

Lynnwood Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Membership Class

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Let's go to ...

Let's Be a ...

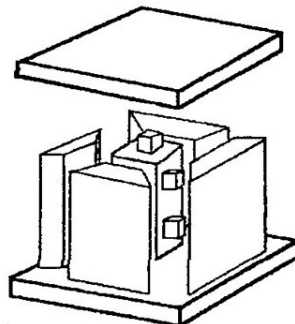
Let's join a ...

Remember

FOUR LIFE SUSTAINING

RESOURCES:

1. Christ as the Head of the Church:
2. The Authority of the Bible:
3. The Work of the Holy Spirit:



And- that fourth one is one of the important ones and it is an understanding that ~~sets us~~ ~~apart~~ from many of the other congregations and churches around us.

4. THE OVERSIGHT OF THE ELDERS:

Why are you a Presbyterian?

Questions for Church Membership

(1) Do you believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, to be the Word of God, and its doctrine of salvation to be the perfect and only true doctrine of salvation?

(2) Do you believe in one living and true God, in whom eternally there are three distinct persons - God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit - who are the same in being and equal in power and glory, and that Jesus Christ is God the Son, come in the flesh?

(3) Do you confess that because of your sinfulness you abhor and humble yourself before God, that you repent of your sin, and that you trust for salvation not in yourself but in Jesus Christ alone?

(4) Do you acknowledge Jesus Christ as your sovereign Lord, and do you promise that, in reliance on the grace of God, you will serve him with all that is in you, forsake the world, resist the devil, put to death your sinful deeds and desires, and lead a godly life?

(5) Do you promise to participate faithfully in this church's worship and service, to submit in the Lord to its government, and to heed its discipline, even in case you should be found delinquent in doctrine or life?

CHURCH GOVERNMENT

What kinds of church government are there?

- ❖ Prelacy:
- ❖ Independent / Congregational:
- ❖ Presbyterianism

How do we look at this?

Begin in Ephesians 1:19ff; 2:19-22

Matthew 2:6

John 10:11

Hebrews 13:20

1 Peter 2:25

1 Peter 5:4

There is a *Chief Shepherd* and there are *under shepherds* who give account to him.

- ❖ Who are they and what do they do?

Acts 14:21-23; 15:2; 16:4

Titus 1:5

- ❖ What are they to do?

Acts 20:17ff

1 Peter 5:1-4

- ❖ What sort of people ought the elders to be?

1 Timothy 3:107; Titus 1:5-10

Hebrews 13:17

Now, the critical thought_

- ❖ What attitude should you and I have toward them?

1 Peter 5:5

Hebrews 13:17

This is where the substance of Question 5 enters into the discussion. **What is involved?**

1. **Shepherding involves Guarding - Acts 20:28**

- ❖ **Guarding the Membership:**

- ❖ **Guarding the Church from the intrusion of sin and error.**

What of this idea of Discipline?

Some ideas:

1. **The Proper Atmosphere of Church Discipline:**

1 Thessalonians 5:12ff

Galatians 6:1

2. **The Purposes of Church Discipline**

NOT:

3. **Instructions of Jesus on matters of Procedure**

Galatians 5:1,2

Matthew 5: 23ff; 18:15ff

Follow the steps:

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How about the **Life and Doctrine Part?**

- ▲ Paul's instruction to a young pastor/elder:

1 Tim 4:13,16; 1:10,11

2 Tim 3:16, 4:3

- ▲ God's instruction to the Whole church

Galatians 1:8

Titus 3:9-11

1 Cor. 5:5