**A Warrant**

In some parts of the Reformed and Presbyterian family of churches, it has been custom to precede the Communion with a warrant from scripture and a setting apart of the bread and wine. This often repeats the same or similar words and actions which are in the Invitation or in the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving. If the words of institution are in the invitation or Great Prayer of Thanksgiving, do not use the warrant. One form is provided below for those occasions when it may be useful.

Beloved in the Lord, attend to the words of the institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, as they are delivered unto us by the apostle Paul:

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you,

that the Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed

took a loaf of bread,

and when he had given thanks,

he broke it and said,

"This is my body that is for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he took the cup after supper, saying,

"This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

*I Cor. 11:23-25.*

Therefore, that we may fulfill our Lord's intention for us,

we take these natural elements of bread and wine

setting them apart from all common uses

to this holy mystery

and, as Christ gave thanks, we present to God

our prayers and thanksgivings.