

Memorial Presbyterian Church

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Visitors Information Booklet

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TYPICAL WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday

9:30 am – Worship

10:30 am – Christian Education for all ages*

Sunday Nights

5:30 pm - Sunday Night Video Series*

5:30 pm - Middle School Youth

7:00 pm - High School Youth

Wednesday

6:30 am - Men's Breakfast Bible Study

5:15 pm - Logos Youth Program

6:30 pm - Wednesday Evening Worship (June-August)

7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal*

*Church calendar is subject to change. Contact the church office for further details.

Memorial Presbyterian Vision and Mission Statement

Vision: “We are called to glorify God and enjoy His presence, bringing others to know Jesus Christ.”

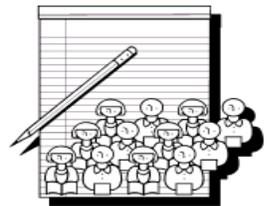
Mission: “We are a worshipping and working body of believers in Christ. Through humility and love in Christ, we share the gospel, grow, pray, educate, give, and forgive.”

WHY JOIN THE CHURCH?

Occasionally people ask: “Why should I join the church?” A more telling question might be: “Why wouldn’t you want to join the church?” But let’s answer the first question: **WHY JOIN? Because joining ...**

- 1. represents a person’s formal (and public) commitment to a particular body of believers. A vow is made so that, as in marriage, the two are no longer merely living together—but have entered into a mutual covenant relationship.*
- 2. creates a spiritual, emotional and social “family” for that person—a loving support system when he or she is struggling or tempted, when he or she needs encouragement or challenge—it places him or her in an environment of acceptance and belonging.*
- 3. provides opportunities for spiritual growth under the guidance of church leadership and in the company of other church family members.*
- 4. identifies a person as one who is ready and willing to participate in the life and ministries of the church family, and differentiates him or her from those who do not want anything “expected” of them—it identifies a person as one who wants to be challenged, committed, called upon and held accountable.*
- 5. allows for mutual benefit - the church will benefit from the gifts and talents that you bring to our fellowship, and you will benefit from the wide variety of gifts our members have to offer.*
- 5. authorizes and enables pastors and other leaders to shepherd, protect and guide.*
- 6. grants permission for a person to offer input and provide direction for the rest of the church family.*

Requirements: (1) confession of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, (2) involvement in worship and in the life of the church family and (3) participation in our annual Pastor’s Class—usually a 3 to 4 week experience that meets during the Sunday School.



**Membership
Class**

WHAT IS A PRESBYTERIAN?

The name Presbyterian comes from the Greek word “presbyter” which means *elder*, and a Presbyterian Church is a church which is **governed by elders**, who are elected as representatives by their fellow members to “rule over them in the Lord.”

At the same time, Presbyterians have a system of doctrine, which has its own distinct emphasis, stemming from the teachings of John Calvin, the founder of the Reformed Tradition in the Christian church. Our theology is rooted and grounded in the Scriptures and appeals to both the heart and the mind. It is logical, comprehensive and intellectually sound, with a strong emphasis on education.

There are certain beliefs that Presbyterians hold in common with most Christians, most importantly a **common faith and allegiance to Jesus Christ**, and a **submission to the authority of Scripture in all areas of faith and life**. With other Protestants we believe in **justification by faith**, which means that we are justified before God not by our good works, but by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ. We believe in the **priesthood of all believers**, which means that all Christians, whatever their vocations, are called to be ministers of Christ.

A distinctive teaching of the Reformed faith is that our **salvation and growth in Christ are based entirely on God's grace**. It is not primarily about *our* choice but *God's* choice. Referred to as election, those who are chosen *in Christ* for salvation and service, have been predestined to be conformed to the image of Jesus. Our purpose, then, is to glorify God by our redeemed and sanctified life.

Our constitution declares that **God alone is Lord of the conscience** and acknowledges that good people may differ in their opinions. But our beliefs must always be guided by the truth of God, as it is revealed in the Bible. To be a Presbyterian, therefore, demands a commitment of the mind, as well as the heart. Presbyterianism is for thinking persons. It challenges us to know what we believe and why, so we can say that we believe with integrity.



MUSIC AND WORSHIP

At Memorial, we believe that worship is our greatest joy and our highest calling; and we aspire to give God our very best in Worship.

We offer two worship services at Memorial. Sunday Morning at 9:30 is our traditional worship service, and Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 is our contemporary praise and worship service. Both services are Christ centered and Biblically based.



Memorial Choir

The choir sings from a wide range of music styles, and leads in worship every Sunday except the first of the month. Rehearsal is Wednesday evenings at 7:00, and new singers are always welcome!



Memorial Bell Choir

The bell choirs participate in worship services once a month through the school year, and on special occasions and holidays. Contact the church office for rehearsal schedule.

