

## **Membership Process at Bethel Presbyterian Church**

We are delighted that you're considering Bethel as your new church home! The steps for becoming a member at Bethel are outlined below to make the process as easy as possible.

**New Members Class** – Bethel regularly offers a class covering what it means to be a member of a local church, the vows members take, what they confess to believe in those vows, what they commit themselves to in those vows, and also what it means to be baptized and to participate in the Lord's Supper.

**Membership Transfer** – *If you are coming to Bethel from another church with membership status*, we ask that you contact them and have them forward your membership papers or a letter of transfer to Bethel. It can be mailed directly to the church office:

Bethel Presbyterian Church  
Attn: Clerk of Session  
1401 S Naperville Rd  
Wheaton, IL 60189

*If you are not coming from a church with membership status*, that's okay! The steps below will still apply to you, but you can disregard this step.

**Membership Survey** – A brief survey will be distributed during New Members Class or can be accessed through <https://bit.ly/BethelMember>. The completed survey can be sent to our admin staff. Only one sheet is needed per family.

**Personal Testimony** – A brief written testimony describing how you became a Christian will need to be submitted to the admin staff. (For help writing a testimony, feel free to reference: [LINK](#)). \*Please note that this written testimony needs to be submitted to the office **at least 3 days prior** to interview with elders.

**Interview with Session** – Following the completion of the previous steps, we will schedule a short interview with members of the session. These interviews are not only so that you may profess your faith, but also a joyous time together and a chance for members of the session to get to know you and for you to get to know them. The church office will reach out to you to schedule this interview and provide you with any necessary information in advance.

**Received into Membership** – After your interview has been approved by the session, we will announce to the church that you'll be publicly received as a member at Bethel. The following week, you will be publicly received during the morning worship service. The admin staff will be in contact to determine the date for this reception.

All submitted materials should be sent to our administrative assistant, Linda Burke, at [linda.burke@bethelopc.org](mailto:linda.burke@bethelopc.org)

