

Why Do We Need To Attend Church At All?

We need to attend church because we need help. It is not easy to live as Christ in today's world. We need a place to breathe, a place to worship our loving God, and we need a place to *practice*... We practice Christianity in the Church. We do not come to master it, but to try new ways to live into it and to pick each other up when we fall.

We need a place where we can be ourselves, our authentic selves, and not feel like we have to pretend to be accepted or pretend to fit in to actually belong. We have enough of that beyond the walls of the church.

Within our Baptismal Covenants we are asked:

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and,
whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,
loving your neighbor as yourself?

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

Our answer is always the same; I will, with God's help.

We need to attend church because we need help from God, and we need help from each other in order to live as we are called to live. St. Paul's is a place to practice both expressing God's love to each other and a place to practice accepting it.

If you are new to the church world or if you are seeking something new from your church experience, come and give us a try.

If you have questions before you come (questions are good), send me an email.
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Blessings,

Fr. Kirk+