

***Becoming a Member
of
Brentwood Presbyterian Church***

***“Each member is the church in the world
endowed by the Spirit
with some gift of ministry.”*** Confession of 1967

***Brentwood Presbyterian Church
is a welcoming Christian faith community,
joyfully celebrating God’s love as known through Christ,
purposefully nurturing individual and spiritual growth
and gratefully serving all people.***

Dear Friend!

We are excited that you are considering membership at BPC! The membership process teaches what we believe as Presbyterians and how BPC is organized for ministry. It also helps us get to know you better and helps you get to know others. We value the gifts and graces that each person brings to this community of faith, and we strive to empower and equip all our members to grow in their knowledge of God and serve the church and the world in the name of Christ.

What does membership mean? It means to accept Christ's call to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ's Church and to make such a commitment to a particular church. At Brentwood we describe it as "Worship + 2." Worship is at the center of what we do. Worship empowers us to live the values of the Kingdom of God that Christ taught. The +2 means that we find a place to serve in the ministries of the church and we find a place to nurture our spiritual growth. Members are encouraged to make a yearly pledge of financial support based upon their private decision. These pledges are confidential, and known only to the few who do the bookkeeping. Pledging helps us to project a yearly budget.

The operation of the church: worship, administration, education, finances, mission....all of the things we do are done by members as acts of service along with paid staff who support the work of the members.

Do I have to be a member to participate in ministries and activities of BPC? No. All are welcome to participate in the life of BPC. However only members may vote in congregational meetings and serve as elected officers.

Membership is open to all persons who profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord. No person shall be denied membership because of race, ethnic origin, worldly condition, sexual orientation, or any other reason not related to profession of faith.

To join the church, please attend the classes listed on the schedule. (attached)

There are three methods by which a person joins Brentwood Presbyterian Church:

1. Receive the Sacrament of Baptism (meaning you have never been baptized)

Baptisms take place during a service of worship. Please attend a baptism class listed on the schedule. To baptize a child one parent must attend the class.

2. Letter of Transfer (meaning that you are on the rolls as an active member of another church, you wish to transfer your membership by letter)

BPC will write to your current church requesting a letter of transfer of membership.

3. Reaffirmation of Faith (meaning that you have been baptized, but are not currently an active member of another church)

If you have been baptized as a child or adult, and you are not an active member of another church, you will be asked to reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ.

Please fill out the Member Information Form. You may bring this to the first class, or mail it to the church office. This information is added to our database.

We print a directory that is made available to our members for church purposes only.

New members are photographed to make it easier for us to get to know you! If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office at **310-826-5656**.

Welcome to the BPC church family! *from your friends on the Welcome and Discovery Ministry Team*

Membership Information Form (Please print) Today's Date: _____

Brentwood Presbyterian Church 12000 San Vicente Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90049 www.bpcusa.org

Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Maiden _____ Name you wish to be called: _____

Your Date of Birth _____ Have you been baptized? y/n _____ Blood type (optional) _____

Address: Street/City/Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____ Fax at work or home _____

Do we have your permission to put your work & cell phone in directory? work y/n _____ cell y/n _____

Occupation: _____ Former occupation if retired: _____

Employer/Company Name _____ City _____

Name of Spouse/Partner _____ Spouse/Partner Occupation _____

Married _____ Anniversary date: _____ Single _____ Divorced _____ Widowed _____

Your race/ethnicity : _____ Asian _____ Black _____ Hispanic _____ Native American
_____ White _____ Other** (Answer optional. Statistical information is tracked by the PCUSA)

Do you have a disability? _____ Hearing impairment _____ Sight impairment
_____ Mobility impairment _____ Other: Please describe if you wish _____

Have you been ordained Deacon or Elder in the Presbyterian Church USA? _____

Name(s), birth dates (B/D) of your children. If you desire baptism for your child/children, please indicate,

Name:	B/D:	M/F I would like this child to be baptized:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

*At least one parent must attend a baptism class to schedule a baptism for their child.

Method of joining the church: Baptism _____ Reaffirmation of Faith: _____ Letter of Transfer _____

If you are on the rolls as an active member of another church pls. give the name of church you are transferring from, address and or phone: _____

Name and phone number and relationship of someone to call in case of an emergency:

Language(s) you speak other than English :

Which Sunday morning worship service at BPC do you normally attend?

8:30 am _____ 10:00 am _____

I grant permission for my picture to be taken and for it to be used in the directory, data base, worship bulletin, welcome poster, newsletter (which may be posted on the web site).

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ABOUT ME

I am especially good at this:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

I am not so good at this:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Things I enjoy doing with my leisure time:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

What would your dream occupation be if
Money and location were not an issue?
