



The Central Presbyterian Church of Saint Paul
BYLAWS OF THE CONGREGATION
Revised March 27, 2022

1. The Central Presbyterian Church of Saint Paul being a particular congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S. A.) recognizes that the constitution of said church is, in all its provisions, obligatory upon it and its members.
2. There shall be an annual general meeting of the congregation at a time and date in the first quarter of the calendar year following a Sunday morning worship service.
3. Special congregational meetings may be called by the Session or the presbytery. Such calls shall clearly state the purpose of such special meetings, and no other matter save that specified in the call may be considered.
4. Public notice of the time, place, and purpose of all meetings of the congregation shall be given on the two successive Sundays preceding the date of the meeting.
5. The pastor shall preside except as provided in the current edition of the Book of Order.
6. The clerk of the session shall be secretary of the meetings of the congregation. If unable to attend, the congregation shall elect a secretary in his or her stead.
7. All active members in good and regular standing shall be entitled to vote at congregation meetings.
8. Voting by proxy is not allowed.
9. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the general rules of the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.
10. All meetings shall be opened and closed with prayer.

11. A quorum shall consist of the moderator and 10 percent of the eligible voters.
12. There shall be fifteen ruling elders divided into three equal classes, one class of whom shall be elected each year at the annual election meeting for a three- year term. No ruling elder shall serve on the session for consecutive terms, either full or partial, aggregating more than six years; but shall be ineligible to be elected to a new term until one year shall have elapsed.
13. There shall be nine deacons divided into three classes, one class of whom shall be elected each year at the annual election meeting for a three- year term. No deacon shall serve on the board of deacons for consecutive terms, either full or partial, aggregating more than six years; but shall be ineligible to be elected to a new term until one year shall have elapsed.
14. Vacancies on the session or board of deacons may be filled at a special meeting of the congregation, at the annual election meeting or at the annual general meeting as the session may determine.
15. The elders in active service of the church who are eligible under the civil law shall, by reason of their office, be the trustees of the corporation of the Central Presbyterian Church of Saint Paul. The session shall elect a president, vice president, treasurer, and assistant treasurer to serve as officers of the corporation. The clerk of session will serve as secretary of the corporation.
16. There shall be a representative nominating committee chosen in accordance with the following membership: Two persons elected by the session, (one of whom shall be elected by the session to chair the committee). two persons elected by the congregation as at large members of the committee (neither of whom shall currently be serving as elder or deacon), one person elected by the board of deacons, and the pastor (as an ex- officio member of the committee). The committee shall announce its nominations of one eligible person only for each office to be filled. Additional nominations of qualified persons may be made from the floor by any eligible member.
17. The above rules are based on the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and may be amended only as follows: Rule 2 is subject to amendment with respect to date, hour and place of meeting only. Rules 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 14 are not subject to amendment except to conform with the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
18. "The membership of Central Presbyterian Church includes members in several categories set forth in the Book of Order (G-5.0200). In addition, the session may accept as "Associate Members" persons who have made a profession of faith and affirmed their acceptance of responsibility in the life and work of the church without relinquishing their membership in another Christian congregation or denomination. An associate member is entitled to all the rights and privileges of an active member except the right to vote or hold office." (Approved by congregational vote on March 12, 2006.)

19. All persons, including employees, are forbidden to bring weapons onto church premises. This includes but is not limited to guns. (Approved by congregational vote on March 27, 2022.)
20. The use, sale, transfer or possession of illegal drugs, alcohol or controlled substances on church property is prohibited. Session may approve exceptions to this for alcohol at specific events and may delegate this authority to a session committee. (Approved by congregational vote on March 27, 2022.)