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MEMBERSHIP 2020

The Membership at CPC class is our way of orienting you to the life and ministry of our church. This experience is designed to:

- Cover the basics of the Christian life and reinforce the true meaning of a commitment to a lifelong journey of following Jesus.
- Help you learn how to grow in your faith and the many life-giving ways you can be a part of our church family.
- Give you an understanding of CPC, its history, theology, and connectional relationships with the larger Church of which CPC is a part.
- Provide opportunity to ask questions of any kind that will assist and equip you in your own journey of faith.
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OUR VISION

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REACH is our vision for the future of CPC. It is where we are headed. The vision reflects what we value. The vision is a mental picture of what could be fueled by the passion of what should be.

We believe the REACH vision compels CPC'ers to reach beyond ourselves in five ways:

 ${\bf R}-{\rm Renew}$ a gospel movement among the unchurched 95% in the San Ramon Valley

E–Engage all generations through gatherings, groups and technology

A-Attract the next generation of young families and students

 ${\bf C}-{\rm Care}$ for hurting people through the gospel of hope and healing

H-Help people generously leverage their time, talent and treasure locally and globally

OUR VALUES

"Reaching people and following Jesus."

This simple statement anchors our church and guides everything we do. It is what we're all about. It is Gospel-centered, and given to us by Jesus (Matthew 28:19-20). It shapes our hearts, informs our actions, and aligns our efforts.

OUR VALLEY

For far too long, the Church has been known for what it's **against**. We want to be known for what we're **FOR**.



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CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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What Is Membership?

Members are those who commit to making CPC your community of faith-your church family. As CPC members, we believe and expect you will "fully engage" in a few specific ways. These simple "next steps" will always help you grow in your relationship with God and one another:

ATTEND the weekend

Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. *Hebrews 10:23-25*

INVITE a friend

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. *John 1:40-42*

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." ...Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. "Come and see," said Philip. *John 1:43-46*

CONNECT to a group

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17

SERVE regularly

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. *Mark 10:45*

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:27

GIVE generously

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21

Four Questions Asked of all Persons Uniting in Membership with CPC:

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in need of God's forgiveness and salvation?

2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and trust Him alone to be your Lord and Savior?

3. Do you commit to living as a disciple of Jesus Christ, sharing the gospel and serving God's mission in the world, by the gracious help of the Holy Spirit?

4. Do you support the vision, values and leadership of CPC, and will you give your time, talent, and treasure to Christ in His Church?



"When you meet together for worship, some of you have a song to sing. Some of you want to teach and some have special words from God. Some of you speak in special sounds and some of you tell what they mean. Everything should be done to help those who are meeting together to grow strong as Christians."

1 Corinthians 14:26

Our CPC family gathers every Sunday to worship our God in song, through prayer, attentive listening to scripture, and the teaching of God's Word. As we come together, we demonstrate a willingness to seek after God and focus on Christ in a community setting. Worship services at CPC are celebrations designed to build the church up through worshiping together, connecting with each other, and spurring one another on to serve.

SUNDAYS 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30AM



KIDS + Students

CPC Kids (12 WEEKS - GRADE 4)

The mission of CPC Kids is to partner with the families of children, ages 12 weeks to 4th grade, to develop the next generation of faithful believers. We aim to make kids feel loved & accepted while they grow in the knowledge, love, & service of Jesus Christ. We use a fun, hands-on, volunteer-based curriculum that focuses on teaching the Word of God & applying the Bible in relevant ways for every child's age & stage. Through our programs, we hope to establish the spiritual building blocks for children that will allow them to develop life-long relationships with Christ. For more information, email childrensministries@cpcdanville.org or visit our website!

FiveSix & Wildside 7/8 Ministries (GRADES 5 - 8)

Every week, Wildside teaches God's truth so that middle school students know how to deal with important stuff like friends, parents, and school. Each week during the school year, there's awesome music, a great message about God and plenty of time to hang out with friends.

ROCK High School Ministry (GRADES 9 - 12)

Each week, Rock gets real with high school students about what they believe. There's awesome music, messages just for them, and plenty of time built in to hang out with friends and connect with adult leaders who really care about students.

