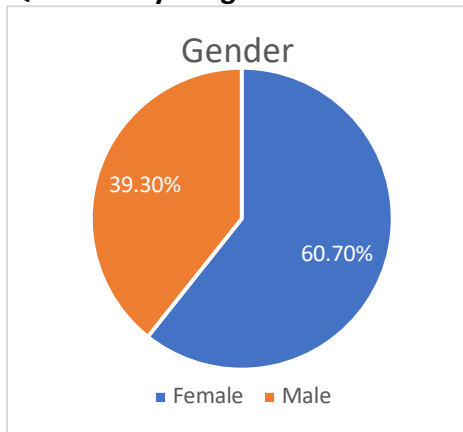
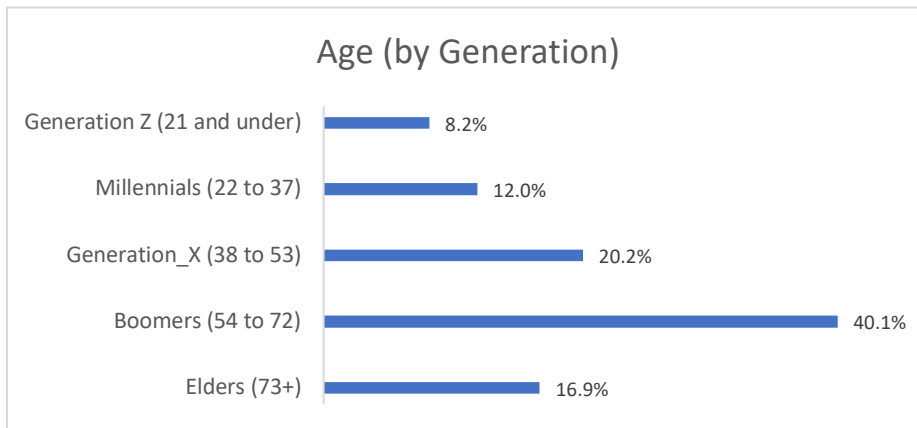
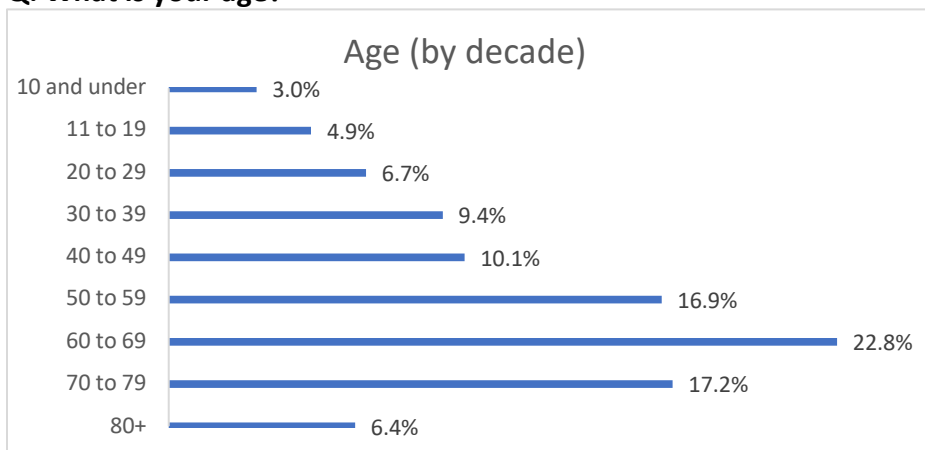


## **FPCE 2018 SURVEY RESULTS**

**Q: What is your gender?**



**Q: What is your age?**

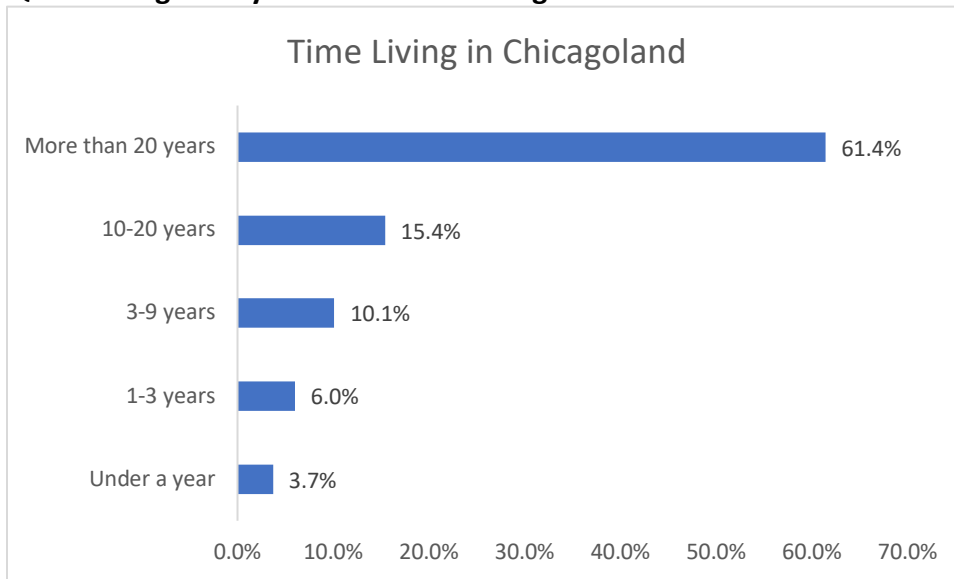


Boomers (ages 54 to 72) make up 40% of the congregation. Perhaps not surprisingly, Elders account for 20% of those that attend the 9:00 service compared to just 7% of 11:30 service.

Those that served at the church at least once per month were also much more likely to be Elders, and 70% of those who served regularly were age 54+.

Newcomers to the church are much more likely than average to be Millennials; Millennials make up 12% of the total congregation but account for 30% of those who have been attending for less than 1 year. In contrast, those age 54+ make up 57% of the congregation but only 27% of newcomers. Non-members are about 5 times as likely to be Millennials than are members (29% vs. 6%).

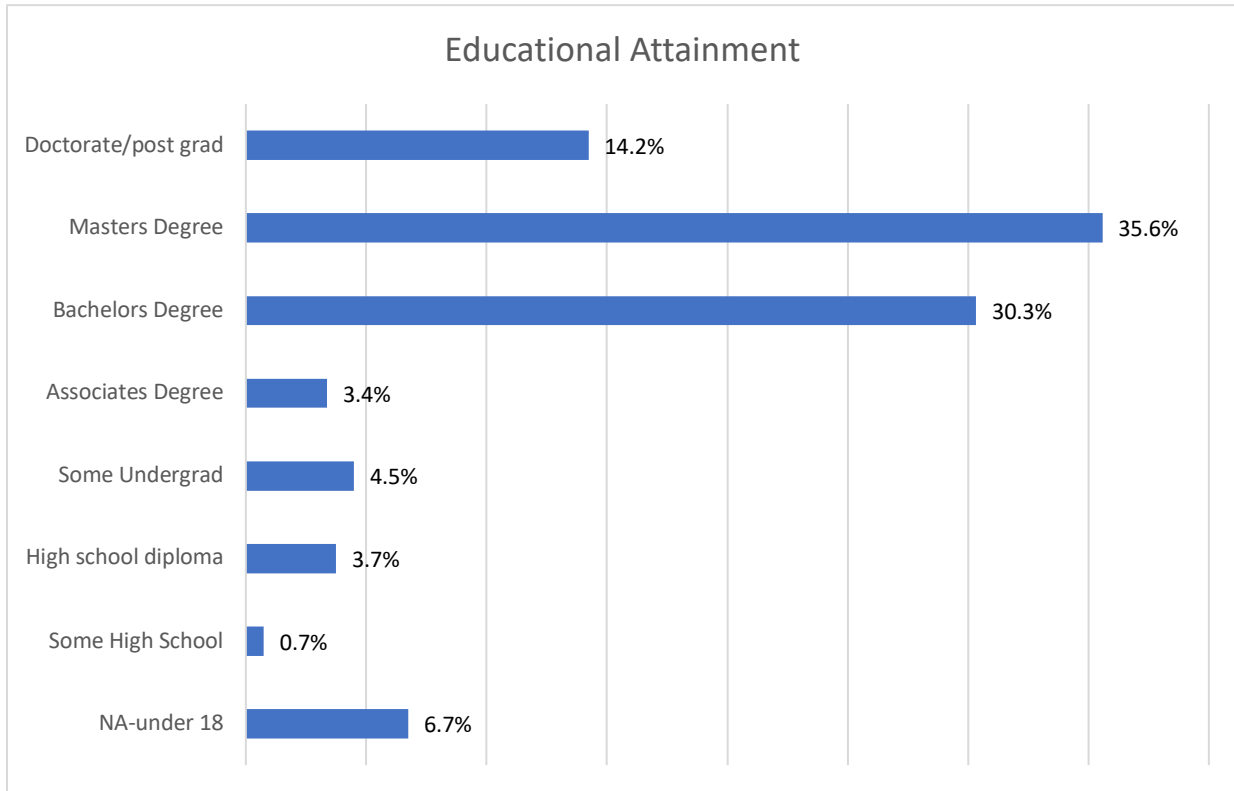
**Q: How long have you lived in the Chicagoland area?**



