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## What is required for membership at PVCC?

### *A Biblical response to God's grace*

- Ephesians 2:8-9

### *A personal profession of Jesus as Lord and Savior*

- Romans 10:9
- John 1:12
- Acts 4:12

### *Repentance of sins and baptism by immersion*

- Acts 2:38
- Romans 6:1-4

### *A commitment, in writing, to abide by this covenant (next section)*

In addition, an Elder, Pastor, or both will probably ask to sit down with you and walk through this information step-by-step. It isn't an interrogation; just an opportunity to make sure any questions are answered, and an excuse to get to know you better!

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Having responded to God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ, repentance of my sins, and baptism; and having read the attached privileges and responsibilities of membership at PVCC, I now declare my desire to unify with this church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and this church family to do the following:

#### **I will protect PVCC's unity**

- Acting in love toward others
- Refusing to gossip
- Following the leadership

#### **I will share in PVCC's mission**

- Praying for growth
- Inviting the unchurched to attend
- Warmly welcoming visitors

#### **I will use my gifts and talents to support PVCC's ministry**

- Allowing leaders to equip and appoint me for service
- Developing a servant's heart

#### **I will support PVCC's testimony**

- Attending faithfully
- Maturing in my walk with Jesus
- Supporting the church financially

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**Prairie View**  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## **Membership Information/Covenant**

**Thinking about membership at PVCC?  
Here's a great place to start.**

### **Our Mission:**

Making devoted, maturing, and multiplying followers of Jesus

### **Our Vision:**

- Teaching the Bible
  - Living in unity
- Loving our neighbors
- Equipping one another for ministry
  - Sharing our hope

### **Our Values:**

- We seek to honor God in all we do
  - The Bible is our authority for teaching and practice
  - All people are valuable in God's eyes
- We will be good stewards of all our resources
- We expect both numerical and spiritual growth

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## Why be a member of PVCC?

*Membership provides encouragement to help us walk with Jesus.*

- Hebrews 10:24-25

*Membership provides a family to love and care for us.*

- 1 Timothy 3:14-15

*Membership provides a place to discover and use our spiritual gifts.*

- 1 Corinthians 12:7
- 1 Peter 4:10

*Membership places us in the care of godly shepherds who look out for our spiritual wellbeing.*

- Acts 20:28

*Membership identifies us as true believers.*

- Ephesians 2:19-20

*Membership provides a place to practice the five main aspects of our faith:*

- Worship (Christians are called to worship our Creator)
- Fellowship (Christians are called to be in community with other believers)
- Discipleship (Christians are called to look more like Jesus every day)
- Ministry (Christians are called to love and serve God and neighbor)
- Evangelism (Christians are called to boldly share their faith)

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## There are also responsibilities that come with being a member of PVCC.

*Members have a responsibility to protect PVCC's unity.*

- Acting in love towards other congregants (even the ones who annoy you)
  - 1 Peter 2:2
  - 1 John 3:16
- Refusing to gossip (even if it's juicy)
  - Ephesians 4:29
- Choosing to follow PVCC's direction and leadership (even though our leaders aren't perfect)
  - Hebrews 13:17

*Members have a responsibility to share in PVCC's mission.*

- Praying for growth (both spiritual and numerical)
  - Matthew 9:37-38
- Inviting the unchurched to attend
  - Luke 14:23
  - Matthew 28:16-20
- Warmly welcoming visitors
  - James 2:1
  - 1 Peter 4:9

*Members have a responsibility to use their gifts and talents to support PVCC's ministry (use the SHAPE assessment below to help determine what those gifts and talents are).*

- Ephesians 4:11-12
- Romans 12:4-5
- 1 Corinthians 12:27
- Ephesians 4:16

*Members have a responsibility to support PVCC's testimony.*

- Attending faithfully
  - Hebrews 10:25
  - Psalm 84:10
- Maturing in your walk with Jesus
  - Romans 6:15-19
  - Colossians 3:1-3
- Giving
  - 1 Corinthians 16:2
  - Malachi 3:8-10

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## Assessing your SHAPE

Spiritual gifts (How has God gifted you as a follower of Jesus?)

Heart (what are you passionate about?)

Abilities (What are unique abilities and skills you have?)

Personality (What areas of service fit your personality?)

Experience (What areas have you served in in the past?)