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SAN RAMON VALLEY Christian Academy

SRVCA's purpose is to guide all students to reach their God-given potential through excellent and biblically-integrated academics, competitive athletics, innovative technology, and a challenging fine arts curriculum.

SRVCA's vision for each child: Love God. Learn for life. Lead like Christ.

As a ministry of CPC Danville, SRVCA is supported and strengthened by its relationship with this supportive church body. As you consider schooling options, you can be confident that SRVCA is a safe, secure, and nurturing environment for your child to thrive.

PRE-SCHOOL ELEMENTARY MIDDLE SCHOOL

The San Ramon Valley Christian Academy provides a preschool-8 education in which students can develop spiritually, socially, intellectually, and physically, grounded in the truth of God's Word.



MEN'S MINISTRIES



Men's Ministries' mission is to help strengthen the men of CPC and our community, to seek a personal relationship with God, connect with other men, and equip them for leadership and service in their homes, communities and workplace.

Some of our programs include:

- Men's Fraternity
- Men's Dinners
- Annual Men's Conference

Check our website, or email cpcdanville.org/men



Women's Ministries' mission is to help women grow in knowledge and relationship with Christ, connect with women in friendship, and follow Jesus' command to love one another, sharing His grace as we serve together.

CPC Women provides a way for you to deepen faith and friendships every day of the week! Programs are from September through April.

Monday evening | Focused Living PM

A bible study for all ages who prefer or require an evening meeting time. Study is the same as our Focused Living morning study.

Tuesday morning | Precepts

An inductive Bible Study with in-depth teaching and small group discussions to better understand and apply God's Word. Children's program available.

Wednesday afternoons | Mothers Together

A relaxed community of moms with young children seeking growth and friendship. Children's program available.

Thursday morning | Awakenings

Awakenings: An early morning (6-7am) gathering for women to start the day with God and girlfriends!

Thursday morning | Focused Living

A women's bible study with small group breakouts. Children's program available.

Friday morning | Transitions

A community of women seeking to connect relationally and grow spiritually through life's turning points. Drop-ins are welcome!

Special Events: Christmas Brunch, IF: Danville, Summer Series

Visit **cpcdanville.org/women** for more details, or email women@cpcdanville.org

CONNECT TOGETHER

To get placed in a new or existing group visit the Connect webpage: **cpcdanville.org/connect** or contact Heather

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To grow spiritually, you need to be connected relationally. CPC has groups for every age and every stage. Each group is as unique as its participants! Groups may study the Bible, go deeper with the sermon material, or explore topics of interest (parenting, marriage, basics of faith, etc.). We have several different Group options for you to consider:

Small Groups

- Longer term which fosters deeper relationships
- Meet weekly or bi-monthly
- Similar age/stage people (i.e.-young adults, singles, parents, empty nest, retired) or coed intergenerational
- Commitment level: These groups work best when everyone prioritizes their group commitment for at least one season (August-May)

Short Term Groups | Classes

- 6-8 weeks duration
- Topical studies i.e.-marriage, parenting, finances, new to faith, Bible 101
- Great for those who are unsure if they can commit to a longer term Life Group
- Offered 2-3 times/year
- Commitment level: 6-8 weeks

Large Groups: Men's Ministry & Women's Ministry

- Weekly programs for men and women
- Fall through Spring
- Offer discussion groups as part of a large group speaker series or Bible study.

RIGHTNOW MEDIA

RightNow Media, a video Bible-Study/Leadership video library, was subscribed to by CPC to help our congregation have access to quality teaching for spiritual growth. This free online resource is available to our congregation. Its purpose is to provide people with rich and diverse video studies for all ages, teams and groups for practical application to their daily lives.

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SERVE IN THE CHURCH

Every weekend, church happens because of volunteers. Are you willing to help in this area? Opportunitities to serve are diverse...from welcoming guests, to working behind the scenes with tech or AV, there truly is an opportunity for everyone.

SERVE IN THE COMMUNITY

At CPC, we want to be a church that is present in our community, showing the love of Jesus, and giving of our time and resources. San Ramon Valley and beyond is growing with need and we believe God has called us to help our community beyond the walls of our church building

SERVE IN THE WORLD

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded of you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-19

God has blessed us with the resouces to support 31 international and domestic mission partners. Our Missions Ministry is flourishing with opportunities to meet their physical and spiritual needs, and bring the Gospel across the street and around the world.