About 3 in 5 people who attend FPCE have lived in Chicagoland for more than 20 years. Newcomers to the area are more likely to be Millennials, presumably because of the student population in Evanston. Not all FPCE Millennials are transient, however; 1 in 4 have lived in the area for more than 20 years.

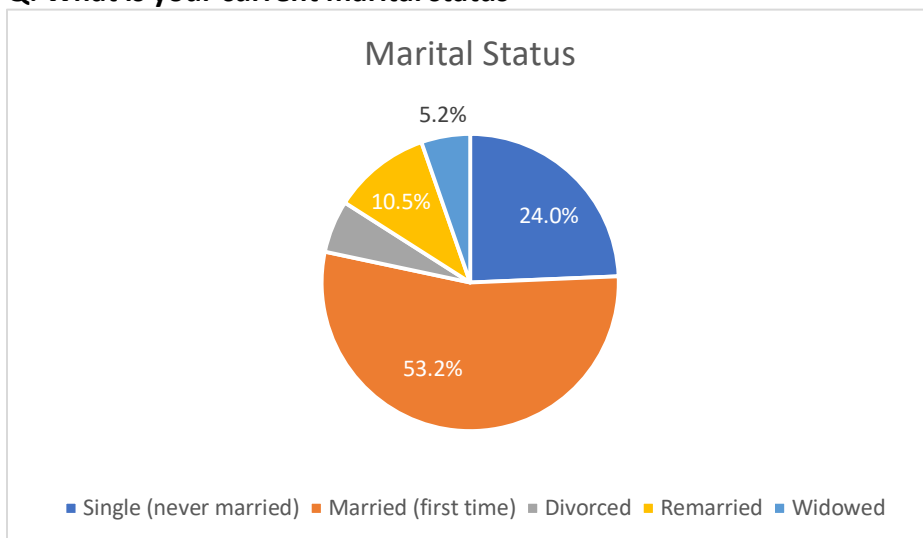
Members are nearly 3 times as likely as non-members to have lived in Chicagoland for more than 20 years (74% vs. 28%).

**Q: What is the highest level of education you have completed?**



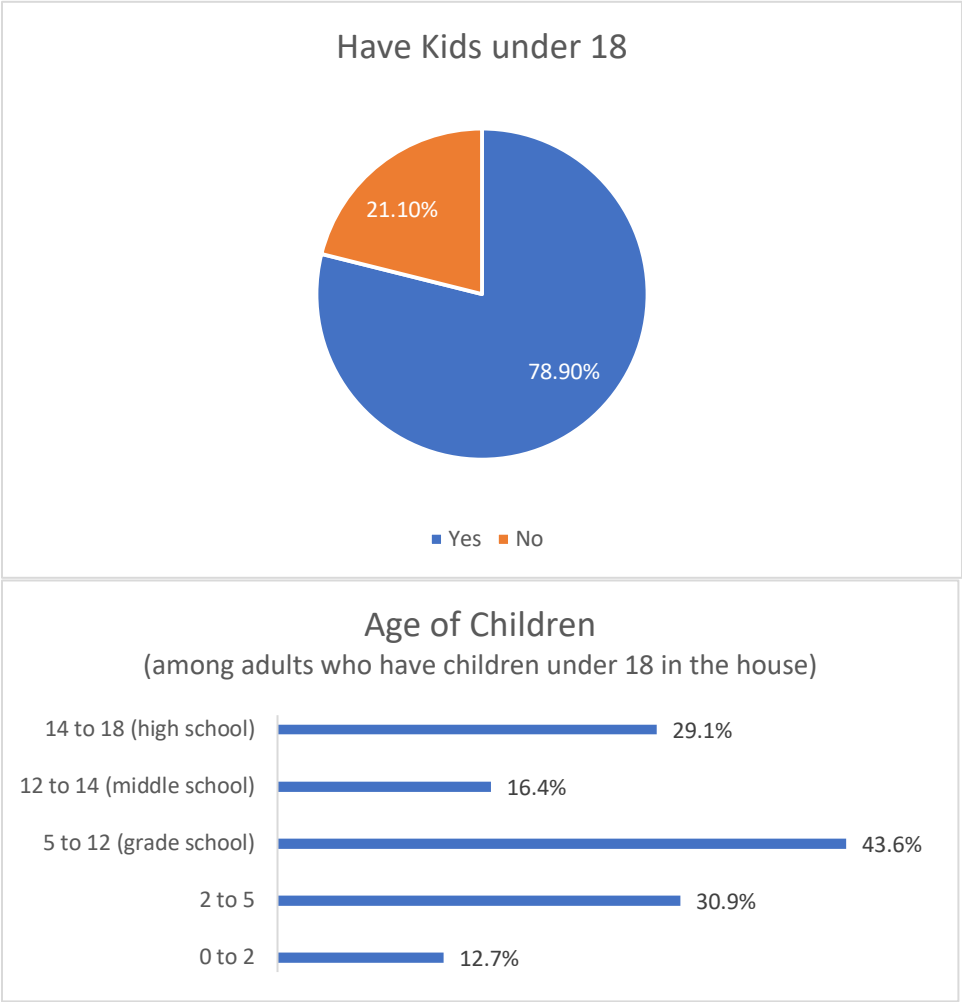
A staggering 50% of FPCE attendees have a Masters degree or higher (54% among those who are age 25+). This far exceeds even the Evanston average; 37% of those age 25+ living in Evanston have graduate or professional degrees (the national average is just 12%). An astonishing 16% of those age 25+ at FPCE have doctorate degrees (23% of males and 12% of females), compared to the national average of just 1% (2% of males and 1% of females).

**Q: What is your current marital status**



A majority of FPCE attendees are in their first marriage, and a quarter have never been married (although that number drops to 17% when excluding those age 21 and under). A greater proportion of those who attend the 11:30 service are single compared to those who attend the 9:00 service (33% vs. 19%). There is discrepancy in marital status between people who serve regularly versus not; 70% of those who serve regularly are married compared to just 53% of those who do not serve regularly. Nearly half of non-members have never been married (48%), compared to 16% of members, though this is likely driven by the higher rate of Millennials among non-members.

