

## How To Get Involved

If you do not wish to get involved in the life of MGPC for now, we would still encourage you to continue to meet with us so we can get to know each other better.

However if you do wish to get involved, please read on.

Each believer is called upon to make a personal commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that such a commitment is to be lived out with other Christians in the context of the local church. Membership at MGPC is not a loose affiliation useful only when we feel like it, but a regular week by week responsibility involving us as partners together with Christ and his people for the purposes of the gospel.

Therefore the first and best way to get involved at MGPC is to become a member. As members, we confess our faith in Christ, and promise to use our gifts and abilities for God's kingdom, to encourage one another and to submit in the Lord to the church's leadership.

Anyone who repents and trusts in Christ alone for their salvation, who has been baptized (or wishes to be, if not already), who believes the Bible is God's Word and who is willing to commit to the life and faith of this local church may become a member.

If you are interested in membership at MGPC, ask about our six session course entitled Membership Matters. Here you will learn more about:

- What the Church is.
- The functions of a Biblical Church.
- Why membership matters and your membership in Christ.
- The faith we profess as Christians.
- The responsibilities and privileges of church membership.

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A parish of the Presbyterian Church of Australia

For more detailed information on anything contained within this leaflet, we invite you to call the church office or email us.

Welcome to...



...growing God's family...



Church  
Information

# Our Church

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## Welcome

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We are glad you are interested in learning more about this church. This leaflet is intended to answer some of the questions you may have about Mount Gambier Presbyterian Church (MGPC). If you would like more information, please contact us.

## Faith

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We believe in one holy sovereign God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Creator of the universe and of all people. We also confess our rebellion against him and recognize that justice demands death as the penalty for our sin.

We believe Jesus Christ lived a perfect and sinless life and died on the cross as our substitute. Three days later he rose from the grave, triumphant over sin and death.

Through faith in Jesus Christ, we are freely and graciously forgiven by God, declared right in his sight and promised eternal life. God restores us to fellowship with himself and with each other and equips us by the Holy Spirit to live for his glory.

## Purpose

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This church exists for the glory of God. We glorify God by growing in our love for God and for each other. We do this through corporate worship, Bible instruction and study, Christian fellowship and the encouragement of evangelism, missions and other caring ministries.

## History

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Our church traces its origins to 1858 when the first Presbyterian church—now St Andrew’s Uniting Church—was organized in Mount Gambier. After the formation of the Uniting Church in 1977, the three country congregations which continued Presbyterian became the basis for the reestablishment of a Presbyterian church in the city of Mount Gambier. Since then there has been a renewed commitment to our founders’ purpose: to establish and maintain a faithful witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and his Lordship over all of life.

Today we rejoice in the growing ministry and witness that God has through this church in Mount Gambier and beyond.

# Our Meetings

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## Sunday

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10:00am Sunday Worship

*Our main meeting where we worship God together as we hear and respond to his Word.*

10:20am Sunday School

*After being part of worship primary school age children receive Bible teaching in classes appropriate to their ages.*

*Crèche and toddlers’ class are also run at the same time as Sunday School*

*Morning tea is served after the 10:00am service, giving an opportunity to meet and to get to know one another better.*

5:30pm Evening Service

*An informal meeting of the church family to sing, pray and study the Bible.*

## Family Service and Lunch

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A feature of our church life is a parish wide family service and a “bring and share” lunch on each fifth Sunday. The lunch is an opportunity for us to deepen relationships.

## Baptism

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From time to time we celebrate the baptism of those who profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (and who haven’t been baptized before), as well as that of the children of believing parents. If you are a believer and would like to talk about baptism for yourself or your children, please contact us at the church office.

## Lord’s Supper

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We celebrate the Lord’s Supper on the first Sunday of each month: at the morning services in January, March, May, July, September and November, and the evening service in February, April, June, August, October and December. As we do so we recall the death and resurrection of Jesus, have our faith strengthened, renew our commitment to Jesus and his church and look forward to his return.

Believers who are members in good standing of churches which faithfully preach the gospel are welcome to share at the Lord’s Table with us.

# Our Ministries

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MGPC has various ministries designed to help people of all ages grow in knowing God and in loving and serving others.

- **Children and Youth** Activities include crèche/ toddlers class, Sunday School, youth group, Bible study, camps, occasional holiday clubs and more.
- **Prayer** Regular opportunities occur for us to pray together as a church
- **Christianity explained** Meet with a member of the church to explore the claims of Christianity and how to have a relationship with God.
- **Small Groups** These meet regularly for Bible study, prayer and fellowship.
- **Men’s Ministry** There are Bible studies, breakfasts and other activities to encourage men in their daily walk with Christ.
- **Women’s Ministries** Several women’s group meet regularly for fellowship and to support the spread of the Gospel.
- **Music** By means of an orchestra, ensembles and individual musicians we seek to enhance the praise of God in our corporate worship.
- **Mercy Ministry** Through our “Care & Concern” committee we show the mercy and love of Jesus in practical ways to the needy locally and overseas.
- **Missions** We send and support Christian workers for the purpose of spreading the Gospel both at home and abroad.

## Our Ministry Team

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We consider every member vital to our ministry. The Elders provide leadership and direction, the Board of Management oversees our finance and properties.

Pastor  
Community Liaison Pastor  
Session Clerk

Gary Ware  
Ian Touzel  
Alan Fox