

Welcome

The Presbyterian Church has served the Barrington area for over 40 years. We welcome members of diverse religious backgrounds to our fellowship as we seek to grow in faith and spirit. We encourage individuals to find their own special niche in the life of our congregation. There are many opportunities to participate. Each member enriches our life as a community of faith.

Organized as a mission church of the Presbytery of Chicago, we have become a church committed to the care of others. We reach out to those in need in our own community, the greater Chicago area, our nation and the world.

We are a congregation committed to the ongoing education of our children, youth and adults through an extensive program of Christian Education. Many provide time, talent and resources for our innovative Bible computer lab, teaching the history and lessons of the Bible through modern technology. Our educational system has become a model for churches throughout the United States.

Our Sunday morning schedule is designed to provide a variety of worship and educational experience to meet the needs of children and adults. We hope you find our church a vibrant community of faith and invite you to join us as we celebrate the life of Christ.

Sincerely,

Curtis T. Baxter
Pastor

Being Presbyterian

We are united in the Presbyterian Church (USA) by the belief that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, by the need for forgiveness of sins, by belief in a representative form of church government and by sharing together in a ministry of care and outreach. We are a people with broad roots in the Protestant Reformed tradition, and we strive to appreciate diversity, hear all voices and honor the gifts and talents God brings to us through His people.

Worship

Join us each Sunday at 9:00 or 11:00 a.m. for worship in the sanctuary, including liturgy, music and a special time for children's participation. Enjoy fellowship and refreshments with us in Fellowship Hall between services.

During the summer months there is one service at 9:00 a.m.

Christian Education

For Adults. Adult education is available on Sunday mornings, twice a month, following the 9:00 service. A variety of challenging topics, both historical and contemporary, is addressed by academic and professional speakers from the Chicago area.

Bible studies and spiritual life programs, including two Disciple study groups, many of them organized by Barrington Presbyterian Women, are also available.

For Youth. The Youth Program for grades 7 through high school, under the auspices of our Director of Christian Education and many dedicated volunteers, strives to make the church's youth ministry relevant and positive for church members and their friends.

Sunday morning classes employ innovative Old and New Testament study throughout the year.

Preparation for confirmation for eighth grade students emphasizes worship, education and fellowship.

Annual mission trips for youth allow teenagers to live out their faith through service to others.

For Children. The pre-school program utilizes music and creative play to enhance the learning experience of the young child.

The Workshop Rotation model, which uses art, drama, music, puppetry, audio-visuals, computers and Bible games and skills began in this church over a decade ago and has now spread around the country and overseas.

Fellowship

A wide variety of activities is planned for each year, including something for everyone.

For Adults and Families

- Adult Choir
- Advent Dinner and Christmas caroling
- BPW's White Breakfast
- Derby Day party in May
- Softball and basketball
- Kitchen Cabinet retired men's lunch group
- A monthly men's club dinner group
- Winter retreat

For Youth and Children.

- Dove Club for K-4 children. They meet every Wednesday during the school year for games, dinner and choir activity. The choir sings occasionally during the worship service.

- Fellowship Group for 5th and 6th graders. They meet every Wednesday for dinner and games.
- Fellowship Group for 7th and 8th graders. They meet weekly and activities include lock-ins, organized games, mission activities and retreats.
- Senior High Fellowship Group. They meet weekly at the church or off-site. They participate in seasonal retreats, trips and mission projects.

Mission

The Presbyterian Church of Barrington was organized in 1960 as a mission church of the Chicago Presbytery and continues today to demonstrate strong support of denominational projects as well as the following special concerns:

- Christopher House, a Presbyterian settlement house in Chicago with day care and other support for homeless, battered women and the unemployed.
- San Marcos Urban Youth Outreach, an inner city sanctuary for mostly Hispanic youth, supplemented with a scholarship program at St. Gregory's High School.
- Barrington Youth Services, FISH, Meals with Wheels, Home of the Sparrow, CROP Walk and Habitat for Humanity, among others.

Mission dollars to support these projects in addition to our church's defined annual budget are raised through gifts and contributions and a variety of special events such as our church picnic and bake sale, men's and ladies' golf outings, an annual lobster sale, spring and fall food drives and clothing drives.

BPW

Barrington Presbyterian Women – "The Heart of the Church"

Diverse backgrounds, ages and talents make BPW of interest to any woman in the church. They undertake Bible studies, spiritual life programs,

fellowship programs, mission activities, memorial receptions, the White Breakfast, poinsettia sale, the Christmas benefit, Valentine care packages to "away from home" youth, Meals with Wheels and Food Served with Love.

Within BPW, there is always a home to be found or a job to be done.

Pastoral Care

The caring, sharing message of the Scriptures is ever nurtured within our congregation, with pastoral care and outreach being the primary focus of the Board of Deacons and our Associate Pastor. Our Stephen Ministry is also a strong foundation for our pastoral care. The church's newly organized Membership and Outreach Committee seeks to support this aspect of church life by attracting new members, welcoming them into our church family, and assisting in assimilating them into the life of our church.

Becoming a Member

We hope you find a home with us! Membership is open to all those who seek to serve Jesus Christ, and who desire to give of their time, talent, financial resources and prayer. Prospective members are introduced to the activities and expectations of this church periodically throughout the year. Interested persons should call the church office at **847-381-0975**.

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The Presbyterian Church
of Barrington

Created by God as a welcoming, caring family of faith, we...

worship God joyfully, guided and challenged by Scripture and the proclamation of God's Gospel;

serve those in need, inspiring and equipping one another to respond to God's call;

support each individual's journey of faith through lifelong learning, Christian fellowship and prayer, and

share this spiritual home with all, drawing others to faith in Jesus Christ and reflecting the everlasting love of God.