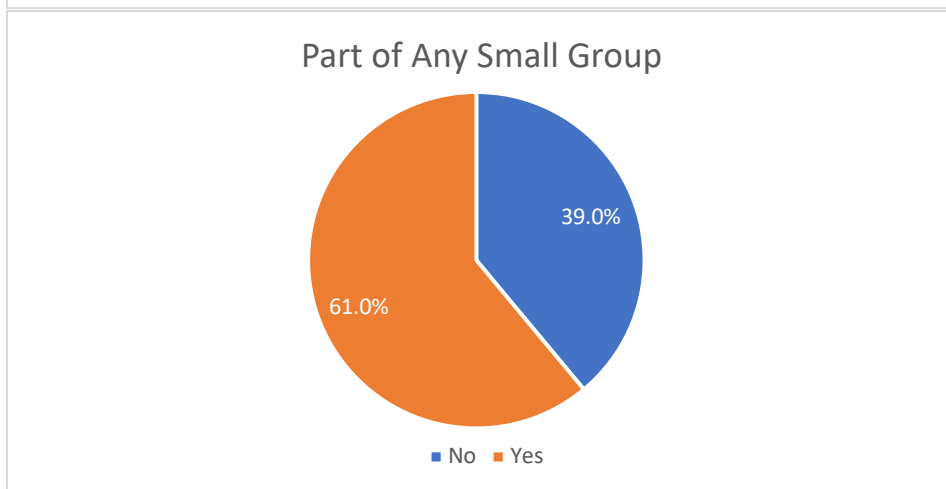
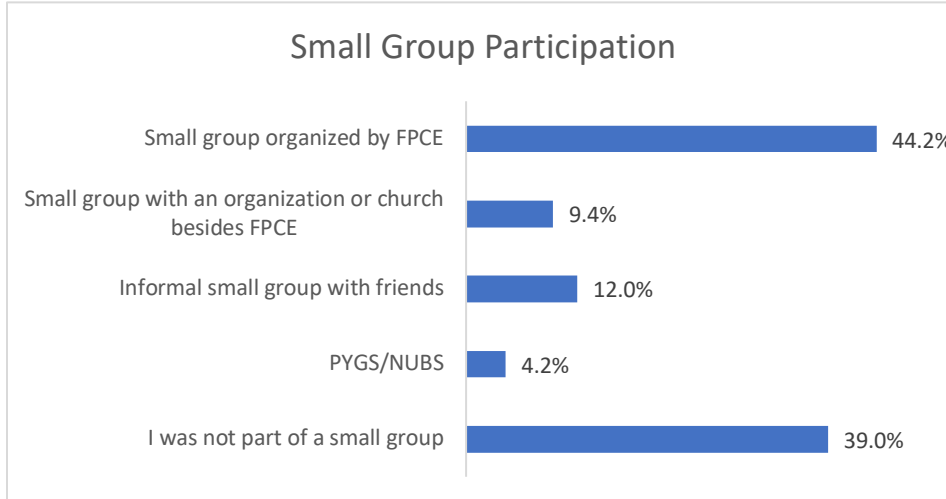
**Q: Do you have children under 18 dependent on you and living in your household?**



Those who are sporadic in their attendance are more likely to have kids; 2 in 5 of those who attend 2 times or less per month have children under 18 (42%), compared to just 17% of those who attend weekly.

Among parents with children under 18, about half of them have kids between the ages of 5 and 12 (44%). The next most common age groups of kids are ages 2 to 5 (31%) and high school (29%).

**Q: What small groups were you a part of this year? (Select all that apply)**

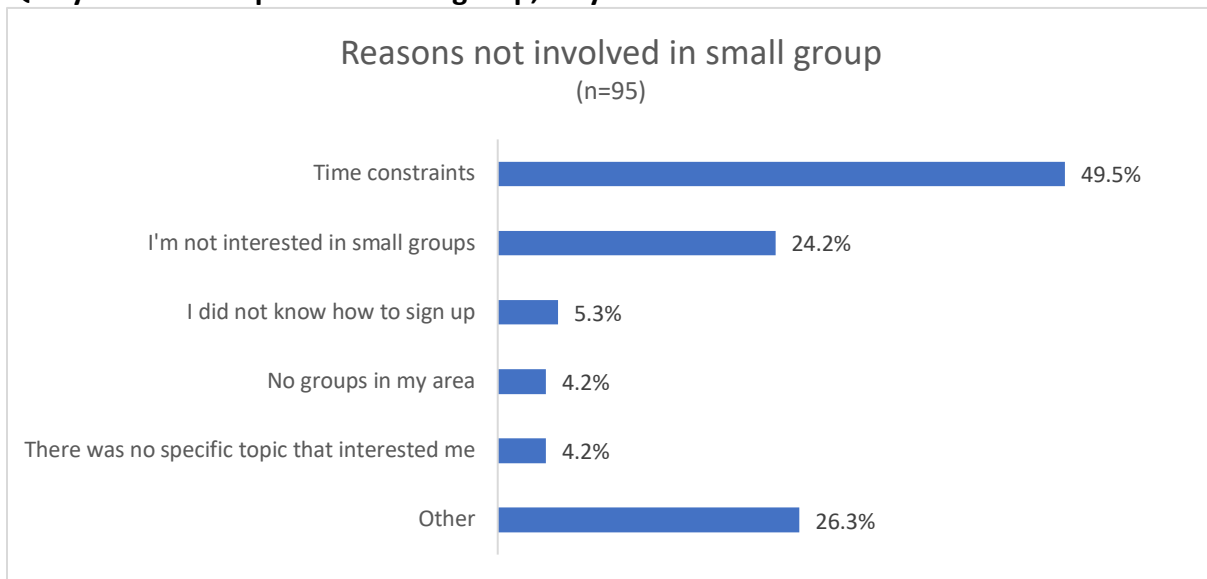


Close to half of respondents attend an FPCE small group regularly (44%), and 3 in 5 attend some form of small group (61%). Among those that attend any small group, 72% attend one at FPCE. Millennials are much more likely than other age groups to attend an FPCE small group (59%). They are also the most likely to attend a small group with an organization outside FPCE (19% compared to 9% of the total congregation), possibly due to the student population among Millennials who have access to campus ministries. Gen Z and Gen X are the least likely to attend any small group (50% and 54% respectively).

Small group participation is fairly consistent across the two services. Those that have been attending FPCE for 1-2 years are the most likely to be in an FPCE small group (66%), compared to just 35% and 47% of those attending 3-8 years or more than 8 years respectively. Just over a quarter of those attending FPCE for less than 1 year are plugged into an FPCE small group (27%), but two-thirds of them are not a part of any small group (67%).

Members are much more likely than non-members to be a part of a FPCE small group (50% vs. 30%) as well as be involved in any small group (66% vs. 49%). Those who attend Sunday service regularly are also more likely to attend a small group than those who attend more sporadically. Whites are more likely than non-whites to attend an FPCE small group (48% vs. 31%), but non-whites are more likely to attend an informal small group with friends (18% vs. 11%). Over half of those who volunteer once per month also attend an FPCE small group, compared to just 32% of those who do not serve regularly.

