

I'm thinking  
about joining  
this congregation.



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## SEQUOYAH HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“For where two or more are gathered  
in my name, I am there among them.”  
Matthew 18:20

## But why is it important?

### Can't I be a Christian on my own?

By becoming a member at Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church, a connectional church of the PC(USA) denomination, you join other seekers in discovering your faith and living it more fully. You can learn God's word, and experience Christ's presence in your own life. The church is a community of people who worship and thank God for God's many gifts, and who work together to do God's work. It is a family that provides love, support, forgiveness, and encouragement. Christians together can make a positive difference in our world.

## That makes a lot of sense...

### So, how do I join Sequoyah Church?

You may join one of several ways:

1. by **Transfer of Letter** from your previous church. (Our church secretary does this for you.)
2. by **Reaffirmation of Faith in Jesus Christ**, if you have been a church member, but the records are unavailable.
3. by **Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ**, if you were baptized in a Christian church, but never a member.
4. by **Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ and Baptism**, if you have not been baptized before. (Baptism is administered by sprinkling during a service of worship.)

**Baptisms** usually take place Sundays (except first Sundays because of Communion) during either the 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. worship service. We regularly baptize adults, children, and infants. It is not uncommon to baptize several family members at once. Baptism is a very celebrated event in the life of our church family. If you have been Baptized, you do not need to be Baptized again.

## To Begin the Process

Talk with a pastor or church secretary. Their contact information is on the back cover. This gives you the opportunity to ask questions and share the significance of Baptism. Then you may be asked to complete a membership form for the church to have updated contact information.

The Session welcomes all visitors into membership. Typically, visitors complete a new members class which is offered quarterly (approximately September, December, February and April on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.). The class is not mandatory. Following the class, prospective members attend the Session meeting prior to the 11:00 am worship. This informal meeting with the Session takes 10 minutes, and you will answer the following questions of commitment:

### *Who is your Lord and Savior?*

*(joiner says:) Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.*

*Do you trust in Jesus, celebrate his forgiveness of sins, intend to be his faithful disciple, and promise, to the best of your ability, to participate as a faithful member in the mission and ministries of the Church?*

*(joiner says:) Yes, I do.*

We will then welcome you into the church family by having you stand in worship as we state your name and have a congregational prayer.

Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church is an active, hard-working and caring congregation that seeks to become inwardly strong and outwardly focused.

It is our hope that you will find a warm welcome here, and that you will discover many ways of serving Jesus Christ through our congregational and community opportunities.

You are welcome to email committee chair Megan Landers at [megan.landlers55@gmail.com](mailto:megan.landlers55@gmail.com), who works with visitors and new members, or one of the pastors if you have other questions about becoming a member of the Church.