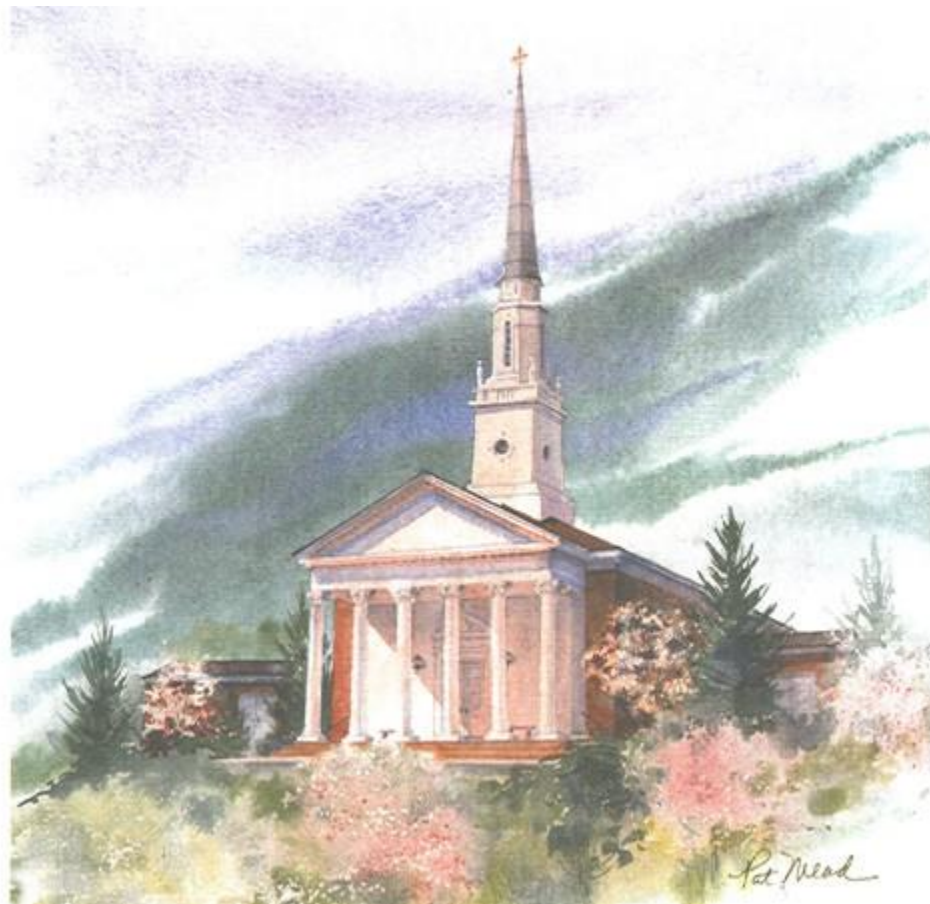


The Presbyterian Church of Barrington

Reference Guide for Visitors,
Prospective Members, and New Members

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Introduction

Welcome to the Presbyterian Church of Barrington. This introductory guidebook has been designed to introduce our church to visitors, prospective members, and new members. If you would like further information about anything in this guidebook, please call the church office (847-381-0975) to be referred to members who can best help or refer to our website www.pcbarrington.org

Location - Our church was founded over fifty years ago on a beautiful five-acre site in Barrington Hills. We are part of The Presbytery of Chicago (Presbyterian Church USA) which has nearly 30,000 members in more than 90 diverse, dynamic church congregations and worshipping fellowships throughout Chicago and the surrounding area.

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- Office Phone: 847-381-0975
- Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- Website: www.pcbarrington.org

Worship services - We have two services each Sunday: 8 am and 10 am, with extra services on Christmas and Easter.

Our Mission - We are a compassionate community of faith, following the teachings of Jesus Christ, affirming His grace, sharing God's love and serving all those in need.

Our Vision As faithful and caring members of the Presbyterian Church of Barrington, we will welcome all to join with us to worship and serve God.

- We will challenge each other to become better disciples of Jesus Christ as we celebrate our faith, share it with all and invite others to join us in our common journey.
- We will encourage and equip all to become contributing ministers while providing service opportunities for all age groups.
- As we strive to expand our presence, we will develop and accept opportunities to join with others in our community, from local to global, to serve those in need.
- As stewards of God's resources we will have church facilities and grounds, which are accessible, functional, pleasing and safe for all who enter.

