

Membership Process at Harvest

The following steps represent the usual membership process at Harvest:

- **NEW MEMBERS CLASS:** We recommend beginning with our New Members Class. Typically starting in January, Pastor Dale teaches this class during the Sunday School period (11:15am–12:00pm) for several months. The class covers a range of topics including the foundational beliefs of Harvest Church; Harvest's background; our denomination, the Orthodox Presbyterian Church; the structure of our church; and what it means to be a church member.

Note: The class is not required for membership and does not obligate you toward moving forward with membership, but it will certainly help you get to know the church better (and perhaps get to know some other people along the way!) Audio recordings of the classes are available at harvestopc.org/new-members-class for those seeking membership at times of the year when the class is not offered.

- **MEMBER TRANSFER PAPERS:** If you are coming from another church, we ask that you contact them and request your membership papers (or a letter of standing) be sent to Harvest. Your previous church can email this information to secretary@harvestopc.org or mail it to the church address:

Harvest Orthodox Presbyterian Church
930 52nd Street SW
Wyoming, MI 49509

- **MEMBERSHIP DATA SHEET:** Sheets will be distributed in the New Members Class or can be accessed at harvestopc.org/new-member. The completed data sheet can be submitted to: secretary@harvestopc.org.
Note: Only one sheet is needed per family.
- **PERSONAL TESTIMONY:** Submit a brief written testimony describing how you became a Christian. Questions to help you write your testimony are available on harvestopc.org/new-member.
- **INTERVIEW BY SESSION:** Once the previous steps are completed, we will schedule an interview with 3-4 members of Session. This is an opportunity for the elders to get to know you (and your family if they are joining with you) and to learn how God has been at work in your life. You will be asked some basic questions about what you believe about Jesus, what he's accomplished for his people, and how this affects your life as a Christian. A pastor or pastoral intern will reach out to schedule an informal meeting to discuss the session interview and provide you with a list of questions in advance.
- **RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP:** After your interview is approved by Session, we will announce to the congregation that you will be received as members at Harvest. Soon after, you will be publicly received into full membership during a worship service. The secretary will contact you to determine the date.

Submitted material should be sent to our Church Secretary, Melinda LaCount, at secretary@harvestopc.org.



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