C P C MISSIONS

CPC Missions exists to engage and mobilize CPCers to fulfill the Great Commission both locally and abroad through:

- Support of local ministries and organizations that cover a wide range of service projects, as well as opportunities for church members to invest their time, talent and/or treasure. Serve Day is a wonderful example of how this is played out.
- Support of national and international ministries that are largely oriented toward the involvement and support of evangelism, church planting, and discipleship among people of other nations and cultures both locally and abroad, and care for vulnerable people.

Among our many partnerships is **Sintaro Village in Ethiopia**. Sintaro has captured our hearts – and we are giving generously. Over 500 CPCers have been involved in some way with Sintaro – from sponsoring children to praying for our team to financial support. Sintaro has also been a bridge into our community, where many have become involved!

Jesus came and said to them, "All power has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go and make followers of all the nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to do all the things I have told you. And I am with you always, even to the end of the world." Matthew 28:18-20

SINTARO



Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

CAREMINISTRIES

CPC Care is a key component in expressing the compassion of Christ to both members of the congregation and the community. Approximately 85% of those served by the CPC Care ministries are from outside CPC, and we love caring for our community. Our goal is to provide practical support in times of crisis, life transition, and personal loss through both group and individual ministry.

For more information on our care ministries and events throughout the year, please visit: **cpcdanville.org/care**

DIVORCECARE & GRIEFSHARE

These ministries offer support and encouragement to those who are going through divorce, or have experienced the death of a loved one. Each consists of a 12-week series that includes a combination of video teaching and small group discussion. The leaders of each group have life experience, and offer a safe, Christ-centered environment in which to heal.

CPC SENIORS MINISTRY

This is a gathering for 'seasoned citizens' that offers fun & friendship to those who are in the prime of their lives. An average of 60 participants per week enjoy entertainment, devotions, and a home-cooked meal.

iCARE

iCARE is a 12-week program that will equip you to care for your family, friends and the people God puts into your life with greater confidence, purpose and awareness. Classes are taught by CPC pastors and CPC Counseling Center therapists.

COUNSELING CENTER

CPCC provides counseling services for families, couples, individuals and groups. Our staff of therapists is able to address a variety of needs. We serve members and friends of CPC, members of other local churches and people from the surrounding community. For more information on CPCC, please visit **cpccounseling.com**

PRAYER

Prayer Ministries is committed to creating a culture of prayer and intimacy with Christ by fostering personal transformation and spiritual growth.

Prayer Support: Please submit your prayer requests to prayer@cpcdanville.org or contact Pastor Heidi Johnson at heidi@cpcdanville.org for personal prayer.



ESSENTIALS OF OUR FAITH

In Essentials...Unity In Non-Essentials...Liberty In All Things...Charity

All Scripture is self-attesting and being Truth, requires our unreserved submission in all areas of life. The infallible Word of God, the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments, is a complete and unified witness to God's redemptive acts culminating in the incarnation of the Living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible, uniquely and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, is the supreme and final authority on all matters on which it speaks. On this sure foundation we affirm these Essentials:

- 1. We believe in one God, the sovereign Creator and Sustainer of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To Him be all honor, glory and praise forever!
- 2. Jesus Christ, the living Word, became flesh through His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit and His virgin birth. He who is true God became true man united in one Person forever. He died on the cross a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. On the third day He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where, at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He now is our High Priest and Mediator.
- 3. The Holy Spirit has come to glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to our hearts. He convicts us of sin and draws us to the Savior. Indwelling our hearts, He gives new life to us, empowers and imparts gifts to us for service. He instructs and guides us into all truth, and seals us for the day of redemption.
- 4. Being estranged from God and condemned by our sinfulness, our salvation is wholly dependent upon the work of God's free grace. God credits His righteousness to those who put their faith in Christ alone for their salvation, thereby justifies them in His sight. Only such as are born of the Holy Spirit and receive Jesus Christ become children of God and heirs of eternal life.
- 5. The true Church is composed of all persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ and the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit are united together in the body of Christ. The Church finds her visible, yet imperfect, expression in local congregations where the Word of God is preached in its purity and the sacraments are administered in their integrity; where scriptural discipline is practiced, and where loving fellowship is maintained. For her perfecting, she awaits the return of her Lord.
- 6. Jesus Christ will come again to the earth—personally, visibly, and bodily—to judge the living and the dead, and to consummate history and the eternal plan of God. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:20).
- 7. The Lord Jesus Christ commands all believers to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world and to make disciples of all nations. Obedience to the Great Commission requires total commitment to "Him who loved us and gave Himself for us." He calls us to a life of self-denying love and service. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10).