Meet our pastor and music director

Senior Pastor Joe Dorociak – Joe came to PCB during 2013. He was previously the head pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Boise, Idaho, and has served in ministerial capacities for over 30 years. Pastor Joe, as he prefers to be called, brings talented preaching skills, an engaging personality, and a hands-on approach to working with people of all ages, and deep Christian adult education knowledge. He is a father of two grown children.

Director of Music, Kirsten Hedegaard – In addition to her role as director of music at PCB, Kirsten is currently Director of Choral Activities at Loyola University. She has taught conducting at Concordia University, River Forest and has conducted choirs and orchestras for various institutions including Eastman House, Chicago Children's Choir, Gallery 37, Loyola Academy, and the University of California. In addition to her choir activities, Kirsten has enjoyed careers as a singer and conductor.

Worship experience

Worship at PCB is carefully planned by Pastor Joe and our Worship Committee. Pastor Joe says "A Worship service is high drama. The members of the congregation are the actors and God is the audience."

Worship planning – The Session, through its Worship Committee, manages our overall worship experience throughout the seasons of the Christian year. Pastor Joe develops the sermon outline about three months in advance and shares it with our music director Kirsten Hedegaard. This gives her the time that she needs to select the hymns and music that best fit with the message and find the right

outside supporting singers and musicians to support our organist and our choirs to make beautiful music together.

Messages - Pastor Joe develops a series of sermons about topics that he feels are important for us. Some are contemporary and challenging (as Christ challenged the rabbis in the temple); others are based upon what Joe feels that we need as a congregation. Each sermon provides a clear message about what the biblical text said and meant then, and what the implications are for today. We always learn something new and develop a new perspective each Sunday.

Seasons and volunteers - Our church changes visually with the calendar and the seasons. Dedicated volunteers change the draping colors behind the cross and decorate for Pentecost, Christmas, Easter, and the fall harvest season. They arrange weekly sanctuary flowers, print and stuff Bulletins, usher, read the liturgy, serve communion, collect the offering, and secure the money given each week.

Children's Programs

We offer 10 different classes and programs that are led by our Director of Children's Ministry, Dana Litwin, and by our over 35 volunteer teachers and leaders. With this program, we seek to migrate each of our children through the sixteen years from nursery to mission and confirmation.

- Nursery care
- Years 4 – first grade
- 2nd and 3rd grades
- 4th and 5th grades
- Middle school
- Confirmation
- Sunday Night live
- Vacation Bible School
- Youth Mission Trip

Adult Programs

Adult education programs – We are all ministers of our faith. Christ has entrusted us with the responsibility to practice Christianity now, here and everywhere through a deep understanding of His teachings as they apply in our world, 2000

years later. We presently offer six adult education opportunities at varying dates and times to make it easy for everybody to participate in one or more programs.

- Theology on Tap moderated by Pastor Joe. Held Wednesdays at 7:00 pm at Chessie's. An example of recent study material is Brian McLaren's book Why Did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha, and Mohammed Cross the Road? Christian Identity in a Multi-Faith World
- Weekly Bible Study moderated by Pastor Joe. Held Thursdays at 1:30 pm at the Garlands.
- Men's Breakfast Book Study moderated by Pastor Joe. Held Fridays at 6:30 am, at Egg Harbor. An example of a recent discussion topic is Adam Hamilton's book Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves, and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say.
- GTIF (Growing Together in Faith) moderated by Jill Minner. Held the third Tuesday of the Month at 7 pm, in alternating home locations and moderators, except August and December. A recent topic was *Exodus*.
- New Perspectives moderated by Bob Kosobud. Held the first Monday of the month, 11:00 am at Chessie's. A recent topic is what the disciples did after the resurrection to spread the faith, and what can we learn from them today. A recent book resource was The Search for the Twelve Apostles by William Birnie.
- Wednesday Morning Bible Study moderated by Susan Raaths. Held the second Wednesday of the month (September – May), at 9:15 am at the Church. A recent book resource is Who is Jesus, What a Difference a Lens Makes by Judy Siker.

Men's fellowship group – On the third Thursday of each month except December, men of our church meet for dinner, typically in a member's home. This is primarily a social group, with the host often providing a discussion topic. New members find that it is a good forum to meet others in a casual setting.

Kitchen Cabinet – This men's and women's group meets for a lunch program, mid-week 6-8 times per year typically at a local country club. About 35-35 people plus our pastors attend. It is always a good social event, a chance to meet new friends, and a learning opportunity.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – We knit prayer shawls that we donate to people who need a little help in their recovery process from illness or loss. We are happy to teach beginners how to knit.

