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**OUR COMMUNITY: WHO WE ARE**

- The significance of the church...
  - We are the expression of God's **family**. (*In the household of God...*)
  - We are the inhabitants of God's **presence**. (*The church of the living God...*)
  - We are the guardians of God's **Word**. (*A pillar and buttress of the truth...*)
    - Preserving God's Word: We hold it **firm**.
    - Proclaiming God's Word: We hold it **high**.
  - The awe-inspiring reality for the Church: God dwells **among** us!

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**OUR CONFESSION: WHAT WE MUST BELIEVE**

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- The supremacy of Christ...
- True doctrine leads to right living
  - He reveals the **mystery** of godliness.
  - He displays the **majesty** of God.
    - Incarnated as the **Son**. (*Incarnation*)
    - Verified by the **Spirit**. (*Resurrection*)
    - **Praised** among the heavens. (*Angels*)
    - **Proclaimed** across the earth. (*Disciples*)
    - The **Savior** of all the world. (*The Gospel*)
    - The **King** over all the universe. (*Ascension*)
  - The awe-inspiring reality for the Christian: Christ lives **within** you!

**OUR CONDUCT: HOW WE MUST BEHAVE**

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- The summons of all Christians...
- To show what it means to have God as our **Father**.
- To say to the world that God is the **Savior**.
  - Today...
    - We are a family on a **mission** to every nation.
  - One day...
    - We will be a family with **members** from every nation.

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