

# SERMON NOTES

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## Our Mission:

To develop followers of Jesus Christ in the South Hills of Pittsburgh, in the Greater Pittsburgh area, and throughout the world.

## TBC CORE VALUES

### The Five Essentials

WORD

WORSHIP

CONNECT

SERVE

SHARE

*Genesis 1:1-3*

*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.*

**Genesis 1:1—God: All-Powerful Creator**

**Genesis 1:2—Spirit of God: Protector and Overseer**

**Genesis 1:3—The Word of God: Life-Giving Agent of Creation**

*John 1:1-4*

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men.*

*John 1:14a*

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.*

## **THE ESSENCE OF CONNECTION IS THE PERSON OF GOD.**

*Genesis 1:27*

*So God created man in his own image in the image of God he created him male and female he created them.*

*Genesis 2:18*

*Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."*

## **THE EXPRESSION OF CONNECTION IS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.**

*...Be at peace with each other. (Mark 9:50)*

*...Love one another... (John 13:34, 35; 15:12, 17)*

*Be devoted to one another... (Romans 12:10)*

*...Honor one another above yourselves. (Romans 12:10)*

*...Stop passing judgment on one another. (Romans 14:13)*

*...Serve one another in love. (Galatians 5:13)*

*Carry each other's burdens... (Galatians 6:2)*

*...Be patient, bearing with one another in love. (Ephesians 4:2)*

*Be kind and compassionate to one another... (Ephesians 4:32)*

*...Forgive each other... (Ephesians 4:32)*

*The serious Christian, set down for the first time in a Christian community, is likely to bring with him a very definite idea of what Christian life together should be and to try to realize it. But God's grace speedily shatters such dreams.*

*... Only that fellowship which faces such disillusionment, with all its unhappy and ugly aspects, begins to be what it should be in God's sight.... The sooner this shock of disillusionment comes to an individual and to a community the better for both...Every human wish dream that is injected into the Christian community is a hindrance to genuine community and must be banished if the community is to survive. He who loves his dream of community more than the Christian community itself becomes a destroyer of the latter...*

*-Bonhoeffer, Life Together, 26-27*

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**THE EXPRESSION OF CONNECTION IS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.**

**THE ANCHOR OF CONNECTION IS THE SON OF GOD.**

*Ephesians 2:19-22*

*So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.*

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