

Duties and Expectations

- To have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- To have obeyed Jesus in believer's baptism
- To live for Jesus and grow spiritually
- To be faithful in Christian spirituality
- To be faithful in Christian fellowship; while faithfully supporting the service of the church
- To share the doctrine, mission, and vision of Trinity
- To support the work of the Lord Jesus Christ through the local church

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Exploring Membership at Trinity



**Knowing and Understanding
Membership Expectations**

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How One May Become A Member of Trinity

In order to be accepted as a member of Trinity, one must subscribe to the faith and practices of the church. Therefore, persons desiring membership shall enter into covenant together with the congregation. One must profess his or her faith in Christ, agree with church doctrine and practice, and promise to support the service and worth of the Lord Jesus Christ through a local church.

Three Ways To Become A Member of Trinity

- 1. Baptism:** Upon profession of a person's belief in the Lord Jesus and baptism.
- 2. Letter:** Letter of transfer from a former church of like faith and doctrinal teaching stating that the person has met the requirements of the Baptist church and is in good standing.
- 3. Christian Experience:** A letter cannot be secured from the previous church, or the church of previous member has dissolved.

Watch Care Membership

Those who enjoy the fellowship of this church, but who are unable to attend their home church or who are exploring the possibility of joining Trinity may enter into the watch care of the church. The person(s) shall enjoy the love and ministry care of the church and receive communications from the church and participate in its ministries and teams. However, anyone desiring watch care membership shall not have voting privileges in church business decisions. Watch care members may serve through the many ministries and teams of Trinity, but not in the capacity of Trustee Ministry, Finance Ministry, or Deacon Ministry.



Within the New Testament, there is a plethora of evidence that supports the idea that those who belong to the invisible church should also join and participate within the visible church.

In joining or being under watch care, believers unite with the rest of the congregation by covenant. Church members willingly commit to walk together, giving themselves to the Lord, and to one another. This agreement admits them to the privileges of the church, and in it they also place themselves under its discipline and government.

As a result, membership is to be treated with the utmost seriousness and accountability. At no time should any person view his or her membership as something to be taken lightly. Membership with a local church requires each person to know, understand, and apply the biblical teachings that pertain to church membership.