



THE PROCESS FOR BECOMING A MEMBER OF CHRIST THE KING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

At CTK we believe that joining a church is one of the most important decisions you will make. When you join a church, you are joining a local expression of the historical, counter-cultural community that Jesus started and continues to build.

When you join CTK, you are joining a diverse group of people who are committed to declaring and demonstrating the good news about King Jesus in the places we work, play, and live. As a church, CTK is made up of people with varied backgrounds and interests. We are held together by one common bond: Jesus Christ and his gospel message.

Though we differ in our stories, we share a common vision: To live the lives of a people changed by Christ, in a community being renewed by Christ, looking to see our city transformed by Christ.

If you are a committed follower of Christ and are committed to living the life he has called you to live in the context of CTK, we would love to talk to you about joining the church.

The process for joining CTK is simple:

- Complete our Introduction to CTK seminar, either in the context of a community group or in the context of a larger meeting. We believe this is an important first step to allow us to get to know you and you to get to know us. You aren't required to join CTK (even if you attend the seminar). There are many other good churches in the area. Through this seminar, you will learn about the unique calling we believe God has given CTK for Raleigh, so you can decide if you would like to be a part of what we are doing here.
- Complete the membership application and questions (on the following pages).
- Complete a membership interview with our church leaders. The interview generally lasts about 45-60 minutes. You will be asked questions related to your Christian experience, the membership vows, and your involvement with CTK.
- If you are already a member of another church, your membership at CTK is contingent upon your church dismissing you as a member in good standing to the care of CTK.

Application for Membership at CTK

Email this completed application and questions to office@ctkraleigh.org. We will then contact you to schedule a membership interview.

Name (Last, First, Middle)		Preferred Name / Nickname
Home Address		City, State, Zip
Home Phone	Work Phone	Cell Phone
Email Address (to receive church-related communication)		Date of Birth
Occupation		Employer
Marital Status <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Engaged <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed		Spouse / Fiancé Name and Wedding Date
Children (please give full names and birthdates)		
CTK Community Group Leader		Length of Involvement in Community Group
Former Church Name / Address (if applicable)		
TO BE COMPLETED BY CHURCH OFFICERS		
Interviewers		Interview Date
Recommendation <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended		<input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Good Testimony
Comments		
Method of Joining <input type="checkbox"/> Profession (new believer, never joined church) <input type="checkbox"/> Reaffirmation / Baptism (prior believer, never been baptized) <input type="checkbox"/> Profession / Baptism (new believer, never been baptized) <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer (prior believer, old church transfers) <input type="checkbox"/> Reaffirmation (prior believer, no church transfer) <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer (new believer, old church transfers) <input type="checkbox"/> Reaffirmation (new believer, no church transfer)		

Questions for Membership at CTK

Please complete the following questions prior to your interview. You may use additional paper if necessary.

1. If you were to die suddenly, are you sure you would go to heaven? Please explain in a few sentences.
2. If God were to ask you, “Why should I let you into my kingdom?” what reasons would you give? Please explain in a few sentences.
3. Which Bible verse is especially meaningful to you? Why is it meaningful?
4. Describe how you became a follower of Jesus Christ?
5. Explain how you wound up at CTK and why you want to join this church.
6. Describe the effect Jesus Christ is having on your life right now.

Interview Guide

Part of the membership process includes getting to know our leaders and letting them get to know you through a face-to-face interview. In addition to getting to know one another better, the interview will allow you to share the work Christ has done and is doing in and through your life. We have found this process helps us encourage you as you seek to become and more like Jesus. And it allows us to celebrate with you what Jesus has done.

The following are some of the questions that you may be asked during the interview. Please spend some time thinking about these questions before your interview. You do not have to answer these questions on this form. They are simply here to give you an idea of what to expect during your interview.

Christian Experience

How did you come to know Christ personally?

Do you understand the basics of the gospel? Do you understand sin and grace?

Church Experience

What do you appreciate most about CTK? What do you appreciate least about CTK?

Membership Vows

If you decide to join our church, you will be asked to take several vows before the church on Sunday morning. As part of your interview, one of our leaders will discuss these vows with you. The vows are listed below along with some questions we hope you will find helpful as you consider what it means to join CTK.

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving his displeasure, and without hope except in his sovereign mercy?

Do you believe it is important to see yourself as “justly deserving [God’s] displeasure”? Why or why not? What difference does it make to view yourself as such?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is offered in the gospel?

What is the word “alone” in the phrase “do you receive and rest upon him alone”? Why is it important to your understanding of salvation for that word to be there?

What does it mean to “rest” upon Jesus Christ for your salvation? How do you see that working itself out in your day-to-day life?

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as is fitting for a follower of Christ?

Do you understand that in this vow, you are agreeing to seek to live as Christ calls his followers to live? Do you understand this means that you are agreeing that actions or attitude that violate God's law, as explained in the Scriptures, are wrong?

In terms of your membership, it is not important to us whether you are struggling with a particular sin or sins—though we want to help you if you are. We all struggle from time to time with sin and are in need of help.

If, however, you lack Biblical conviction about what God expects from his people in terms of obedience and disobedience, we want to talk with you about this prior to joining the church. Or, if though having Biblical convictions about the conducts God disapproves of, you've given in to those areas and ceased fighting against them, we also want to talk with you about this prior to joining the church.

With that in mind, are there currently any areas in your life in which you are accommodating sin and not fighting against it?

We understand "in humble reliance upon the Holy Spirit" to imply use of the means of grace. These include participation in the sacraments, regular Bible reading, and prayer, which happen during our Sunday morning worship service and during times of true fellowship.

What are your habits regarding use of the means of grace? What obstacles, if any, are you facing as you seek to utilize these things? How are you interacting with other believers? How does that assist you in your growth as a believer?

Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

We expect our members to walk with God daily, worship with his people weekly and be involved in the lives of other church members through either a community group or a ministry team. We also expect our members to be good stewards of their gives, talents, and finances.

Outside of Sunday worship, how are you involved in the ministry of CTK?

What do you believe is the Christian's Biblical responsibility regarding the use of wealth?

How is God using you in the lives of others?

Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the church, and do you promise to promote its purity and peace?

What do you believe you are doing when you take this vow?

What is your understanding of church discipline? Are you willing to help other members by practicing Biblical discipline with them?

Are you willing to quench divisiveness in your own life and in the lives of others by fighting against gossip, constant complaining, cynicism, entitlement, and pride?

Are you willing to join the church as it is now and not for what you hope it will one day become?