



**Christ Church Preschool & Kindergarten (CCK)** is one of the largest ministry areas of Christ Church. The connection between the church and the school is part of what makes CCK a special place to learn and grow. Although membership at Christ Church is not required to attend CCK, priority for enrollment is given to Christ Church pledging members.



A Christ Church pledging member is defined as a member of the church who has a current pledge for 2024 by December 31, 2023. Below is information on membership and pledging.

For questions about membership, contact Kathryn Saunders, Director of Newcomers and Parish Life, at [saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org). For questions about pledging, contact Natalie Akin, Director of Generosity and Stewardship, at [akin@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:akin@christchurchcharlotte.org).

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## All About Pledges

**The church asks everyone in our community to prayerfully consider a financial pledge each year to enable our work.**

### Did You Know?

- A pledge is a commitment or promise to give a specific amount of money to the church.
- A pledge can be made in any amount. Individual pledges at Christ Church range from five dollars to over \$100,000. The average pledge is around \$5,000.
- Pledges enable our parish to set a budget each year. In fact, pledged gifts account for approximately 98% of our parish budget.

### Fulfilling Your Pledge

- Making a pledge and fulfilling a pledge are two separate things. Fulfilling a pledge means making the promised payment.
- Gifts fulfilling annual pledges can be given periodically throughout the year or as one single gift.
- Pledges may be fulfilled with checks, credit cards, or through gifts of securities.
- Automatic bank or credit card drafts are available.

**A pledge can be made in any of the following ways:**



#### ONLINE

[www.christchurch-charlotte.org/pledge](http://www.christchurch-charlotte.org/pledge)



#### TEXT

Text your full name and amount of pledge to 980-221-4035



#### CHRIST CHURCH APP

Tap the Giving (heart) icon at bottom right, tap Make a Pledge, complete form, and submit.



#### PLEDGE FORM

Complete and mail to 1412 Providence Road Charlotte, NC 28207



#### CONTACT US

Call Paulette Wilkes at 704-714-6970 or email [wilkesp@christchurch-charlotte.org](mailto:wilkesp@christchurch-charlotte.org)

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# All About **Membership**

**There are several ways to become a member of Christ Church:**

## **Baptism**



Baptism is the first step in becoming a member of the church. Everyone whose baptism is recorded in our parish register is considered a baptized member of our community of faith. We schedule monthly baptisms for babies and adults during regular worship services.

If you have been baptized elsewhere, you can transfer your membership. The Episcopal Church accepts all Christian baptisms, and each person only needs to be baptized once.

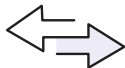
## **Confirmation**



Confirmation represents a public affirmation of personal faith. To serve on the governing vestry, vote at the annual parish meeting, or be a representative at the diocesan convention, one must be a confirmed member. In the Anglican and Episcopalian traditions, confirmation is always performed by the Bishop.

We offer confirmation classes for youth and adults. For youth, it is a three-semester process, beginning in the spring of 8th grade. For adults, including those coming from other denominations who would like to become confirmed in the Episcopal tradition, there are several opportunities to take classes which culminate in being confirmed by the Bishop each spring.

## **Transfer of Membership**



If you have been a member of another Christian faith community and have been baptized, we can assist with having your letter of membership transferred. You will transfer as a baptized member, unless you are transferring as a confirmed member from another Episcopal church. Baptized members may choose to be confirmed at any time by participating in confirmation classes.

**We aspire for members to attend worship regularly, serve the church outside of Sunday worship, and pledge and give each year. Responding to God's generosity through our own generosity is the essence of what it means to be a member at Christ Church.**

## **Time**



Devoting time to worship, spiritual growth, and community is essential to the Christian life. We encourage all members to dedicate at least one hour during the week, outside of Sunday worship, to deepen your commitment to God and our community.

## **Treasure**



We ask everyone to prayerfully consider a financial pledge each year to enable the work of the church. Pledged gifts account for 98% of the annual parish budget.

## **Talent**



God has given each of us unique gifts which we encourage you to share with our community. We would love to help you assess your God-given gifts and find meaningful ways to use them.

