices are not merely programmes or strategies, but rhythms of discipleship that enable us to live faithfully as God's people. As we endeavour to follow Jesus together, we dedicate ourselves to being pastorally

grounded, practising faith-driven stewardship, praying and worshipping, remaining outward-looking, being Bible-based and Spirit-led, living sacrificially generous lives, practising intentional hospitality, and engaging our community with a socially conscious faith. Through these shared practices, we aim to embody the gospel, nurture one another in Christ, and participate in God's mission in the world.

1 - Pastorally Grounded

Being pastorally grounded reflects The Life, where we belong as the people of God and are cared for as His family. We seek to shepherd one another with compassion, wisdom, and spiritual maturity, ensuring that every person is known, supported, and guided toward Christ. Rooted in the example of Jesus, pastoral care nurtures healing, discipleship, and spiritual growth so that individuals may flourish in their identity as children of God and live out their faith within a loving community.

1 Peter 5:2–3 - Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock."



Our core values

...explained

I am **the way** and **the truth** and **the life**. No one comes to the Father except through me. **John 14:6**



The way

What we believe and how we behave

Jesus models a life of integrity, compassion, faith and sacrificial love, which he calls us to display in the way we live our daily lives. His way is what inspires us to worship, pray, love and value others as Jesus does.



The truth

Who we trust and connect with

Jesus Christ is the very incarnation of eternal truth that convicts and transforms all who come to Him. In Christ, truth is not a mere concept to be explored but a person to be encountered and in whom we trust and connect with (abide).



The life

Where we belong and who we are

Life in Jesus Christ means to belong to God and to be the children of God. The life of Jesus enables us to be a dwelling place for the Father, Son and Holy Spirit through whom we are empowered and sanctified to live a life of purpose.

2 - Faith-Driven Stewardship

Faith-driven stewardship expresses The Way, shaping how we live and behave as faithful caretakers of all God has entrusted to us. We recognise that our time, gifts, resources, and opportunities belong first to God and are offered back to Him in worship. Through faithful stewardship, we demonstrate trust in God's provision and participate in His mission, using what we have been given to serve others and advance His kingdom with integrity and generosity.

1 Peter 4:10 - Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

3 - Praying & Worshipping

Prayer and worship embody The Truth, drawing us into living communion with God through Jesus Christ. In worship, we respond to who God is, and in prayer, we cultivate a relationship with Him. Together, these practices align our hearts with God's presence, deepen our trust, and transform us as we abide in Christ. Through prayer and worship, we encounter God not merely as an idea but as the living Lord who shapes our faith and directs our lives.

John 4:23-24 - Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

Philippians 4:6 - Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

4 - Outward-Looking

Being outward-looking reflects The Way lived in action, as we follow Jesus in loving and serving the world around us. Grounded in the gospel, we intentionally move beyond ourselves to share hope, compassion, and practical care with our communities. This ministry expresses God's heart for reconciliation and invites others to encounter Christ through acts of service, hospitality, and mission.

Matthew 5:16 - In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

5 - Bible-Based & Spirit-Led

A Bible-based, Spirit-led ministry unites The Truth and The Life, anchoring us in God's Word while remaining attentive to the Holy Spirit's guidance. Scripture forms our understanding of God, while the Spirit empowers us to live out that truth faithfully. Together, Word and Spirit shape our discernment, strengthen

our obedience, and lead us into a Christ-centred life marked by transformation and purpose.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 - All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Galatians 5:25 - Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

6 - Sacrificially Generous

Sacrificial generosity reflects The Life of Christ, expressed through love in action. As recipients of God's grace, we freely give of ourselves for the good of others, mirroring Jesus' self-giving love. Generosity becomes an act of worship that builds community, meets needs, and tangibly demonstrates the gospel. In giving sacrificially, we participate in God's ongoing work of restoration and blessing.

2 Corinthians 9:7–8 - Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

7 - Intentional Hospitality

Intentional hospitality expresses The Life, creating spaces where people experience belonging before believing. Just as Christ welcomes us, we seek to receive others with openness, warmth, and dignity. Hospitality becomes a spiritual practice through which strangers become neighbours and neighbours become family, reflecting God's invitation into His household.

Romans 15:7 - Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."

8 - Socially Minded

Being socially minded reflects The Way of Jesus, who engaged compassionately with society's brokenness. We pursue justice, mercy, and advocacy, recognising the dignity and worth of every person created in God's image. Our faith moves beyond words into tangible engagement with social needs, demonstrating God's love through responsible action and community transformation.

Micah 6:8 - He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

9 - Committed to Discipleship

Commitment to discipleship integrates The Way, The Truth, and The Life, forming believers who grow into Christlikeness. Discipleship is an intentional journey of learning, transformation, and obedience, equipping believers to follow Jesus daily and help others do the same. Through teaching, mentoring, and shared spiritual practices, we cultivate mature followers of Christ who live faithfully and participate in God's mission.

Matthew 28:19–20 - Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

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