

## BECOMING A MEMBER OF ST PETER'S

**Baptism:** The Episcopal Church considers that anyone who has been baptized with water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in any church or denomination, has been validly baptized.

Those who have not been baptized become members of the church through baptism. Children who are being baptized need sponsors (called "godparents"). Parents may sponsor their own children. Sponsors should be acting members of a church and must themselves be baptized.

**Transfer:** Those who have already been baptized become members by transferring from another church or denomination.

**Reception:** Those already confirmed by a bishop in the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, or some parts of the Lutheran Church, are *Received*. Reception involves prayers and greetings from an Episcopal Bishop.

**Confirmation:** (*An adult profession of faith*) Adult members become confirmed members through the sacrament of confirmation. Confirmation involves prayers and the laying on of hands by an Episcopal Bishop. The minimum age for confirmation is sixteen.

It is not necessary to be confirmed to be an adult member in good standing at St. Peter's. However, confirmation is required for eligibility to vote and serve in almost all elected offices in the church, and some appointed offices as well.

**To Enroll as a Member of St. Peter's:** Please complete this document and return it to the church office. Please complete and return a copy for each family member who will be enrolling.

**St. Peter's Episcopal Church**  
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## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Please print clearly and fill out a separate form for each member of your family who will be involved at St. Peter's.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title (Circle one) Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss Dr. Rev.

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Baptism

Have you ever been baptized?  Yes  No

Date of baptism: (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Place of baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

### Confirmation

Have you been confirmed  
by an Episcopal Bishop:  Yes  No

Have you been confirmed  
in another denomination?  Yes  No

If so, which denomination? \_\_\_\_\_

## Previous Church

Were you involved in a church before coming to St. Peter's  Yes  No

If yes, which church? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you attend regularly on Sundays?  Yes  No

## Marital Status (Please check one)

Married  Single  Separated  Divorced  Widowed

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary date : \_\_\_\_\_

If Widowed, what was the date of your spouse's death? \_\_\_\_\_

If divorced, what was the date of your divorce? \_\_\_\_\_

If separated, what was the date of your separation? \_\_\_\_\_

## Children At Home:

Please list the names of your children here and fill out a complete information sheet for each one of them

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

I will become a member at St. Peter's by means of . . .

Baptism  Transfer  
 Reception  Confirmation  
 Other

## Membership Commitment

Membership of St. Peter's carry three basic commitments:

### 1. Weekly participation in Sunday Worship

For two thousand years Christians have been meeting on the Lord's day to worship God and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Sunday worship is both a privilege and a duty in the Christian life.

### 2. An Annual Pledge of financial support to continue God's work at St. Peter's

When you become a member of St. Peter's, and once each year thereafter, you will be visited and/or called by fellow church members who will ask you to make a financial commitment to the church for the coming year.

### 3. Willingness to support and build the church in other ways.

St. Peter's asks its members to help with the work of building a church spiritually and in other ways, as their time and circumstances allow.

## Membership Statement

Accepting the commitments stated above, I hereby enter my name as a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_