

STONY POINT CHURCH

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APPLICATION FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Name			
Date of Birth			
Mailing Address			
	City:	State:	Zip:
Phone Number(s)	Cell:	Home:	
Email Address(es)			
Marital Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed		
If Married, Spouse's Name			

CHILDREN 18 and YOUNGER

Name		Date of Birth		Date of Baptism	
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GIFTS, ABILITIES, & INTERESTS

I have the following gifts and abilities that I am willing to use to serve the church:		
I am currently serving in, or would be interested in volunteering in, the following areas:	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Nursery / Children's Ministry</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Young Adults / Foundations</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality / Greeters</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Women's or Men's Ministries</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Community Groups</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic Ministries</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Office Assistance</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Youth Ministry</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday Night Activities</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Communion Preparation</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Missions - Local or Global</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Lay Counseling or Support Groups</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Special Events</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</div>	

☐ I give Stony Point Church permission to publish my contact information in the church directory.

SPIRITUAL BACKGROUND

When did you become a Christian?	
Briefly explain how you became a Christian?	
If you have been baptized, please list when and where.	
Since becoming a Christian, how have you seen your faith in Jesus grow?	
How have you served God in ministry and missions?	
When did you begin worshiping at Stony Point church? What attracted you to SPC?	
Why are you interested in membership?	
Have you completed the SPC Membership Class?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you met with a SPC Pastor or Elder for membership preparation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

SPC MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

I apply for membership in Stony Point Reformed Presbyterian Church ("Stony Point Church") by agreeing to enter into a solemn covenant with God and His Church, viewing the Church as God's visible kingdom of grace, of which Stony Point Church is a local expression. Accordingly, I make the following vows:

- 1) I do acknowledge myself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving his displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy.
- "Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God." *Shorter Catechism*
 - "...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," *Romans 3:23*
 - "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." *Romans 6:23*
 - "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead," *1st Peter 1:3*
- 2) I do believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and I do rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel.
- "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son." *John 3:16 - 18*
 - "...the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." *Luke 19:10*
 - "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." *Hebrews 11:1*
 - "Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." *John 14:6*
- 3) I do resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, to endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ.
- "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." *Romans 12:2*
 - "Then He (Jesus) said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." *Luke 9:23*
 - "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit." *Galatians 5: 22 & 25*
 - "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." *John 13:34*
- 4) I do promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of my ability.
- "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." *Hebrews 10:25*
 - "Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully." *Romans 12:4 - 8*
 - "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." *James 1:27*
- 5) I do submit to the government and discipline of the Church and promise to promote its purity and peace.
- "Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you." *Hebrews 13:17*
 - "This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone. But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless. Warn a divisive person once, and then warn him a second time. After that, have nothing to do with him." *Titus 3:8 - 10*

☐ By God's grace I affirm the above vows (as set forth in the Book of Church Order) and welcome the encouragement, support, and accountability of the Shepherds of this church.

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STONY POINT CHURCH VISION

To liberate Greater Richmond with the transforming power of the Gospel, beginning with us.

While the Gospel is universal and never-changing, the vision and mission of a particular church is unique and sometimes changing according to its location, history, calling, gifts, and Providence. I have thoughtfully considered and will fully support the unique vision and mission of Stony Point Church in the following ways:

- ☐ I will participate regularly in weekly worship at Stony Point Church and prayerfully seek opportunities to invite my unbelieving friends, neighbors, and work associates to join me in worship, hoping that they will discover the Gospel.
- ☐ I will invest in the growth of my faith in Jesus by participating regularly in the discipleship ministries of Stony Point Church.
- ☐ I will invest in the growth of others' faiths in Jesus by contributing my time and gifts to the ministries of Stony Point Church,
- ☐ I will invest in the growth of God's Kingdom - the Church - by regularly serving in Stony Point Church Mission Projects and by daily taking the Gospel into my own spheres of influence at home, community, and workplace.
- ☐ I understand that Stony Point Church is a local church within the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a member of the James River Presbytery, and under the authority of its General Assembly. I also understand that its Session governs in accord with the Stony Point Church Bylaws and the PCA Book of Church Order.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP HISTORY

Please list the churches you have committed to as a member, beginning with your most recent.

Church Name			
City, State		Dates	
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- ☐ I give Stony Point Church permission to contact my previous churches to inquire about my membership history and to request a transfer of membership where applicable.

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FOR MINORS

PARENT'S SIGNATURE		Date	
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SPC OFFICE USE:

Elders Assigned		Home Church Contacted	
Interview Date		Transfer Received	
Approved for Mbrshp.		Database entry	
Bios Received		Presentation Date	