

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete this form before your membership interview. Married couples please use the same form.

Applying for: Member Associate Member (non-voting)

Full name _____ Birth date _____

Previously baptized? Yes No Marital status: Single Married Widowed Divorced

Spouse's full name *(if applicable)* _____ Birth date _____

Previously baptized? Yes No Anniversary _____

Mailing address _____ Zip _____

Home Phone# _____ | Cell # _____ | Spouse's Cell # _____

Email _____ | Spouse's email _____

Fax # _____ | Work # _____ | Spouse's Work # _____

Children's names	Birth Date	Baptized?	Wishes to become Communicant member?
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Name of the church you used to attend:

Were you a member? Yes No Has that church been notified of your plan to join us? Yes No

Please contact your former church asking them to submit a letter to the clerk of session of Trinity Presbyterian Church (500 Oak Grove Road, Spartanburg, SC 29301) stating that you are a member in good standing. Once we have received the letter and the elders have accepted you into membership at Trinity Presbyterian Church, the clerk of session will send a letter to your former church telling them that your membership has now been transferred from that church to Trinity Presbyterian Church.

FOR ELDER USE ONLY

Recommendation:

- Receive into membership on profession of faith
Baptize: Y/N Name: _____
- Receive into membership on reaffirmation of faith
- Do not receive into membership at this time (explain reasons below)

Additional comments or observations (use additional paper if necessary):

We certify that we met with the person(s) named above and that they gave satisfactory answers to all of the questions stated in the bylaws that pertain to church membership.

Date: _____ Signed: _____ & _____

MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Yes No

___ ___ Do you believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; and in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life?

___ ___ Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His wrath, and without hope apart from His sovereign mercy?

___ ___ Do you believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, to be the infallible Word of God, and its doctrine of salvation to be the perfect and only true doctrine of salvation?

___ ___ Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

___ ___ Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as a faithful follower of Christ?

___ ___ Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability, to submit yourself to its government and discipline, and to strive for its purity and peace?

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENT

BYLAWS & CONSTITUTION

I, the undersigned party, or my son or daughter, wish to become a communicant member of Trinity Presbyterian Church. I have read the Bylaws of Trinity Presbyterian Church, and understand that Biblical church discipline, should it be required, will be governed by those Bylaws and the Evangel Presbytery's *Book of Church Order*. Additionally, I have read the Biblical Commitments of Trinity Presbyterian Church (www.trinityspartanburg.com/biblical-commitments). I understand that this church is governed by these documents, and I hereby covenant and agree to be bound by the policies and procedures set forth in them.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Name (Printed)

Signature

Spouse's Name (Printed, *if applicable*)

Signature

Parent's or Sponsor's Name (for minors)

Parent's or Sponsor's Signature

Address

CHRISTIAN CONCILIATION

Communicant members (not minors) are encouraged but not required to make this additional commitment.

If I ever have a dispute with the church that cannot be resolved through its own internal procedures, I agree to resolve the dispute according to biblical principles (such as those set forth in Matthew 5:23-25 and 18:15-20, and 1 Corinthians 6:1-8) by submitting the matter to mediation and, if necessary, arbitration, according to the Bylaws of this church and the *Rules of Procedure* of the Institute for Christian Conciliation. I understand that arbitration is a legally binding process, and that judgment upon an arbitration award may be entered in any court otherwise having jurisdiction.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Name (Printed)

Signature

Name (Printed)

Signature

THIS AGREEMENT IS SUBJECT TO ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE
SOUTH CAROLINA CODE TITLE 15, CHAPTER 48

INTERVIEW OF COVENANT CHILDREN FOR LORD'S SUPPER

Before covenant children participate in the Lord's Supper, the elders (or a subset of the elders) will interview them to discern if they have a credible profession of faith and a rudimentary knowledge of one of two recommended catechisms. The interview will consist of the following items:

1. Recite the Ten Commandments (short form)
2. Recite the Lord's Prayer (word for word)
3. Brief exam on the *Children's Catechism* (*First Catechism* from GPC at <http://www.opc.org/cce/FirstCatechism.html>) or the *Westminster Shorter Catechism* (for older children)
4. Examination of his understanding of his sin and the work of Jesus (why the cross?)
5. Examination of his understanding of the Scriptural command to examine himself (1 Cor. 11:28)

First Catechism

First 20 questions

(for remainder go to: <https://www.opc.org/cce/FirstCatechism.html>)

1. Who made you?
God.
2. What else did God make?
God made all things.
3. Why did God make you and all things?
For his own glory.
4. How can you glorify God?
By loving him and doing what he commands.
5. Why are you to glorify God?
Because he made me and takes care of me.
6. Is there more than one true God?
No. There is only one true God.
7. In how many Persons does this one God exist?
In three Persons.
8. Name these three Persons.
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
9. What is God?
God is a Spirit and does not have a body like men.
10. Where is God?
God is everywhere.
11. Can you see God?
No. I cannot see God, but he always sees me.
12. Does God know all things?
Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.