

Joining St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh

We understand that finding the way into a church community can be confusing.

We want to help navigate the process with you.

Worship

One of our foundational commitments is to be a community who glorifies God through our common worship.

Join us each week for refreshment, renewal, and inspiration.

We invite you to explore all of the service options to determine the right fit for you. A full list can be found by visiting stthomaswhitemarsh.org/worship.

Invitation

Take a moment to fill out a welcome card in the pew or online so our Welcome Ministry Team can get to know you.

Take the opportunities offered to gather with clergy and staff to learn more about this faith community. Information can be found on the website as well as in the bulletin and newsletter.

Help us learn more about what you are seeking in your spiritual journey.

Membership

To learn more about the Episcopal Church, attend the Episcopal 101 class (held twice each year).

To learn more about St. Thomas', attend a few newcomer gatherings.

Work with Emily Given, Director of Parish Participation, to formally transfer or establish your membership.

Make a financial commitment, in the form of a pledge, to support the ministry of the church.

New members are welcomed in a special worship service.

Study & Service

Each member is invited to be part of the "Worship +2" model of ministry.

Worship is our first priority; then find a way to study and learn about the Christian faith (+1) and over time commit to a ministry where you can share your talents, time, and energy (+2)

Worship+2 builds strong Christian lives and a healthy, vibrant church.



*See the reverse side
for more details and FAQs.*

Interested in learning more?

Please contact Emily Given, Director of Parish Participation
egiven@stthomaswhitemarsh.org or 215.233.3970 X126

What do I need to do to become a member?

One is considered a member of St. Thomas' by participating in worship and making a financial pledge to the church.

Who do I contact if I am in need of prayer or pastoral care?

We want to walk with you in all aspects of your life. The clergy, staff, and pastoral care volunteers welcome the chance to connect with you about prayer requests or navigating life's milestones and moments (happy, sad, or otherwise). Please contact Marek Zabriskie, Rector, at mzabriskie@stthomaswhitemarsh.org or 215.233.3970 X 120.

How do I find out more about parish events?

A full calendar can be found on the website or by downloading the 'Church Life' app as well as our newsletter, Sunday bulletins, and online communications. To receive your code for the Church Life app, please contact Don Beistline, Parish Administrator, at 214. 2333970 X111 or donb@stthomaswhitemarsh.org

Where do I go to learn more about baptism?

In the Episcopal Church, we believe a person only needs to be baptized once. If you have been baptized in another denomination, you do not need to be baptized again. While our tradition is to baptize infants, we also baptize at anytime during the course of your life and faith journey. Specific Sundays are set aside for Baptism. Dates can be found by contacting Anita Burke, Assistant to the Rector, at 215. 233.3970 X 121 or aburke@stthomaswhitemarsh.org

How do I find a meaningful way to participate?

Visit the "Ministries" section of the website or contact Emily Given, Director of Parish Participation. St. Thomas' Church offers a wide variety of ministry opportunities. We are sure there is something to spark your interest and to help you live out your call to ministry.

How to I find out information about Confirmation or being received and/or reaffirmed?

If you have been baptized and would like to celebrate another milestone of commitment to your faith journey, please contact Anita Burke, Assistant to the Rector, at 215.233.3970 X121 or aburke@stthomaswhitemarsh.org

How do I receive the newsletter and online communications?

Please contact Judy Lloyd, Communications Coordinator, at 215.233.3970 X 115 or communications@stthomaswhitemarsh.org.

How do I know how much to pledge?

Financial giving is one way to express our thanksgiving to God. At St. Thomas' we recommend the discipline of "percentage giving". In pledging a percentage of your income, we are, truly, returning to God a portion of all that God has given us. We hope you will start at a percentage level that makes sense to you now; and that you will grow in giving over time as you see the many ways God's work is carried out through St. Thomas' Church.

A pledge card can be found in the narthex (church lobby), in the lounge outside the chapel, by contacting Emily Given, or by going online to the "Giving" section of the website.

Pledges can be paid by check, credit card, text-to-give, or cash. If paying in cash, be sure to use a marked pledge envelope so that it will count toward the payment of your pledge.

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