**Q: If you were not part of a small group, why?**

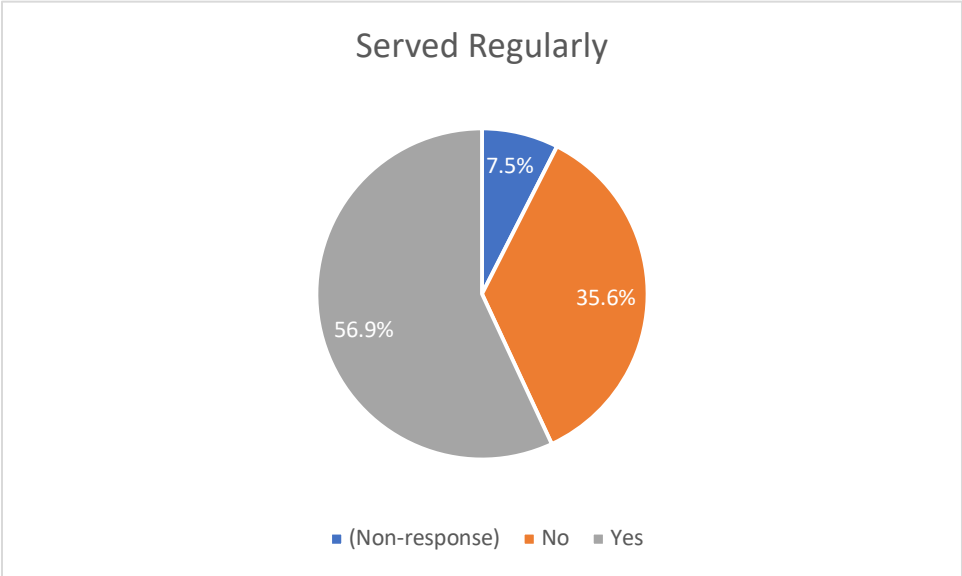


Among those that gave reasons for not attending a small group, about half said it was due to time constraints, and a quarter said they were not interested in small groups. The most common responses in the “Other” category were that they just moved to the area or recently started attending FPCE.

Verbatim “Other” reasons for not attending a small group
visitor
afraid of meeting people
After many years taking a break (in many ministries)
Didn't live here
I have not sought one out
Im not potty trained

Ive only been here a month
Just getting involved
Just have not made it happen
Just moved here
Most involved in SS. Hope to change in 2018
New
New to church
Not attending this church
Not now?
Other fellowship/believers
still exploring
Still recouping from last S.G.
Work
Child care issues, Transportation issues
Group composition issues
My old group struggles to forge on
Really think about it
Spouse resistance

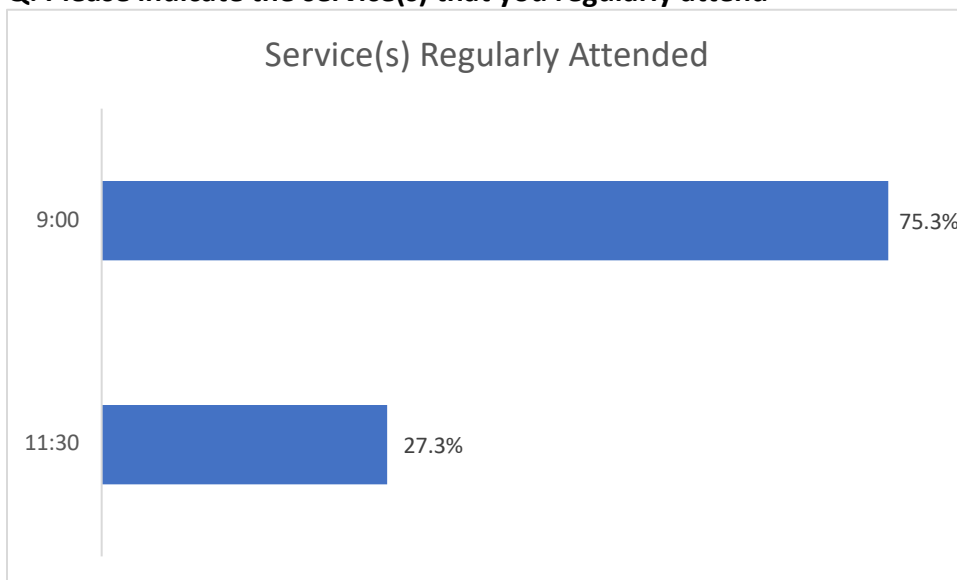
**Q: Have you served at least once per month at the church in the last year? (Sunday mornings, soup kitchen, etc.)**



About 3 in 5 respondents say they serve at least monthly at the church (57%). This number is consistent across gender and race, but older generations are consistently more likely to serve than younger ones (27% of Gen Z compared to 76% of Elders).

Those that attend an FPCE small group are much more likely to serve than those who don't attend (69% vs. 48%). This gap widens when comparing those who attend any small group versus none (69% vs. 38%). Similarly, those who attend church weekly are much more likely to have served than those who attend more sporadically. This seems to indicate those who are more active in one aspect of church life are more likely to be active in other aspects as well. Similarly, members are much more likely to have served than non-members (68% vs. 26%). The proportion of those who serve increases significantly among those who have attended FPCE for longer.

**Q: Please indicate the service(s) that you regularly attend**



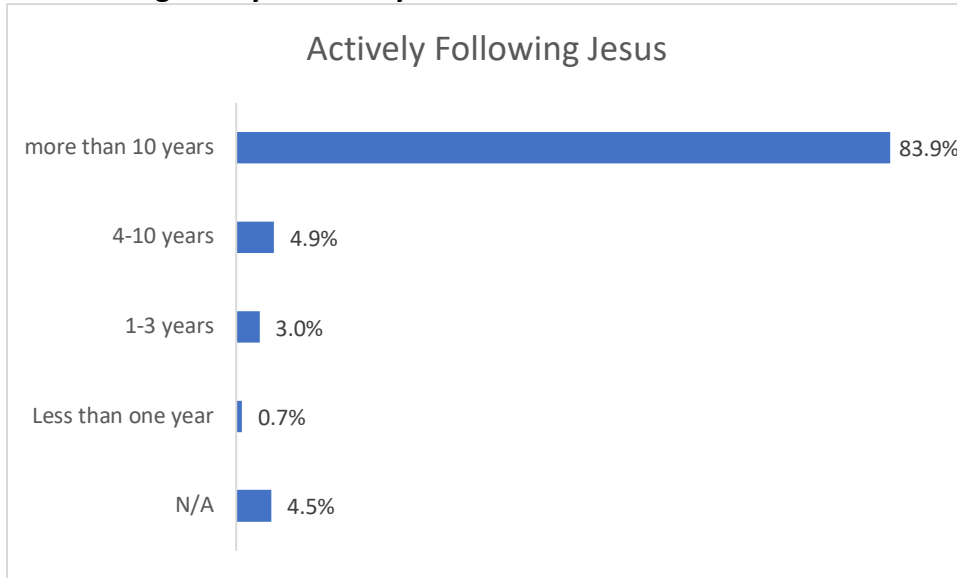
Out of 267 total respondents, there were 201 who regularly attend the 9:00 service and 73 who regularly attend the 11:30 service, including 7 who said they attend both.

Perhaps not surprisingly, Millennials are the most likely to attend the 11:30 service (although two-thirds of Millennials still attend the first service), while those over age 73 overwhelmingly attend the first service instead of the second (91% vs. 11%).

Members are more likely than non-members to attend the 9:00 service (80% vs. 64%). Those who attend sporadically are more likely to attend the 11:30 service than those who attend more regularly.



