

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS 2016

WELCOME

**FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF
ALLIANCE**



Membership Statement

“Make a joyful story together out of uncertainty of our lives” (1 Cor 1:4)



JoyfulLife

“the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God.”

Membership Requirements

- A** personal profession of Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior
- B**e engaged in church worship or activity on a regular basis.
- C**ontinue to demonstrate the love of God to brothers and sisters in Christ

Presbyterian History

The Origin of the Term

Presbyter/bishop - Titus 1:5-9, I Tim 3:2, James 5:14

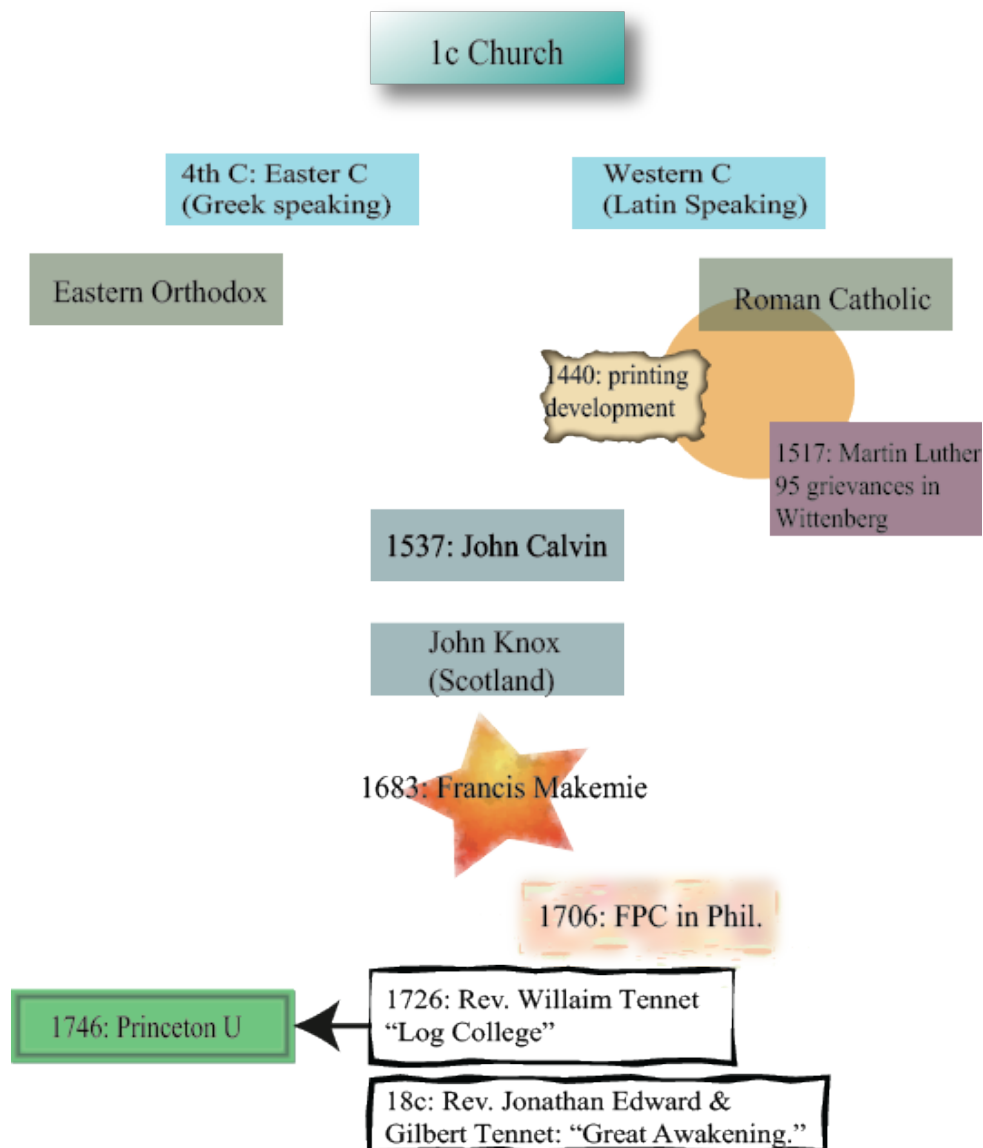
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It has reference to the older men in a tribe, usually entrusted with the governmental affairs (Ex 3:16; 4:29; Josh 7:6; Ruth 4:2)

In the Septuagint, the word for Old Testament elders is *presbuteros*, as used in the New Testament for both Christian and Jewish leaders.

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'Overseer' and 'shepherd': Peter draws the three concepts together in one passage: "Therefore, I exhort the elders among you... shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight." (1 Pe 5:1-2; Acts 20)



The Distinctive of the Presbyterian Church

Doctrine:

the sovereignty of God and the authority of scripture, and the necessity of grace through faith in Christ.



Institutional organization (government or church order):

General Assembly

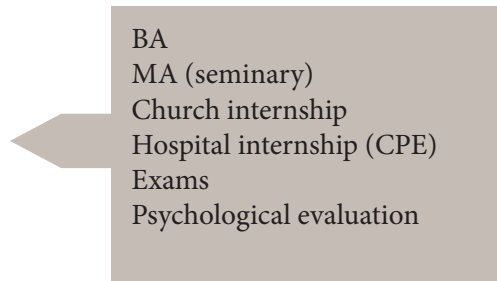
Synod (16)

Presbytery (171: Teaching & Ruling elders)

Session (Elders/presbutelos)

Becoming an ordain pastor

- (1) church member (1-2 years)
- (2) inquiry (1-2 years)
- (3) candidacy (1 year)
- (4) certified ready to a call
- (5) ordination



My Covenant with God and the Church

In uniting with the church, Christians through the ages have always confessed their faith. Today as you are received into the membership of Alliance Presbyterian Church, we ask you to make your confession before these sisters and brothers in Christ.

- Is Jesus Christ your Lord and Savior? **Yes He is**
- Do you believe He is your only Savior? **I do**
- Will you seek to honor him in all aspect of your life? **I will**
- As a member of this church, do you promise to:
 - Love, honor and worship Jesus Christ by seeking to grow as His disciple and by serving Him as the Holy Spirit leads and empowers you? **I do**
- Do you promise to support the church leadership and ministers in governing and managing the church? **I do**
- Do you promise to grow in God in harmony, peace and unity with other church members? **I do**

To Congregation

Congregation, do you receive these people as your (brother and sister) in Christ, and support them to grow in Christ as our new church members?