

New Covenant Presbyterian Church
Church Membership & Guidance for Profession of Faith Interviews

What is required for communicant membership at New Covenant Presbyterian Church?

1. Testimony of Faith in Jesus Christ
2. Attendance of our New Members (Inquiry) Class
3. Membership Interview with Session
4. Affirmation of Membership Vows

Christians are called to join a church in order to serve and grow within God's household. Being a member of New Covenant is a familial commitment of worship, service, and mutual upbuilding. Members must believe and affirm the foundations of orthodox Christian faith (Apostle's and Nicene Creed). Our church holds to the Westminster Standards, along with the PCA BCO, and though our members may struggle with some of those particulars, we subscribe to these documents corporately and commit to not being divisive or argumentative over them.

The above process is intended for all new members, including those who transfer in from other churches. The children of believing parents (covenant children) are considered non-communing members until they have come before Session for admittance to the Table.

These steps should be helpful and encouraging to all who join, but the wisdom and discretion of the Session may be considered in the case of atypical circumstances.

BCO §57-5

(All of) you being here present to make a public profession of faith, are to assent to the following declarations and promises, by which you enter into a solemn covenant with God and His Church.

1. *Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?*
2. *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?*
3. *Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?*
4. *Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?*
5. *Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?*

If the above questions being answered in the affirmative, candidates for membership are to be welcomed into membership at New Covenant Presbyterian Church. As soon as is feasible during corporate worship, the new member(s) are to be recognized before the gathered church congregation, and the above vows are to be repeated for the sake of the congregation.