

CPC Member Profile

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My dad was transferred around the country for his job as a regional sales manager for a glass company. Each time my parents moved they added to our family. My sister was born in Ohio, my older brother in Georgia, I was born in Florida, and my youngest brother was born in Missouri. We made one more move to Wisconsin, (no more babies!), before we finally settled down in Mt. Prospect in the mid 1960's.

I am a product of a Catholic father and a Protestant mother. It was very important to my parents that we found a church home as we were growing up. My mom was in charge of checking out the neighborhood churches every time we moved, and my dad would make sure we got there every Sunday.

I started attending Community Presbyterian Church when I was in high school. Two of our neighbors were members there and invited us to try their church. It has been my church home ever since, and will probably always be.

I have to admit that in my teens and 20's I went to church out of a feeling of obligation to my mother, but over the years I found that CPC is a second home to me. I started to get involved in church life as my faith grew. I taught Sunday school, joined a women's Bible study group, and became a Deacon, a member of Session, and recently an assistant financial secretary.

The love and support I feel there has been a blessing. No matter how hectic, stressful, or joyful my week has been I know that on Sunday I will have time to center myself, take a deep breath, and remember that God is at the core of my life. The many pastors that have served at our church have been spiritual leaders and have furthered my knowledge and understanding of what it means to live a meaningful, Christian life. I leave the church feeling refreshed, renewed, and ready to face another week.

I am so grateful for the fellowship, music, and the friends that are Community Presbyterian Church.