

## BAPTISM INFORMATION FORM - ADULT

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Male  Female

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(first) (middle) (last)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(city) (state) (zip)

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(city) (state)

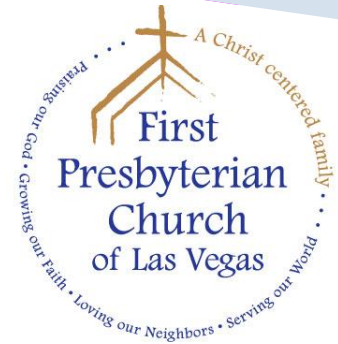
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Current age: \_\_\_\_\_

Date preferred for baptism at FPC: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*"...for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."  
Galatians 3:27*

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## WHY DO WE BAPTIZE?

Baptism points us back to the grace of God expressed in Jesus Christ, who died for us and who was raised for us.

### WHAT DOES BAPTISM MEAN?

Baptism is the sign and symbol of inclusion in God's grace, and covenant with the church. As an identifying mark, Baptism signifies:

- the faithfulness of God
- the washing away of sin
- rebirth
- putting on the fresh garment of Christ
- being sealed by God's Spirit
- adoption into the covenant family of the church
- resurrection and illumination in Christ

### WHY DO WE USE WATER?

The water of Baptism links us to the goodness of God's creation and to the grace of God's covenants with Noah and Israel.

### WHAT ABOUT BAPTISMS FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS?

Our church recognizes the baptism of other Christian denominations that have been done in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

### DO PRESBYTERIANS RECOGNIZE GODPARENTS?

We believe that the whole congregation has responsibility to nurture a newly baptized person. Therefore, we don't normally have godparents. Sponsors, however, may be designated by parents to participate in the baptism.

### WHAT PROMISES ARE MADE?

The candidate shall:

- Profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
- Renounce evil and affirm reliance on God's grace.
- Declare intention to participate actively and responsibly in the worship and mission of the church.
- Declare intention to provide for the Christian nurture of the child.

The congregation shall:

- Profess its faith, using the Apostle's Creed.
- Voice its support of those baptized.
- Express its willingness to take responsibility for the nurture of those baptized.

## CAN I BE BAPTIZED WHENEVER I CHOOSE?

The baptism date must be agreed upon by the family and the pastor and is subject to availability.

- An infant/child - Parents shall meet with a pastor prior to the baptism. At least one parent shall be an active member of the church.
- A young person of ninth grade age or older - the young person should attend Confirmation Class, or meet individually with a Pastor.
- An adult - the individual should attend the next scheduled new member class.
- Baptisms cannot be confirmed until Session approval is granted. They normally meet the fourth Monday of the month.

### ADULT BAPTISM

When an adult is baptized they become a member of the congregation and are expected to attend worship and join the body of Christ in serving our Lord.

### BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

- Ordinarily the parent(s) or one(s) exercising parental responsibility shall be an active member of the congregation.
- They shall promise to provide nurture and guidance within the community of faith until the child is ready to make a personal profession of faith and assume the responsibility of active church membership.
- The baptized child may participate in the Lord's Supper with the permission of his/her parents or those exercising parental responsibility.

### WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

When a child reaches High School, he/she may choose to attend the Confirmation Class to become a confirmed member of the church. The child will then have the opportunity to confirm for him/herself the promises made on his/her behalf at Baptism. Upon confirmation the young person will then have the right to vote in congregational meetings and is eligible to serve as an ordained elder or deacon if elected.

If you have other questions about baptism or the Presbyterian Church, please do not hesitate to contact the church office.



## BAPTISM INFORMATION FORM - CHILD

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### CHILD:

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Child's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(first) (middle) (last)

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(city) (state)

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Current age: \_\_\_\_\_

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### PARENT(S):

Father (Full Name): \_\_\_\_\_  
(first) (middle) (last)

Mother (Full Name): \_\_\_\_\_  
(first) (middle) (last)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(city) (state) (zip)

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Church membership of Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother: \_\_\_\_\_