

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SON/DAUGHTER OF: SPONSORS:

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism God's Spirit initiates us into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

TO THE CHILD'S PARENTS AND SPONSORS

Is Jesus Christ your Lord and Savior?

Yes, He is.

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you put your trust in Jesus Christ and follow Him?

I do.

Do you intend this child to be His disciple, to obey His word and show His love?

I do.

Pastor: Will you endeavor to keep this child under the ministry and guidance of Christ's holy church until she by the power of God shall accept for herself the gift of salvation, and be confirmed as a full and responsible member of Christ's holy church?

I will.

TO THE CONGREGATION

Pastor: Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

Congregation: We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child before you in your care?

Congregation: With God's help we will live the gospel of Jesus Christ. We will embody faith, hope and love so that ____ will grow up learning to trust God and to live Love's service in the world. We will pray for ____ on his/her journey of discipleship.

Pastor: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Most Holy God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and this gift of water.
Let your baptismal touch bring this child into your holy circle
and tender embrace.

May all glory and honor be yours, now and forever. Amen!

BAPTISM

[Name]

I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Holy Spirit work within you,
that being born through water and the Spirit
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Brothers and sisters of the household of faith, we commend to your love and care this child, whom this day we recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that he/she may grow in the knowledge and the love of God through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord?

We are grateful for the gift of this child who delights us and reminds us that God has not yet given up on his human family. We welcome ____ into the family of God, and pray that he/she may grow in strength to love God and all our neighbors.

See what love the Father has given us that he/she should be called a child of
God!
And so he/she is! Amen!

LIGHTING OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE

Let your light so shine that others, seeing your good works,
may glorify your Father in heaven.



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SHAVERTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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