

Reception of New Members

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The visible church is seen not only in denominations, but also is especially evidenced in local churches or congregations. A local church consists of all those professing Christians who, along with their children, are associated together to live their faith, to worship together, and who seek individually and jointly to serve the Lord in witness and service. All those who have been baptized and make a public profession of their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are entitled to the rights and bound to the obligations of membership.

These members enter into a solemn covenant with Christ and the Church entering into the community and fellowship of this congregation.

Pastor: Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God and without hope for your salvation except in His sovereign mercy?

New Members: I Do

Pastor: Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for your salvation as He is offered in the gospel?

New Members: I Do

Pastor: Do you now promise and resolve, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

New Members: I Do

Pastor: Do you promise to serve Christ in His church by supporting and participating with this congregation in its service of God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability?

New Members: I Do

Pastor: Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to the spiritual oversight of this church Session, and do you promise to promote the unity, purity, and peace of the Church?

New Members: I Do

To the Congregation: Will you as members of this congregation welcome these members into this congregation and it's life and ministry; will you love them and support them in their life with you and in the ministries in this church that they may be called to in service with you; will you uplift one another by prayer and encouragement to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ together?
Congregation: We will.

Let us join together in reaffirming our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please welcome these Members, Michael and Rachel Neal and PJ Simonds as members of this church.