

Frequently Asked Questions

Do you do private baptisms?

Only in extraordinary or urgent circumstances. It is important that the people of the congregation have the opportunity to make their statement of commitment and welcome you (your child) into the faith community.

Is there a fee for the baptism service?

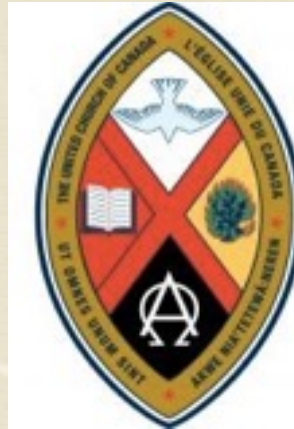
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Can we have Godparents?

The whole congregation traditionally has filled the role of “Godparents” in The United Church of Canada. However, some parents may choose to call upon the support of special family members or friends. The Godparent(s) would then be invited to participate in the Service of Baptism.

Can we take photos during the service?

Yes but please remember that this is a Service of Worship and so be discreet and sensitive to not distracting the people around you who are participating in worship.



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THE COVENANT OF BAPTISM



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Baptism is an act of welcoming, blessing and belonging.

Baptism, regardless of age, is the sole rite of initiation into the Christian community.

Baptism recognizes a call to Christian discipleship.

At Knox, Baptisms are conducted during Sunday morning worship.

If considering Baptism, please arrange to speak with our Minister.

THE COVENANT OF BAPTISM CELEBRATES...

the fullness of God's grace throughout the story of salvation: in creation and in exodus, in wilderness and in exile, in birth and in death. In his baptism, Jesus received the Holy Spirit and was declared God's beloved. He opened himself to repentance and forgiveness, and marked a new beginning in his ministry.

In our baptism, we are similarly claimed, called, and commissioned.

DURING THE BAPTISM SERVICE, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO RESPOND TO THESE QUESTIONS FOR YOURSELF OR ON BEHALF OF YOUR CHILD:

Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, and who works in others and us by the Spirit?

Will you follow in the Way of Jesus Christ, resisting oppression and evil, seeking justice, and witnessing to God's love for all creation?

Will you join with your brothers and sisters in the congregation to share in the life, work and ministry of Jesus Christ?

If a child is being baptized, parents will also be asked...Will you share your faith with your child, growing with him/her in faith, hope and love?



If Godparents are present, they will be asked...Recognizing that many persons nurture and influence the life of a child, will you support this child and her/his parent(s) as they grow together in faith?