

We joined GPC in 1993 when my eldest son was about 18 months old. Being a lifelong Presbyterian I immediately got involved in a monthly church circle women's bible study and helping out in the nursery. As time went on, I became the Nursery Coordinator scheduling volunteers and serving on the children's ministry committee. A breakthrough moment came the first year I helped with Vacation Bible School. I remember Kelly Raaum was the director that year and I took a week of vacation time from work to help with snacks in the kitchen. It was so fun to be involved in all of the excitement and enthusiasm that is VBS. I will never forget when we woke up on Friday morning my son, who was four at the time, came into my room and said to me "it's a sad day for VBS. I wish it could last two weeks and not just one". That solidified in my mind that we had found our church home for years to come.

Flash forward 25+ years and countless hours and miles traveled with my friends and fellow Christians from GPC and I cannot imagine anyplace I would rather be! So, my advice for anyone new is to get involved! It will enhance your life immensely and give you memories to last a lifetime!

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