Music opportunities

PCB offers a wide range of professional quality participation and listening music programs under the Leadership of Kirsten Hedegaard, who is a unique talent in choir, conducting, and singing. Kirsten also taps into the Chicago area musical talent pool to supplement our home-grown choirs to enhance the musical experience.

Choir – Our choir performs 9 months of the year. During the summer months we often invite individual guest artists to assure a high quality musical experience.

- Bell Choirs – We offer both adult and youth bell choir opportunities
- Youth choir
- Music on the Hill – Two to three times per year Kirsten Hedegaard offers a unique concert program that is open to the public.
- The Gaudete Brass ensemble often plays at Music on the Hill, and during our Sunday 10 am service.

Opportunities to serve

Stephen Ministry - Stephen Ministry is a model for those of us who want to commit our time and talent to the service of others in need. Here are some interesting facts about our world-class Stephen Ministry program.

- For the past 15 years, over 60 of our Stephen ministers have put in over 23,000 hours serving over 115 care receivers.
- Each Stephen Minister completes 50 hours of formal training and contributes about 125 – 250 hours to each care receiver. To assure the best possible care, a supervisory team monitors each case in a completely confidential manner.
- Worldwide there are over 600,000 Stephen Ministers in over 12,000 congregations doing this vital work.

Youth mission trip – Every year, youth of confirmation age take a week-long service mission trip. This year 16 youth and supporting adults and Pastor Joe spent a week in Puerto Rico helping to repair hurricane storm damage. The trip provides an extraordinary opportunity for youth to personally and physically

understand the importance of helping others. In addition to the mission work we do, we also meet, understand, bond, and live with people in disadvantaged places and conditions. Our youth fund their trip through their hard work in various fund-raisers throughout the year. After their return, they typically lead a Sunday church service to explain their experience personally and through a video.

Adult mission trip – We normally have a one week-long adult mission trip to help people in need. In past years we have gone to New Orleans to help rebuild homes destroyed by hurricane Katrina. Most recently we have had volunteers travel to Nicaragua on two occasions to help dig water wells and educate local residents on sanitation.

Participation in service programs beyond our church – Members of our church regularly participate in the service programs that are externally organized. The list below is representative of our service.

- Woodstock Soup kitchen – Stocking shelves and serving meals for the homeless at the Woodstock Soup Kitchen
- Habitat for Humanity – Participating in local Habitat for Humanity projects.
- Meals with wheels – Members of our church regularly deliver meals to shut-ins on a scheduled route basis.

Mission

The following local charitable organizations are some of those supported by The Presbyterian Church of Barrington and its various groups.

- Barrington Community Meal

- Christopher House, including a family gift program at Christmas. Each year, about two-dozen needy families receive Christmas presents and funds for a Christmas dinner.
- Crop Walk
- Elgin Crisis Center
- Feed My Starving Children
- FISH of Barrington and Carpentersville
- Food drives spring, summer, and fall
- Home of the Sparrow
- Meals with Wheels
- PCB Shawl Ministry
- Sunny Hill School Snacks and Backpack programs
- The Woodstock Food Kitchen

Additionally, our church through its Hope Fund can provide specific confidential financial assistance to local families in extreme financial need.

Congregational life

Throughout the year we offer events for our congregation and guests to enjoy each other's company and make new friends. The events below are representative of our activities.

Advent dinner – This is a family potluck meal at Advent to celebrate the season

Card party – This is a social adult mixer with a lot of fun.

Church picnic – Each summer we have a picnic with games and events for children. Bring your game chairs or blankets for the grass and enjoy a summer day of fun.

Our church's organization

Three groups of ordained members manage the most critical parts of the church.

Session – Our church is governed by the Session, a fifteen-member board nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the membership. Session committees include: membership and congregational life, adult education, mission, personnel, children's education, youth education, worship, stewardship and finance, nominating, and communications and outreach.

Trustees – A board of trustees manages the church's physical property under the direction of the Session.

Deacons – Eighteen deacons are divided into geographic parishes. Each deacon is responsible for caring for his or her parishioners. Pictures of the present deacons are usually posted on a bulletin board by Fellowship Hall.

Financially supporting the church

Stewardship – Our church requires regular and predictable financial contributions to effectively conduct its business. Presently our annual budget is around \$650,000. Staff costs for our ministers and support team account for about three fourths of the budget, with the remainder primarily going for physical church maintenance and operations, youth programs, and to mission. We ask that all members seriously consider making an annual pledge in three areas, your time, your talent, and your treasure. The annual pledge campaign begins in mid-September.

Annual per capita payment – As a member of our Presbytery, we are required to make an annual donation to that organization of \$35 per member. This is included in the church budget and your pledges.