**Parkside Baptist Church**

**Mission:**

Love, Pray, Equip, Share, Restore

**Commitment**

Because of God’s saving grace revealed to us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, we seek (in both the power of the Spirit and love of the Father) to be a:

**Worshipping Community**

We seek to authentically worship God (Father, Son and Spirit) using all of our God given creative ability. This encompasses all spiritual gifts including music, spoken word, art, service, and practical helps.

**Prayerful community**

We acknowledge that we are fully dependent on God for all things and in all ways. We seek to humbly present our requests before His throne of grace and expectantly wait on Him to lead us. We seek to grow in our prayer life as individuals, small groups and as a whole community.

**Outward Focused Community**

We want to be actively engaged in the spreading of the gospel and growth of God’s Kingdom locally, nationally and globally. We seek to have a meaningful ‘footprint’ in all these spaces using the resources God provides so that His love and Kingdom will be expressed through us. We seek to pursue God’s justice for the poor and marginalised and to act accordingly.

**Equipping and Empowering Community**

We commit to faithfully teaching God’s word so that all grow into the full maturity of the Christian faith. We desire that everyone be equipped, empowered and released to grow in their individual gifts so that our community will be built up.

**Restorative Community**

We will be a safe place where those who are struggling, fearful, hurt or doubting can come and experience the love and healing of God in and through our church.

**Inclusive Community**

We seek to be a community where every person, of all ages and backgrounds, feels valued, and connected and can meaningfully engage in the body of Christ.