

SACRAMENT OF



BAPTISM

Baptism is one of two sacraments (celebrations of God's love) in the United Church of Canada. The other is communion.

"Go then to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you." *Matthew 28: 19-30*

Glen Ayr United Church welcomes you to celebrate your child's baptism with us. It is a special time of asking for God's blessings on your child, giving thanks to God for the miracle of your child; sharing with the community your happiness; and making a commitment to raise your child in the Christian faith at Glen Ayr.

All baptisms are held during the Sunday worship service. A date suitable to you can be arranged. There will be a preparation meeting before the baptism. There is no official role for godparents, but you may have someone stand with you if you wish.

The service includes three questions about your faith. Do you believe in God the creator and God's love for all people? Do you believe God has been made known through Jesus of Nazareth, who lived and died and lives again? Do you believe that God by the Spirit is active in the world to guide and strengthen you? This is your declaration of faith that you are a Christian.

There is a question: will you do your best to provide a Christian home for your child, and will you encourage your child to seek confirmation? Please consider carefully this personal question. It is your commitment to raise your child in the faith, teach him/her Christian values, bring him/her to Sunday School and other church programs, and encourage your child to be a part of the church.

The congregation is asked if they will receive your child and promise to help in the Christian training of all children under their care.

Your child will be baptized in the name of God the Creator, Redeemer and Guide. Water is placed on the forehead of your child as a symbol of new life and God's blessing on him/her. Your child is then welcomed by the congregation. The baptism is concluded with a prayer for your family.

Thank you for choosing Glen Ayr for your child's baptism. We will do our best to make this a special celebration for your child and you.

