

CHRIST THE REDEEMER (IN RIO FROM THREE MILES AWAY)



CHRIST THE REDEEMER

(IN RIO FROM ONE MILE AWAY)



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HIS CHURCH IN PALM COAST



AN INTRODUCTION TO:

Our national organization
(PCUSA)

And

Trinity's detailed
membership
requirements

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA

Trinity is a member of the Presbyterian Church USA, our umbrella organization. There are almost two million members in the United States distributed among 10,000 member churches.

INDIVIDUAL CHURCHES

Individual Presbyterian churches are governed by the membership through elected representatives called elders.

THE SESSION

Our elected elders combine to form the session, which manages and oversees all church functions and operations. The session requires a quorum to conduct business.

ELDER'S TERMS OF OFFICE

Trinity has 15 elders

Each serves a three-year term of office.

Five newly elected elders join the session each year.

Five elders complete their terms and leave the session.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Membership requirements are spelled out in the Book of Order, the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Part II.

CONSTITUTION

Adopted and updated
by the vote of member
representatives to the
national convention
every two years.

CONGREGATIONAL CALL

Individual churches issue a call to teaching elders, who are responsible for leading the congregation in faith.

TRINITY'S PASTORS (2014)

Senior Pastor
Parish Associate
Minister of Visitation

MEMBERSHIP (1)

“A congregation shall welcome all persons who trust in God’s grace in Jesus Christ and desire to become part of the fellowship and ministry of His church”.

(Book of Church Order)

MEMBERSHIP (2)

No person shall be denied membership for any reason not related to profession of faith.

MEMBERSHIP (3)

The gospel leads members to extend the fellowship of Christ to all persons. Failure to do so constitutes a rejection of Christ himself and causes a scandal to the gospel.

CONSISTENT WITH ABOVE:

Membership may be achieved in one of the following ways:

- A. Public profession of faith
- B. Certificate of transfer, or
- C. Reaffirmation of faith.

A: PUBLIC PROFESSION

Public profession of faith, made after careful examination by the session in the meaning and responsibilities of membership: If not already baptized, the person making profession of faith shall be baptized.

OUR SENIOR PASTOR'S PROFESSION (1)

THE PRECISE WORDS

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving God's displeasure, and without hope save in God's sovereign mercy?

SENIOR PASTOR'S PROFESSION (2)

THE PRECISE WORDS

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?

SENIOR PASTOR'S PROFESSION (3)

THE PRECISE WORDS

Do you promise to serve Christ in His church to the best of your ability by supporting and participating in Her worship and work, and Her ministry to others?

And do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to further its purity, and peace?

B: CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER

When a person is a member of another Christian church that recognizes the Presbyterian Church USA.

C: REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“For persons previously baptized in the name of the triune God and having publicly confessed their faith.”

MEMBERS RESPONSIBILITIES

A faithful member bears witness to God's love and grace, and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ's church.

This involvement includes the following 11 responsibilities:

PROCLAIMING

1. Proclaiming the good news in word and deed.

TAKING PART

2. Taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation,

LIFTING UP

3. Lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support,

STUDYING

4. Studying scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life,

SUPPORTING

5. Supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents,

DEMONSTRATING

6. Demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church,

RESPONDING

7. Responding to God's activity in the world through service to others,

LIVING

8. Living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life,

WORKING

9. Working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment,

PARTICIPATING

10. Participating in the governing responsibilities of the church, and

REVIEWING AND EVALUATING

11. Reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one's membership, and considering ways in which one's participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

1. Baptized member
2. Active member, and
3. Affiliate member

BAPTIZED MEMBER

A baptized member has been baptized, but has not made a public profession of faith, - ordinarily, children who have not been confirmed.

ACTIVE MEMBER

An active member is a person who:

1. Has made a profession of faith,
2. Has been baptized,
3. Has been received into the active membership of the church
4. Has voluntarily submitted to the governance of this church, and
5. Participates in the church's work and worship.

AFFILIATE MEMBER

3. An affiliate member is a member of another congregation of the same church (PCUSA) who is temporarily living away from that community.

TO JOIN THE CHURCH

Complete a
membership
information
form

INFORMATION FORM (FRONT)

- The membership information form may be printed at home from Trinity's website at
- <http://trinitypresbyterianchurchpalmscoast.us>
- or by calling the church office at 386-445-4757.

RETURN THE FORM

To the
church office
when complete

YOU WILL BE CONTACTED

For any information or
clarification needed.

SCHEDULING

When all necessary information is received, you will be scheduled to meet with the session.

MEET THE CONGREGATION

After approval by the session, you will be introduced to the congregation at a service of your choice.

WELCOME

To
Trinity's
Family

COMPLICATED? TIME CONSUMING?

Membership has been
conferred at Trinity through
session approval in under five
minutes!!!

Then others drag it out for
years!!!

WISH TO JOIN?

If so, the completed form starts the ball rolling.

If no, welcome to the Trinity family.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WILSON CHAPEL

