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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

### **Lookout Valley Presbyterian Church's Mission Statement** (updated April 2024)

Love God, Love Others, Serve the World

1 Corinthians 16:14 *Let all that you do be done in love.* (ESV)

#### **1) Love God**

Our love for God is the center of our Mission Statement. When truly loving God the natural progression is to love others as we help our family, our church family, our community and enable the missionaries we support to help people throughout the world.

We must accept God's love before we can love Him. Loving Him means every area of our life must include Him. We study the scriptures to know the character of God and to worship Him. We love God by being obedient to His commands, by following the Golden Rule & the Great Commission. We show our love for God by living our lives in a way that honors Him. It is then obvious to those around us in and out of church.

#### **2) Love Others**

We strive to love others as God loves us. We strive to recognize the difference in character and personality, to love others as they are. We strive to forgive others as the Lord has forgiven us. We strive to help the less fortunate, to encourage others, give joy and love.

We endeavor to take care of needs of others as best as we can, to practice hospitality, welcoming others to our congregation. As believers, we have something to offer that is different from the world - make sure everyone knows about the gospel of Jesus.

By showing love, the Holy Spirit will show through us.

#### **3) Serve the World**

We strive to serve the world through local and international means. It could be through tutoring local elementary children after school, "adopting" a local third grade class or participating in the baby shower drive for items for our local planned parenthood association. It is through our contributions to mission work – local and international. It is through acts of kindness, volunteer work, selflessness, compassion and a desire to make a positive impact on the lives of others. It is community involvement. It is loving our neighbors. By injecting ourselves into situations we are able to help, we feel we are part of God's plans.

2 Corinthians 5:7 *for we walk by faith, not by sight.* (ESV)