

the promise of membership with APC

In becoming a communicant member of APC we ask people to make the following promises before us and God:-

- **Do you believe that as the Son of God, Christ Jesus died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures?**
- **Do you look to Jesus in trust & obedience as your Saviour & your King?**
- **Do you promise to live out authentically, in the power of his Spirit, the new life that Christ Jesus has won for you through his death & resurrection?**
- **Do you promise to make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit in this church family, putting on compassion, kindness, forgiveness, patience and over all these love?**
- **Do you promise to be committed to gathering with the other members of this church family so as to encourage others and spur them on to love and good works as we look to the return of Jesus?**
- **Do you promise to submit to the authority of the pastors & elders of our churches as over you in the Lord?**
- **Do you promise to be committed prayerfully and financially to the health of our churches as we seek to grow followers of Jesus both here and afar?**

Related scriptures:-

1Corinthians 15.3-4; Romans 3.21-26; Ephesians 2.1-10; John 10.7-11; Galatians 5.22-24; Colossians 3.12-14; Ephesians 4.1-6; Hebrews 10.19-25; Hebrews 13.17; Philippians 4.6-7; 1Corinthians 9.7-14; 2Corinthians 9.6-11

The first 2 steps involved in someone becoming a communicant member are:-

1. Attend a Welcome to APC event
2. Attend a Membership information event

For more information or to ask more questions then please contact one of the pastors or elders.



membership matters

This is a leaflet explaining membership within APC.

church membership in the Bible

In the Bible God holds the local church in very high esteem.

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. (1Cor 12.27 NIV)

Its therefore very important for Christians to be committed to gathering as a local church.

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (Hebrews 10.25 NIV)

Our gatherings provide opportunity to love one another & build each other up in maturity in Christ.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. (1Cor 12.7 NIV)

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. (Heb 10.24 NIV)

According to God, to be a member in a local church is to be an active committed member of the family working hard at loving & serving.

membership within APC

Within Presbyterian churches there are 2 types of membership within a local church.

- An adherent member is someone who calls APC his or her church and is committed to gathering with us.
- A communicant member is someone who calls APC his or her church, is committed to gathering with us and on profession of faith in Jesus Christ has been admitted by the Session into communicant membership.

When someone joins our church they are included on the roll as an adherent member.

The oversight of the roll lies with our elders.

There are 2 important differences between adherent and communicant membership: -

- Only a Christian person can become a communicant member.
- Only communicant members have a role in determining the elders and ministers within APC.

Our communicant members have an important role in protecting our ministry of growing followers of Jesus.

Becoming a communicant member is an important part of your commitment to APC.

We encourage all Christians committed to APC to become a communicant member.