

How long have you been attending RCC? \_\_\_\_\_

When did you commit to follow Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

When were you baptized in water? \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Do you accept the principles of membership herein stated? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Will you commit to support Riverside Community Church in regular attendance? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Will you commit to support Riverside Community Church with tithes and offerings? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Will you commit to explore your giftings and become involved in at least one ministry of the church? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Will you commit yourself to be an enthusiastic member, refraining from gossip and other divisive activities, seeking at all times to “build up” rather than “tear down” the body of Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Christianity 101 completed \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Class completed \_\_\_\_\_

Date approved by Deacons \_\_\_\_\_

Date accepted into membership \_\_\_\_\_

## Historical Background

Riverside Community Church originated as a church plant through the Southwest Pennsylvania Section of the Assemblies of God. Formerly known as Penn Hills Assembly of God, meeting in the Masonic Hall, the church was established in August, 1986 under Pastor David Olshevski.

Rev. William Ellis was installed as the first full-time pastor in November, 1988. The former Riverside Presbyterian Church facility in Oakmont was purchased in 1993, and the name was changed to Riverside Community Church.

After 12 years of steady growth, additional worship services and venues for the children and students in Oakmont, space was rented in 2006 at the Cinemark Theaters in the new Pittsburgh Mills Mall to accommodate an additional service. Since that first service, Riverside has met in several different spaces at the Mills until in 2010 we were able to move to the current location in the mall with a ten-year lease.

## Core Values

Riverside is a community of ordinary people responding to God’s grace by making a difference together wherever we are. At RCC we strive to Revere God through a life of worship, Connect with others in authentic caring community, and Contribute to the needs around us both near and far.

## A Final Word

After you have given prayerful attention to membership, please fill out and sign the attached application form and return it to the office or to a pastor. You will be expected to attend the Christianity 101 and Membership Classes. The application will be reviewed by the Church Board and upon their approval, you will be received into church membership on membership Sunday.

If you find that you are not ready to apply for membership at this time, please be assured that it will not affect your welcome in church.

*Sincerely in Christ,*

The Lead Pastor and Board of Deacons



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***Revere, Connect,  
Contribute***

# Membership

***“Riverside exists so that people will find and follow Jesus.”***

Oakmont Site  
401 Allegheny Ave  
Oakmont, PA 15139

Mills Site  
The Pittsburgh Mills Mall  
Entry #5, Tarentum, PA 15084

Parkside Site  
Church Offices & Nexus Student Ministry  
800 3rd St  
Oakmont, PA 15139

Sunday Services 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Phone: 412-828-2488  
Email: [office@riversideconnect.org](mailto:office@riversideconnect.org)  
[www.riversideconnect.org](http://www.riversideconnect.org)

## Dear Prospective Member,

We are happy that you have an interest in becoming a member of Riverside Community Church. We believe you will find that our church is consistent with the Assemblies of God belief concerning standards of church membership.

We believe that church membership is very meaningful and important. Since membership in the church gives the individual the high privilege of electing its pastor and officials and setting major church policies, it is imperative that members be in agreement with, believe, and adhere to the church doctrines and practices set forth in this brochure.

## We Believe

- In the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures
- In the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ and His virgin birth
- In the forgiveness of sin through the cross of Christ
- In the healing for body, mind and soul
- In salvation by grace through faith
- In the indwelling guidance of the Holy Spirit
- In the return of Jesus Christ

## Salvation

Each candidate for membership shall be expected to give evidence of having been “born again” of the Spirit of God. The inward evidence is the witness of the Holy Spirit. The outward evidence is living in humble obedience to the teachings of Jesus Christ.

## Loyalty

Since the strength of the church is dependent upon the loyalty of each member, sense of responsibility to the services of the church is important. Each candidate for membership shall be expected to have attended Riverside Community Church for at least six months.

## Stewardship

The operation of the church requires the faithful financial support of its members and attendants. We believe the biblical method for support is the tithe (the giving of one-tenth of one’s income). Offerings are given in addition to the tithe. Faithfulness in this respect is a personal matter between the member and God.

## Conduct

One of the requirements for church membership is stated in our church constitution as “evidence of a consistent Christian life.” The Christian is to be separated from this ungodly world in his thoughts, word and general conduct.

References: *Romans 6:4-8; 8:1-14, Ephesians 4:17-32 and 1 John 1:5-7.*

# Application for Membership

**Please fill out this form, printing clearly, and return it to the church office.  
One form per person please.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status:  Single     Married  
 Divorced     Remarried  
 Widowed

Anniversary Date \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Children’s Names & Birthdates (include year) \_\_\_\_\_  
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