



*Cliffwood Presbyterian Church seeks to glorify
God as a fellowship of believers that is created for
worship, called to discipleship, and compelled to
reach others with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

Application For Membership
CLIFFWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
(Presbyterian Church in America)

My Covenant with Christ and the Church

Believing Jesus Christ to be the Son of God, I accept Him as my personal Savior and acknowledge Him as both Master and Lord.

I confess that I am a sinner, I repent of my sins, and I put my trust in the love and mercy of God, revealed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Trusting in the Holy Spirit for guidance, I shall seek to lead a life consistent with the teaching of God's Word, honoring Christ in all my relationships.

I promise to be a faithful member of this Church, supporting it through prayer, Bible study, regular attendance in worship, unselfish Christian service, and stewardship of my life and material possessions.

I have read the vows of membership and purpose to willingly take these vows of membership before God, and before the elders and the congregation of The Cliffwood Presbyterian Church (PCA).

Signed

Date

How You May Unite with the Church

According to Presbyterian polity, it is the responsibility of the elders to examine and receive new members. Since the church is, by definition, a community of God's people who have professed their faith and trust in Jesus Christ, the primary qualification for membership is that a person put his or her full trust in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as the only means of salvation.

If you desire to join Cliffwood Presbyterian Church (PCA) you may join by one of three means: 1. by profession of faith, 2. by transfer, or 3. by reaffirmation of your faith. Each of these is explained below.

Please read and check, I, II, or III to indicate which best describes your situation and thus how you wish to unite with the Cliffwood Presbyterian Church (PCA).

I. You May Unite by Profession of Faith.

If you have trusted in Jesus Christ for your salvation, and have not been a member of another evangelical church since your decision to follow Christ, then we invite you to make a public profession of your faith in Christ through your entrance into the membership of Cliffwood Presbyterian Church. If you are seeking membership but have not previously been baptized, on the Sunday that you join, baptism will be administered as a public declaration of your relationship with Christ Jesus.

II. You May Unite by a Reaffirmation of Your Faith.

If you have previously professed your faith in Christ, but are not currently an active member in good standing at another evangelical church, and/or if you have not been regularly attending any church, and wish to make a fresh beginning in the Christian life and rededicate your life to God, then we welcome you into our membership by a reaffirmation of your faith in Jesus Christ.

III. You May Unite by Transferring Your Membership from another evangelical Church.

If you have previously professed your faith in Christ, and are currently an active member in good standing at another evangelical church, then we welcome you into our church through the transfer of your membership. We do not require re-baptism, but accept as valid any baptism with water administered by an ordained pastor in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit regardless of the mode used.

Have you been baptized? yes no Date: _____/_____/_____

Name of church where you were baptized _____

So that we can inform your previous church about your intention to transfer your membership, please give us the following information about the church:

Transferring from what church? _____

Church Address: _____

Vows of Membership

We ask all who are seeking membership at Cliffwood Presbyterian Church to take the following vows of membership in the presence of the elders and before the congregation on the Sunday they join:

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope, except through His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and trust in Him alone for your salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to strive to live in a manner worthy of being called a follower of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to strive for its peace and purity?