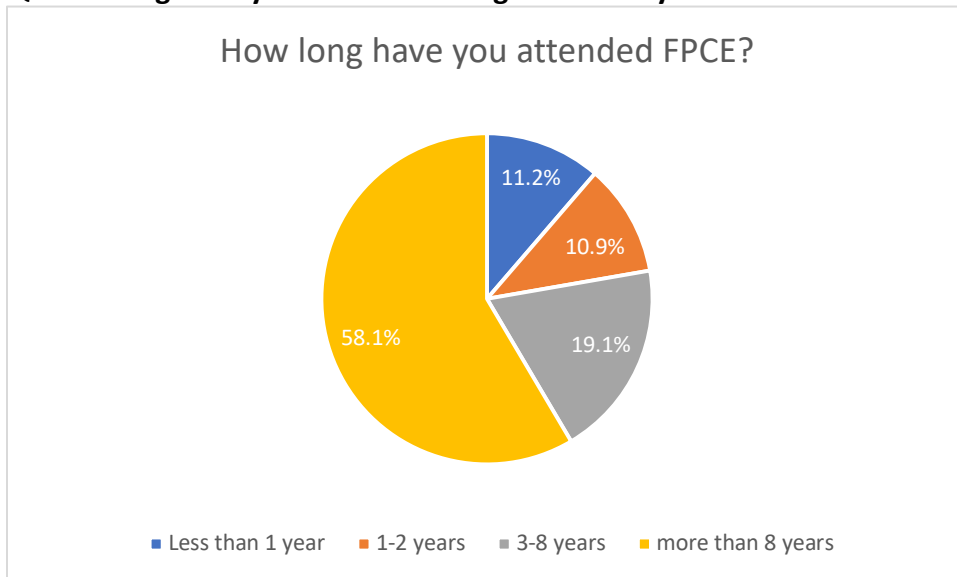
**Q: How long have you actively followed Jesus?**



There are relatively few new Christians among the respondents. Nearly 9 out of 10 respondents age 22 and older have followed Jesus for 10 or more years (87%). Six people age 22+ (3%) began following Jesus within the last 3 years. There is a small group of attendees who do not currently consider themselves to be actively following Jesus (5%). Among this 5% that answered “N/A,” 83% of them are 38 or older (Gen X).

Those who do not attend a small group are more likely to be newly active followers of Jesus. Non-whites are also more likely to be new Christians; 10% started following Jesus within the last 3 years and 69% have been following for 10 years or more (compared to 2% and 88% respectively for whites).

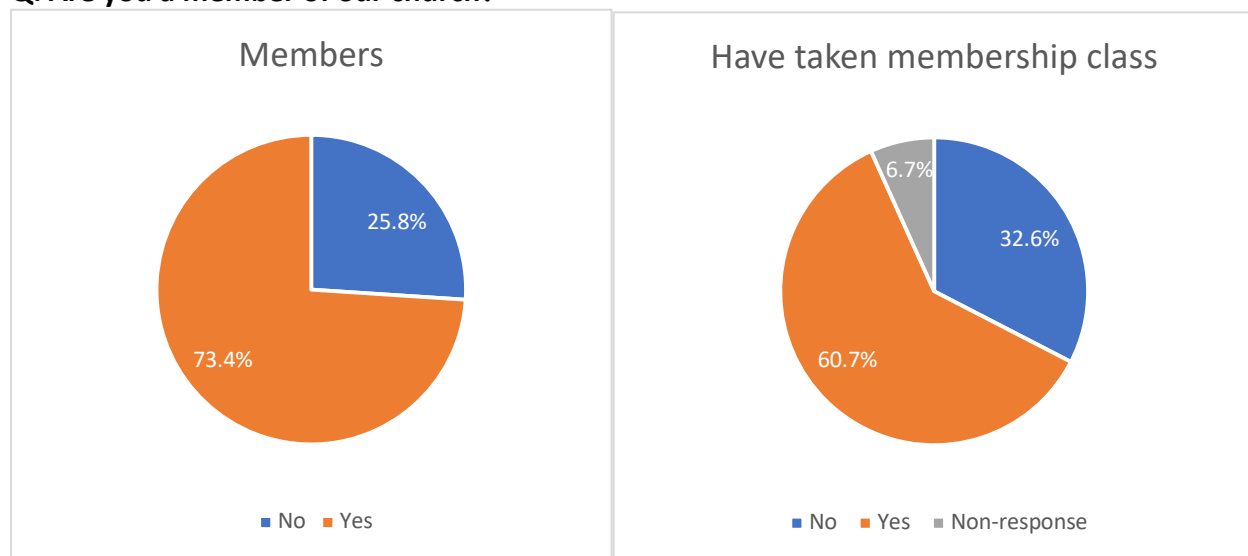
**Q: How long have you been attending First Presbyterian Church of Evanston?**



About 3 in 10 Millennials began attending FPCE within the last year (28%), and over half have attended for two years or less (53%). The vast majority of Boomers and Elders have attended FPCE for more than 8 years (78% and 80% respectively).

Seven in 10 people who served regularly have been attending the church for more than 8 years (compared to 58% of the total congregation). Two-thirds of non-members have been attending FPCE for 2 years or less. Nearly two-thirds of whites (63%) have been attending FPCE for more than 8 years, compared to just 39% of non-whites.

**Q: Are you a member of our church?**

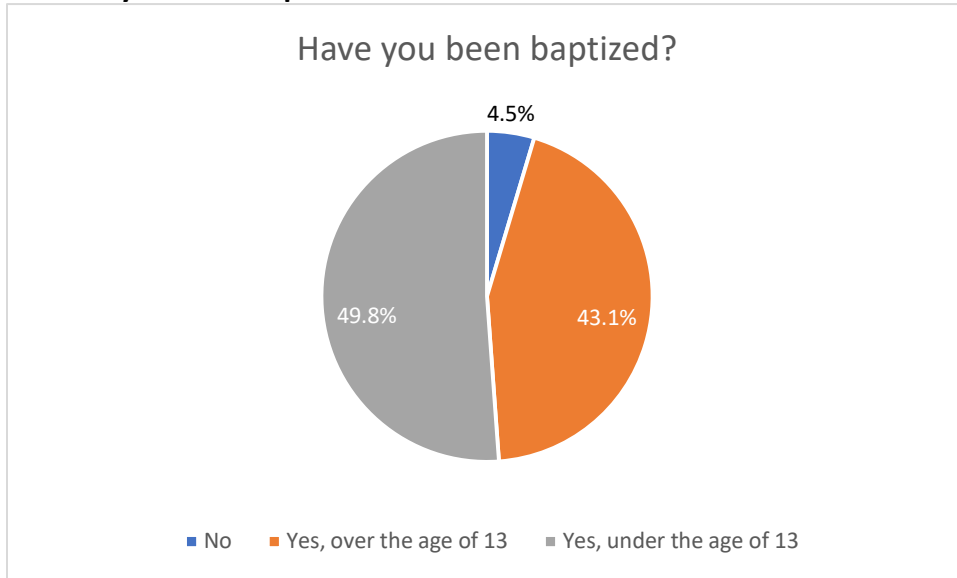


The proportion of members increases with age; just over a third of Millennials are members (38%), but that number jumps to two-thirds for Gen-Xers (63%) and about 90% for Boomers and Elders. Similarly, the proportion of members increases consistently with increased length of attendance at FPCE.

About 8 in 10 of those who attend an FPCE small group are members (82%), compared to just two-thirds of non-members (66%); the proportions are similar for those who attend any small group. Those who served regularly in the church were much more likely to be members than those who do not serve regularly (88% vs. 55%). Whites are more likely than non-whites to be members (76% vs. 61%).

