



From Membership to Discipleship

Church membership is more than a piece of paper with some biographical information on it. When you join God's church you are not simply signing up for an institutional membership in a congregation or a denomination or a social service organization. You are joining God's mission to reconcile all of humanity, including yourself, back into a proper relationship with Him. You are accepting your call to discipleship. Discipleship in God's church is something that is lived into rather than checked off. Below are some truths that will help us all strive to be disciples of God's church.

1. **Discipleship** begins with your baptism and continues for eternity. At our baptism we turn to Christ and put our trust in His Grace and Love, and we accept Him as our Savior. We renounce evil universally, in the world, and within ourselves. We promise to follow and obey our Lord and when, at times, we fail to do so, we promise to repent and return. This is our starting point. Everything else flows from there.
2. **As disciples within God's church**, we commit ourselves to strive for the following:
 - a. **Worship.** We promise to regularly strive to draw nearer and nearer to God through worship and prayer. This includes worship within a community of faith, daily prayer, and the nurturing of a humble and grateful spirit.
 - b. **Learn.** We promise to pursue a discipline of seeking God through deeper understanding. We accomplish this through personal study, participation in Christian Education at church, involvement in Bible studies, and within conversations with those seeking God in the same way. In all of our study and conversations, we recognize that God is our teacher and the only path to true and deeper understanding comes through our reliance on Him. *"O Lord open our eyes so that we might see you and, through you, see the world."*
 - c. **Serve.** We promise to reach beyond ourselves by putting our faith into action in order to bring God's love to a world in need. We will seek paths in our lives to serve others through outreach, both financially and personally.
 - d. **Rejoice.** We promise to join together within a community of fellowship of the faithful so that we might live into, and share, the joy that God is placing into our lives. We also commit to reflect the joy of God within the world so others might feel the powerful draw of His love.
 - e. **Invite.** We promise not to hoard the joy, peace, and purpose that God has blessed us with. We will strive to invite others into that blessing as a sharing of the gift from God that has been entrusted to us.
 - f. **Support.** We promise to embrace a life of grateful stewardship of all the blessings that we have received. This would include our personal time, the talents that we have been gifted with from God, and the financial treasure that flows through our lives.
3. **Our vision** of our life and mission at The Church of the Redeemer is: *"Drawing near to God to make and equip disciples and to live as faithful followers of Christ."* God has so blessed us and continues to do so! And he has entrusted his church called Redeemer into our hands as ministers for our time and as caretakers for future generations who will worship, learn, serve, and rejoice in this place. You are here, sent by God, for a purpose!

You are invited to join in our sacred mission!

Next Step... If you are already a Sacred Partner in Christ's mission at Church of the Redeemer, or have decided that you would like to be one, please fill out the information on the back of this form and return it to the Church office.



THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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Member Information Form

Today's Date: ___/___/___

If you are new to our church, or your information has changed please fill out this form to update our records.

New Member Existing Member

Head of household

Full Name _____ Suffix _____ Title Dr. Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss
(First, Middle, Last) (circle)

Preferred Name _____

Home Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Occupation _____ Place of Employment _____ Work (____) ____ - ____

Email _____ Phone (____) ____ - ____ Cell Phone (____) ____ - ____

Dates: Birthdate ___/___/___ City, State _____

Baptized ___/___/___ Church _____ City, State _____

Confirmed ___/___/___ Church _____ City, State _____

Marital Status (Circle one) Single Married Separated Divorced Widowed

Wedding Date (if applicable) ___/___/___ Location _____ City, State _____

Spouse

Full Name _____ Suffix _____ Title Dr. Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss
(First, Middle, Last) (circle)

Preferred Name _____

Occupation _____ Place of Employment _____ Work (____) ____ - ____

Email _____ Phone (____) ____ - ____ Cell Phone (____) ____ - ____

Dates: Birthdate ___/___/___ City, State _____

Baptized ___/___/___ Church _____ City, State _____

Confirmed ___/___/___ Church _____ City, State _____

Other Household members

First	Middle	Last	Age	M/F	Birthdate	Place of Birth	Baptism Date	Confirmation Date

Answer the following questions (if applicable):

Would you like to transfer your records from a prior church? _____

Is anyone in your household seeking baptism? _____

Is anyone in your household seeking confirmation? _____

Would you like to speak with the pastor on either of these topics? _____

If you wish to add anything more to this form, please use an additional sheet of paper.

When complete, please send this form to the Parish Administrator at the above address
or drop in the collection plate on Sunday morning.