

Joining Three Village Church

The Steps of Membership

We're glad that you're here! We firmly believe that your presence and participation are no accident. This is a church family where you can belong, grow and serve. The following steps serve as the general guidelines for membership at TVC.

STEP 1 – Spend time with us

Join us regularly for Sunday morning worship services. Come to a “Newcomers Welcome” (offered 3~4 times per year between services on Sunday). Join a small group. We don't require small group involvement for membership, but strongly recommend it since it is the best way to participate in God's good work at TVC. You don't have to be a member to join a small group

STEP 2 – Take the Discovering TVC Class

This class is usually offered 3-4 times per year. This class is an excellent way to learn (or revisit) the basic truths about a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ. We've also found that people with a solid church background benefit from this class. It will introduce you to the unique values, beliefs, ministries, goals, structure, and direction of TVC. And it's also a great way to connect with other believers.

Note: If you have not been baptized yet, we strongly encourage you to do so at this time. Please contact one of the pastors or elders to discuss this. (You do not need to be “re-baptized.”)

STEP 3 – Fill Out a “New Member Application”

This form will make your desire to join an “official” request. You will be asked to sign our Statement of Faith (a one-page summary of our main beliefs) and a Membership Covenant (a short statement of how God has called us to live in community).

STEP 4 – Sign up for an Elder Interview

This 20-30 minute interview with two of our elders (the Elder Board provides the primary spiritual oversight for our church), will give you an opportunity to ask questions about TVC. It will also give our elders an opportunity to hear about your relationship with Jesus Christ and your spiritual calling and giftedness.

Membership Application

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Into gray boxes and type.

Date: _____

Name: _____	Date of Birth: _____
Address: _____	
City: _____	State: NY Zip: _____
Phone: - -	Email: _____

Church Affiliation

No Church Involvement

Name of Church: _____	
Address: _____	City _____ State NY
Member or attended from _____	To _____
Did you have any problems at your previous church? (If yes, please explain.)	

Please indicate the passage of scripture (1-3) verses that you would like read aloud if you join. _____

Have you been baptized?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Where?	When?
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Do you want to be baptized? Yes

How long have you been attending Three Village Church?

Have you signed Three Village Church's Statement of Faith? Yes No

Before I join, I would like to know more about

For office use:

Elder Approval: _____ Date: _____

Pastoral Recommendation: _____ Date: _____

Church Clerk Reference: _____ Date: _____

Completed Discovery Class When: _____
mm/yyyy

Joined TVC When: _____
mm/dd/yyyy

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Commitment to Christ

Briefly explain what Jesus Christ means to you and relate, if possible, when and where, and under what circumstances God graciously brought you to Himself. If raised in a Christian home briefly describe that childhood experience as well. *(To fill this in online place the cursor in the gray box below and type.)*

Enter your text here...

Membership Covenant

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1. Do you believe and trust in God the Father Almighty, and in Jesus Christ, his son, our Lord and Savior; and in the Holy Spirit?

I do I need further discussion and clarification

2. Will you seek to honor God in all aspects of your life as God reveals His will and ways to us through the Scriptures, growing as Christ's disciple?

I will I need further discussion and clarification

3. Will you live as a faithful member of the body of Christ by...

- regularly joining in worship
- faithfully sharing the love Jesus Christ with others
- submitting to the leadership of TVC
- promoting the peace and unity of TVC?

I will I need further discussion and clarification

4. Will you support and grow in the vision of this Church by...

- seeking a small community of discipleship
- being diligent in your study of the Scripture
- praying for the ministry of this Church and the mission of Christ in the world
- prayerfully seeking a specific area of ministry at TVC
(Please complete the form on the reverse side of this sheet)
- being a faithful steward of your time, talents and financial resources?

I will I need further discussion and clarification

"I wholeheartedly commit to these vows and request to be enrolled into membership of The Three Village church."

Signature _____ Date _____

If you are filling this out online, you can sign and date this during your interview with the Elders.

Statement of Faith

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1. The Scripture

We believe the original writings of the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired Word of God, unerring in all they teach and affirm. They are the complete revelation of God's will for the salvation of men and the final authority for all Christian faith and life.

2. The Trinity

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

3. The Person of Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is true God and true man, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross, a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. He rose bodily from the dead, ascended to the right hand of God, and is now our High Priest.

4. The Nature of Man

We believe that man was created in God's image, but fell into sin and is now lost and in need of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation.

5. The Salvation of Man

We believe man's redemption was accomplished by the sacrificial death of Christ on the cross for our sins, and is available as a free gift of God to all who repent and trust Christ as personal Lord and Savior.

6. The Holy Spirit

We believe the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, convict men of sin, regenerate those who believe, and indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the Christian for Godly living and service.

7. The Church

We believe the Church to be composed of all who are regenerated by the Holy Spirit and have placed their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior.

8. The Return of Christ

We believe in the personal and imminent return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9. The Last Judgment

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead, of the believer to everlasting blessedness with the Lord, or the unbeliever to everlasting punishment.

"I have read this Statement of Faith. I am in full agreement and I will continue to know Christ and make Him known."

Signature _____ Date _____

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To know Christ and to make Him known