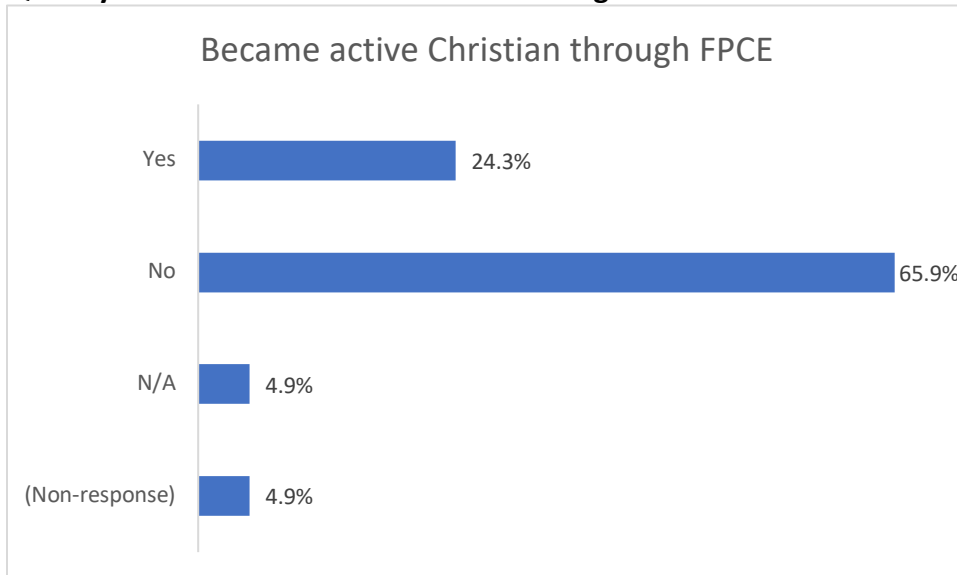
Similar trends appear for those who have and have not attended the membership class, although a larger percentage of respondents are members (73%) than have completed the membership class (61%). 82% of members report having taken the membership class.

**Q: Have you been baptized?**



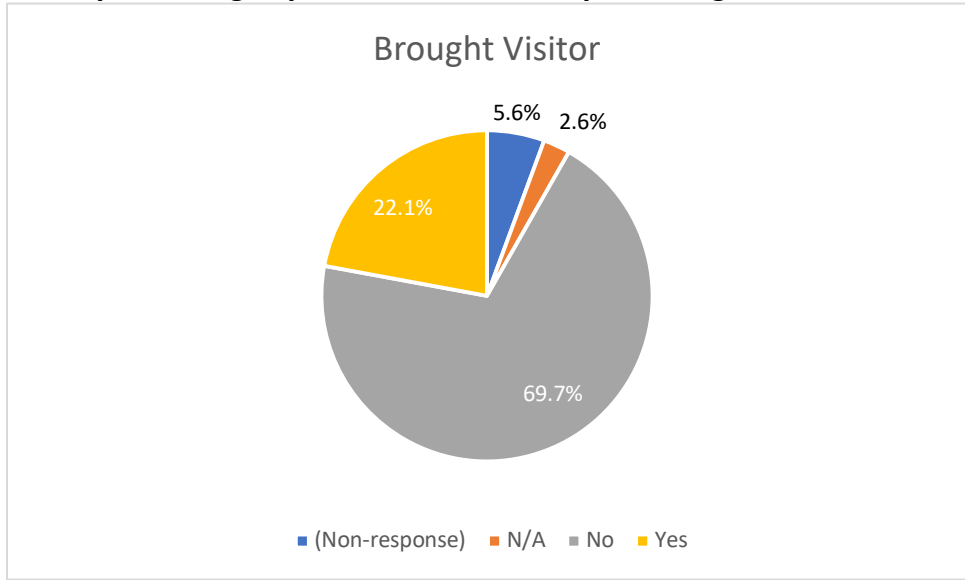
The vast majority of respondents have been baptized (93%), with about equal proportions being baptized under age 13 and over age 13. Males were more likely than females to have been baptized over the age of 13 (51% vs. 38%). Those 21 and under (Gen Z) were by far the most likely not to have been baptized (18% vs. 3% of Millennials). Gen-Xers were the most likely to have been baptized under age 13 (59%), and Elders were the least likely (33%). Interestingly, those who regularly served were much more likely to have been baptized over the age of 13 than those who did not serve regularly (51% vs. 30%). Whites were much more likely to have been baptized under the age of 13 than were non-whites (55% vs. 33%). Members and those who attend church more frequently are much more likely to have been baptized.

**Q: Did you become an active Christian through FPCE or one of its members?**



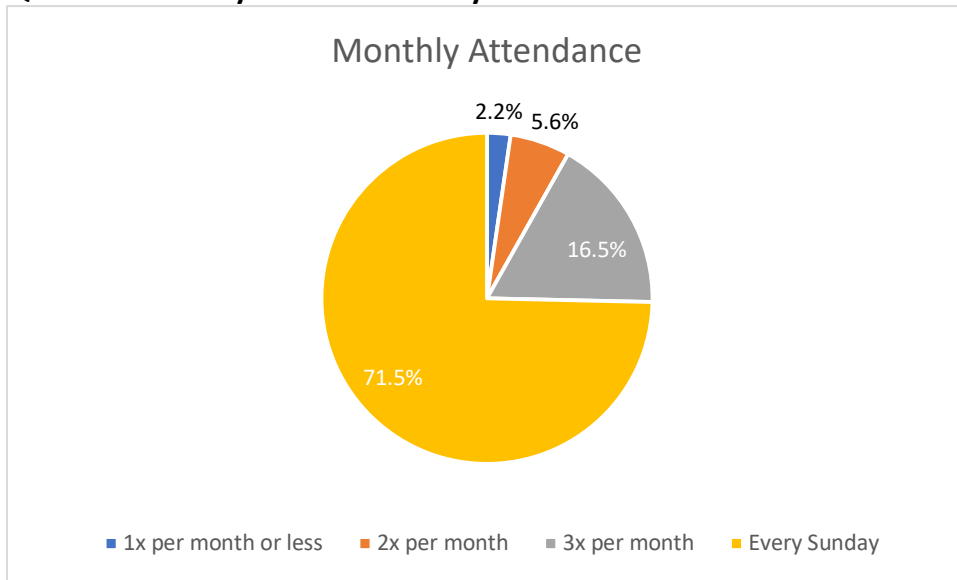
About a quarter of respondents became an active Christian through FPCE or one of its members. This is most likely to be the case among Gen-Z, among those attending for more than 8 years, and among members. Three people who began attending within the last 2 years say they became a Christian through FPCE (5%). About 1 in 9 people who began attending within the last 8 years say they became a Christian through FPCE (12%). Members are roughly 3 times more likely than non-members to have become Christians through FPCE (30% vs. 9%).

**Q: During the last year, have you brought someone new to a Sunday service who was not actively attending any church or not actively following Jesus?**



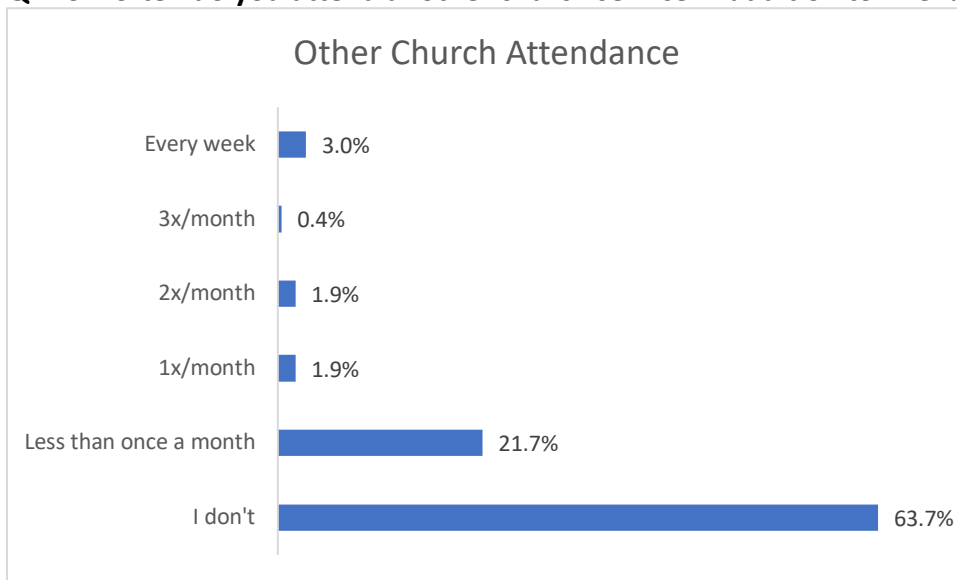
About 2 in 9 people brought a visitor during the last year. Gen-Xers were the least likely to have brought a visitor who was not actively following Jesus (11%, compared to 22% of the congregation overall). Those who attend small group were not any more likely to bring visitors. Perhaps surprisingly, newcomers to the church were the most likely to bring non-believers, and the longer a person had attended, the less likely they were to bring a visitor. Those who attend more sporadically were less likely to bring a visitor (11% of those attending 2X or less per month did so).

