

BECOMING A MEMBER OF ST. PHILIP'S

Dear Friends,

Several folks have recently asked about membership here at St. Philip's. First off, let me say that regardless of your membership status, you are welcome here. Secondly, if you have been baptized, confirmed, or received at St. Philip's, you are already a member.

However, if you've come to St. Philip's from another worshipping community, or if you have not been baptized, then you may become a member through one of the following ways: baptism, confirmation or reception, or by transferring your membership from another Episcopal congregation.

Baptism

St. Philip's offers baptisms four times a year. All ages are welcome. If you are interested in baptism for you or your child, please contact either Sally or me (sally@stphilipsdurham.org; jonahkendall@stphilipsdurham.org.).

Confirmation and Reception

A baptized adult can make a public and mature affirmation of their faith through confirmation or reception. Confirmation/reception is an important component of membership as only those ages 16 or over who have been confirmed or received can vote and run for vestry at our annual meeting. We will be offering preparation classes this spring in anticipation of the Bishop's visit in the fall.

Membership Transfers

As an Episcopalian from another congregation, you can become a member of St. Philip's by transferring your membership. You can do this by either contacting your former parish or by contacting Janice Glasser, our parish administrator (janice@stphilipsdurham.org) and having her initiate the transfer. It's easy to do!

Membership is important because it is a tangible expression of our spiritual connection to God and to one another in God. It can lead us into deeper community and strengthen our lives of prayer and service. May you see this invitation to membership as an opportunity to make your life a part of our church.

God bless,

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