These Essentials are set forth in greater detail in the Westminster Confession of Faith.



OUR AFFILIATION EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

As our name describes, we are evangelical; we have a love and passion for Christ and celebrate what Jesus has accomplished for us at the Cross.

We are Presbyterian; distinguished by two features: elder-based leadership and reformed theology.

We are a confessional family of churches, embracing the Westminster Confession and our "Essentials of Faith" (core beliefs) based on this confession.

We are committed to becoming a missional family of churches as we fulfill our mission and reach out to serve others with the love of Christ.

The EPC consists of more than 600 churches with nearly 145,000 members.

For more information, visit **www.epc.org**



ELDERS & DEACONS

Our church's governing board is called the Session. Session is comprised of 13 men and women (we call elders) who are elected by the congregation to provide spiritual and operational oversight of all our ministries and mission.

CURRENT RULING ELDERS:

Michelle Bleasdell Chris Callahan Kim Cory Linda Danis Marilee Goodykoontz Karli Lewis Mike MacDonald Paul Moon Bill Pearce Alex Powers Steph Sawyer Brian Shepherd Jamie Van Randwyk

CPC has 27 deacons who are ordained to tangibly demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ by serving people in need both within and beyond our congregation. Members in our congregation can nominate fellow members to become deacons, who serve for a term of three years.

DEACONS 2020-21

Mihaela Benson **Ben Buraess** Teri Perun Gina Callahan Karen Cannariato Paul Chase **Steve Diekmann (Vice** Moderatior) **Mark Furrow Kristen Henry JoAnn Jones** Megan Klopp Jim Lewkowicz Dan Lucht **Mary Martineau** John Neff

Diane Oppocher Teri Perun Mike Raphel Carolyn Ricinak Kevin Rouse Kristie Rouse Myra Samson Mike Sermeno Brenda Smith George Smith Mark Walker Teresa Wells (Moderator) Dee Dee Worthing



SACRAMENTS

There are two sacraments initiated by Jesus' actions and given to us by His instruction. They are signs and seals of the covenant of grace, representing Christ and what He has done for us, confirming our relationship to Him and marking for us the difference Christ has made in our lives.

BAPTISM

- water (sprinkling or immersions) celebrated once
- marks our inclusion into Christ and our new life in Him
- celebrate both infant and adult baptism

THE LORD'S SUPPER/COMMUNION

- bread and cup
- celebrated continually
- affirms our ongoing connection to and dependency on Christ
- open to all who profess faith in Jesus Christ

BAPTISM // REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM // DEDICATION

Baptism: A person becomes an active member of our church through faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and acceptance of His Lordship in all of life. Baptism and a public profession of faith in Jesus as Lord are visible signs of entrance into the active membership of our church.

<u>Baptism is received only once</u>. If you were baptized as an infant or child you do not need to do so again. If you have never been baptized, you have the choice of being baptized by sprinkling of water or immersion. Baptism is celebrated during one of our worship services. Baptism in the Presbyterian Church is a Sacrament that involves public vows to follow Christ, followed by the congregation supporting those vows in every way.

Reaffirmation of Baptism: New members who have been previously baptized are given the opportunity to reaffirm their faith and commitment to follow Christ. You have the choice of reaffirming your baptism by sprinkling of water or immersion.

The Baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God's love claims people before they are able to respond in faith. Those presenting children for Baptism shall promise to provide nurture and guidance within the community of faith until the child is ready to make their own profession of faith.

Dedication is a prayer of blessing over a child that expresses the hope that one day each child will come to their own personal decision to follow Christ.

For more information or to schedule a baptism, contact Linda Roberts at linda@cpcdanville.org.

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