**Q: How often do you attend Sunday service?**



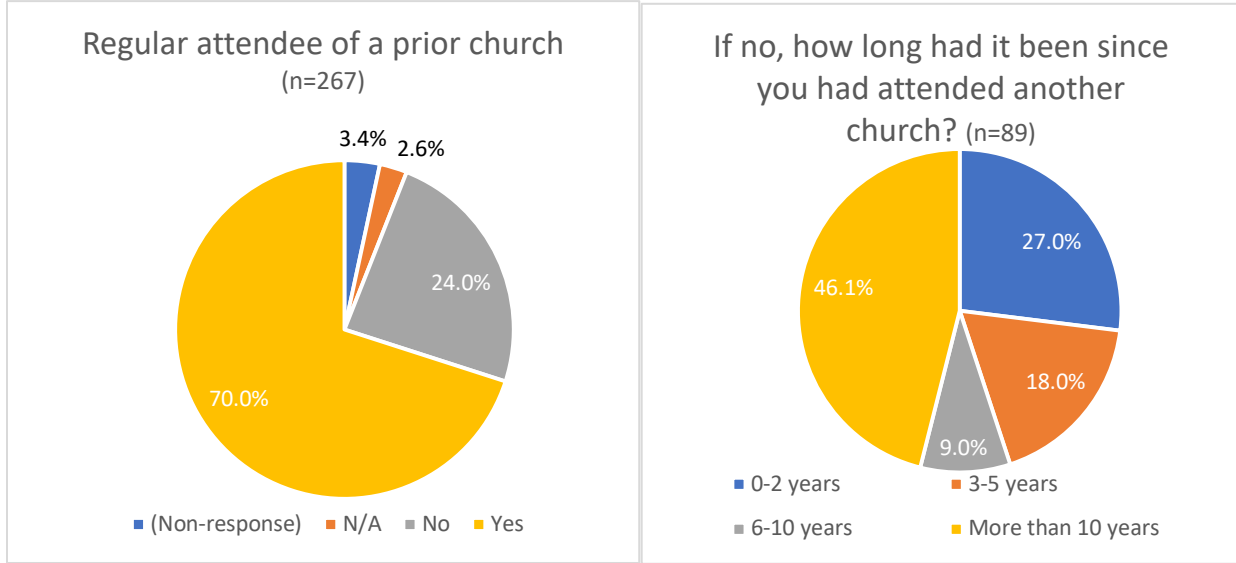
Gen-Xers are the least likely to attend church weekly (56%, compared to 72% of the congregation overall). Those who attend a small group are more likely to attend FPCE every Sunday than those who do not (80% vs. 58%). Similar trends in attendance are true for those who serve monthly versus not (80% vs. 60%). Non-whites are more likely than whites to attend weekly (84% vs. 70%).

**Q: How often do you attend another church service in addition to FPCE?**



Males are more likely than females to attend another church weekly (6% vs. 1%). Millennials are the most likely age group to do this (6% vs. 3% of the congregation overall). Those who began attending within the last year are the most likely to attend another church in addition to FPCE, and 10% do this weekly.

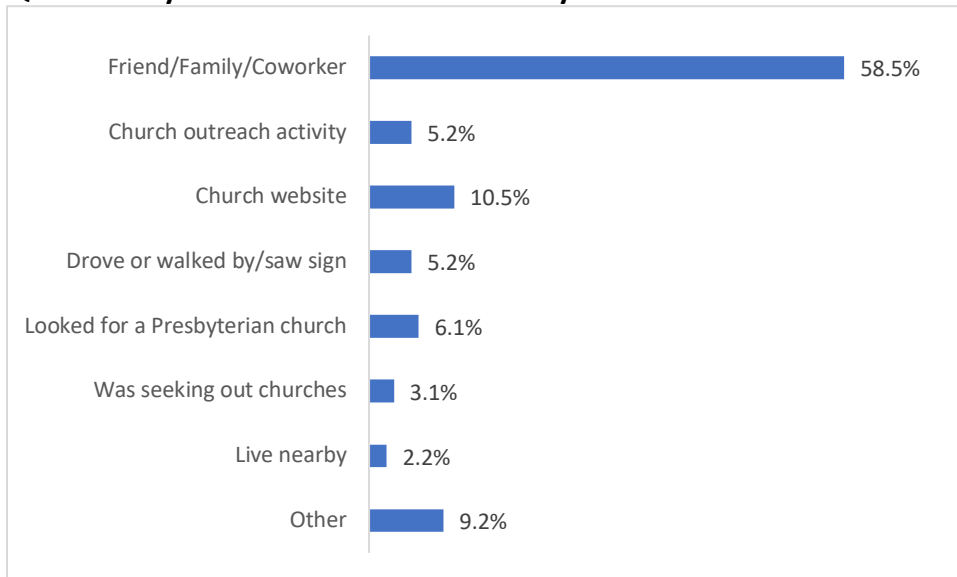
**Q: Before coming to FPCE were you a regular attendee of another church?**



Seven in 10 respondents regularly attended another church before coming to FPCE. Those who attend a small group are much more likely than those who don't to have attended another church regularly before coming to FPCE (78% vs. 58%). The same is true for those who serve regularly and for those who attend more frequently.

Among those who were not regularly attending another church before coming to FPCE, about half of them had been away from church for more than 10 years (46%). Males were more likely to have been away for longer.

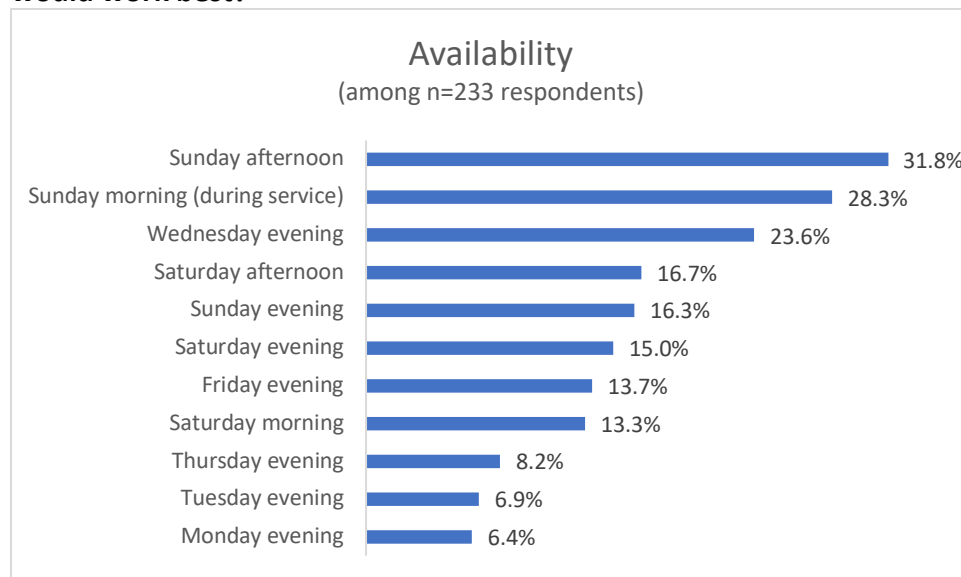
**Q: How did you find out about First Presbyterian Church of Evanston?**



