

How do I join?

St. Paul's is a congregation open to all who seek God and a stronger relationship with Christ. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion at this altar.

Formal membership happens in one of the following ways:

• **Transferring your membership:**

If you are transferring from another Episcopal Church or the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ECLA) or other full communion partner, the church secretary will send a request for a letter of transfer to your last parish.

• **Recording your Baptism:**

If you have been baptized and/or confirmed in another Christian denomination, your baptism will be recorded in the office and you will be considered a baptized member of the parish. Baptized members attend the Rites of Renewal classes offered each January to prepare for confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church at the Bishop's visit in early February.

• **Baptism:**

Those who have not yet been baptized are presented to the congregation as catechumens. Catechumens receive instruction in the Christian faith prior to being baptized. Following baptism (if confirmation does not occur at the same time), the newly baptized member attends Rites of Renewal classes to prepare for confirmation by the bishop.

OK, so how do I start the process?

The best way to start the process is to fill out a **Member Information Form** and hand deliver or return by mail to the church office. The information form arrives on the desk of the church secretary, Carla Solis, who shares the information with our rector, Fr. Brad Landry. The information form helps the office and Fr. Brad determine next steps for each newcomer.

If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Paul's, but have additional questions before doing so, please contact Fr. Brad, rector at St. Paul's, or Susan Keyes, Chair of Membership Development.

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