

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### *Do I need to be baptized to be a member?*

Yes. Your baptism could have taken place when you were an infant, child, or adult; it could have taken place at a non-Presbyterian church. That's perfectly fine. But if you haven't been baptized, then you need to be baptized in order to become a member.

If you would like more information on baptism at 2PC, a pastor would be happy to talk with you. Or, check the website for more information.

### *How do I schedule a baptism?*

Baptism may be coordinated with Joining Sunday. Please contact Dean at 309.828.6297 or e-mail [dean@secondpres.info](mailto:dean@secondpres.info).

A baptism may be scheduled prior to the course by contacting Tiffany at 309.828.6297 or by e-mailing [tiffany@secondpres.info](mailto:tiffany@secondpres.info).

Baptisms are typically the third Sunday of the month and need to be scheduled two weeks prior.



## OTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP?

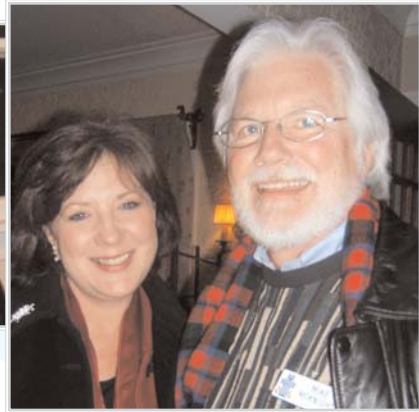
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# MEMBERSHIP



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## WHY BECOME A MEMBER?

- ◆ It's a commitment to a particular part of God's family that will make a commitment to uphold and nurture you as you continue to grow in faith.
- ◆ It's an opportunity to wrestle with, and clarify, what you believe.
- ◆ It affirms your commitment to God and God's people.

### **Second Presbyterian Church views membership as**

one step in a life-long discipleship process. Therefore, becoming a member of 2PC is not so much about meeting certain requirements and having your name placed on a roll, as it is about taking up the journey of Christian discipleship and mission with the people of this particular congregation.

## HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER?

The process of becoming a member at 2PC is designed to introduce you to the 2PC community, equip you to navigate comfortably within it, and prepare you to join in 2PC's vision and goal of faithfully witnessing to Jesus Christ.

If you are curious about membership, are considering membership, or know you would like to become a member of 2PC, you are invited to **participate in the Membership Exploration Course**. This course draws together people who are interested in membership at 2PC and consists of: *a kick-off dinner, a one day membership class, and a joining Sunday.*

## WHAT'S THE MEMBERSHIP EXPLORATION COURSE ABOUT?

**This one weekend course is required to join 2PC**, but more importantly it's an opportunity to learn about membership, to be introduced to 2PC's mission and vision by the pastoral staff, and to get to know other people who are interested in joining 2PC.

Here's more about the format:

### *Kickoff Dinner – Thursday 6-8pm*

Get to know other course participants, pastors, course leaders, and the logistics of the course itself. We'll start thinking about membership and (of course) eat! (Childcare provided.)

### *Membership Class – Saturday 9am-2pm*

This isn't your typical class. Pastors will help lead this multi-topic session that will cover everything from the vision and mission of 2PC to what "Presbyterian" means, to where the pastors' offices are. (Lunch provided, no childcare.)

### *Joining Sunday – Sunday; either at 9:00am or 11:00am*

Persons attending both the dinner and class and wishing to join the church may do so during a worship service. The congregation and those going through the course will make promises to support one another in faith as we all live and follow Jesus together. (Childcare provided through the nursery.)

## WHEN ARE THE MEMBERSHIP EXPLORATION COURSES OFFERED?

The Exploration Courses are offered four times a year. Check the bulletin under "Membership Information" or go to [www.secondpres.info](http://www.secondpres.info) for the dates of the next course.

## HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR THE COURSE?

Please contact Lori at 309.828.6297 or e-mail [arcadia@secondpres.info](mailto:arcadia@secondpres.info) to register for the course. If you need childcare or have special dietary needs, please let her know.