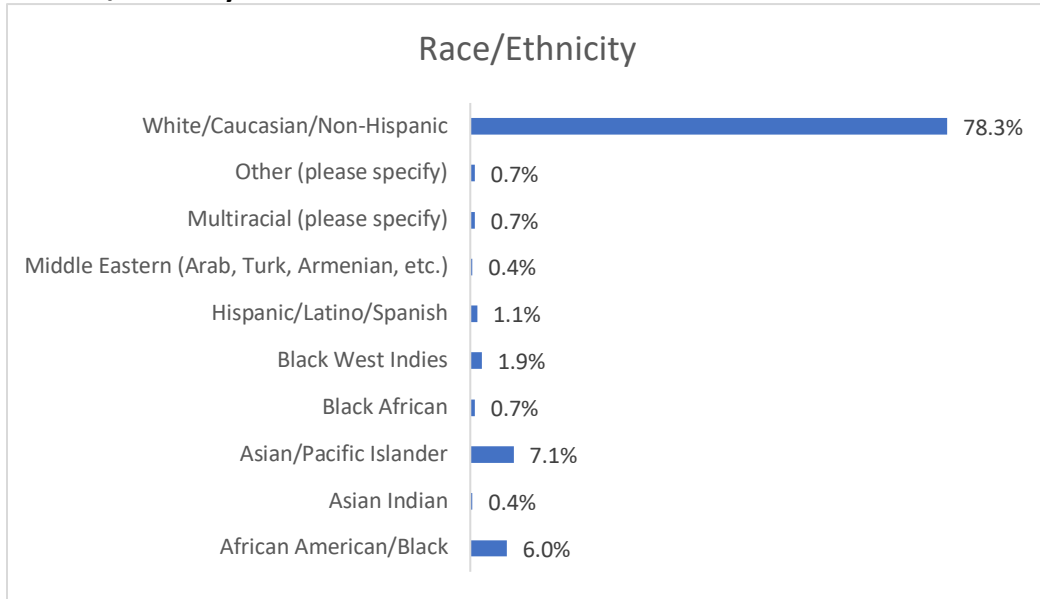
The majority of respondents heard about FPCE through a family member, friend, or coworker (59%), and about 1 in 10 found out about it via the church website. Those who began attending within the past year were the most likely to have found FPCE via the website (25%). About 5% of respondents wrote in that they discovered the church because they saw it while walking or driving by, and an additional 2% found it because they live nearby. Six percent wrote in that they were seeking out a Presbyterian church.

Elders were the most likely to have heard about FPCE through an outreach event (14% vs. 5% among the overall congregation); all those who heard about it via an outreach event were Gen X or older. Millennials were significantly more likely than other age groups to discover FPCE via the website (21%). The proportion of those who heard from a friend, family member, or coworker decreased consistently across older generations.

**Q: If you could attend an FPCE all-church event other than Sunday service, what day/time would work best?**



**Q: Race/Ethnicity**



Close to 4 in 5 respondents were white (78%), and the next largest racial and ethnic groups are Asian/Pacific Islander (7%) and African American/Black (6%). Those 21 and under are the least likely to be White (59% compared to 78% of the whole congregation). Members are more likely to be White than non-members (82% vs. 68%).

**Q: What languages do you speak fluently?**

	Count	% of total congregation
Spanish	12	4.5%
French	10	3.7%
German	5	1.9%
Korean	4	1.5%
Mandarin	3	1.1%
Swedish	3	1.1%
Japanese	2	0.7%
Latin	2	0.7%
Swahili	2	0.7%
Tagalog	2	0.7%
Iban/Malay	1	0.4%
IT	1	0.4%
Polish	1	0.4%
Portugese	1	0.4%
RO	1	0.4%
Yoruba	1	0.4%



**Q: Zipcode**

	Count	%
60202	70	26.5%
60201	63	23.9%
60091	26	9.8%
60076	10	3.8%
60203	10	3.8%
60626	8	3.0%
60077	7	2.7%
60640	7	2.7%
60093	6	2.3%
60645	6	2.3%
60659	6	2.3%
60025	5	1.9%
60712	5	1.9%
60625	4	1.5%
60660	4	1.5%
60056	3	1.1%
60646	3	1.1%
60053	2	0.8%
60610	2	0.8%
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22015	1	0.4%
60016	1	0.4%
60031	1	0.4%
60040	1	0.4%
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60084	1	0.4%
60206	1	0.4%
60612	1	0.4%
60613	1	0.4%
60618	1	0.4%
76657	1	0.4%

**Q: What country were you born in?**

	Count	%
USA	221	82.8%
Jamaica	8	3.0%
Canada	4	1.5%
China	3	1.1%
France	2	0.7%
Korea	2	0.7%
Malaysia	2	0.7%
Australia	1	0.4%
England	1	0.4%
German	1	0.4%
Germany	1	0.4%
Guyana	1	0.4%
Haiti	1	0.4%
Iran	1	0.4%
Japan	1	0.4%
Mexico	1	0.4%
Nigeria	1	0.4%
Philippines	1	0.4%
RO	1	0.4%
South Korea	1	0.4%
Zambia	1	0.4%
Non-response	11	4.1%

## Q: Comments/Suggestions

Gender	Age	Verbatim responses
Male	73	"Would love more Gospel music (gospel choir) at our church
Female	38	1. Like the direction the church is moving 2. Continue focusing on inclusiveness and being open minded, compassionate Christians
Female	44	Can the closing hymn be a little more upbeat rather than "drony" (sp)
Female	41	English
Female		Experiences worshipping here are CHANGING MY LIFE. Sermons make it seem possible to have the Lord in my life each & every day.
Female	44	Go easy on the political issues. Make room for disagreement on periferal issues to the Bible. Preach the Gospel
Female	40	Great idea!
Male	37	Happy being back at First Pres. Appreciate the children's ministry and multi-generational character. Wish there were a way to have Sunday School a bit longer. Also with the 9 am service could have communion more often.
Female	37	Have only one service on Sunday, with longer Adult Ed classes
Female	38	Have small group gatherings that allow conversations to happen organically -- Continue to have lunches after service with people of the same age to allow people to meet others, have other casual get togethers outside of small group setting.
Female	32	I am able to adjust day of week schedules for weekly or monthly events. A small group would be an extension of the Sunday Adult Education class. I may be able to use or partner with a Assisted Living aid like Friends in Christ
Male	69	I love coming here!
Male	25	I was wondering ____ another church daily environment
Female	52	Let us know the results of this survey
Male	44	Love being back at FPCE...but I think the time for Sunday School is too short. Even as a youth SS teacher it feels too short.
Male	62	Love Pastor Ray's sermons
Female	15	Love the church & grateful I was led to it.
Male	75	Options for interfaith education with Jewish and Muslim faith communities is critical for the future of peace and justice in God's kingdom making!
Female	55	Please remove barrier ropes from pews for services, please have second service, use hymn from our hymnal
Male	46	Thanks for doing this, great idea!
Male	73	Thanks for the initiative
Male	62	The Doxology, giving thanks for all we have as we have just giving some of it back was a highly meaningful part of the services, the first peice of Christian text of music I memorized since childhood. Bring it back oftener that monthly and not just until the 150 party