

The Baptism Service

Baptism takes place during a regular worship service.

Please arrive at least 10 minutes before worship to allow time to get settled.

Please do not take pictures during the worship service. Pictures may be taken after the service.

God parents are welcome but not required to participate in the service.



A Statement of Faith

"Before conscious thought or action on our part, we are born into the brokenness of this world.

Before conscious thought or action on our part, we are surrounded by God's redeeming love.

Baptism by water in the name of the Holy Trinity is the means by which we are received, at any age, into the covenanted community of the church.

It is the ritual that signifies our rebirth in faith and cleansing by the power of God.

Baptism signifies the nurturing, sustaining, and transforming power of God's love and our grateful response to that grace.

Carrying a vision of creation healed and restored, we welcome all in the name of Christ."

From the "Song of Faith"
United Church of Canada

Baptism Policy

Welcome to



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We affirm:

- Baptism is a gift of God and a symbol of belonging to God within a community of faith.
- All people are equally precious in the eyes of God.
- Baptism is not required for salvation; those who are not baptized bear no stigma; no burden; no exclusion from the grace of God.
- Water and oil are used as a symbol of this covenant and blessing.

Eligibility for Baptism

Infant Baptism:

At least one parent must be a member of St. Andrew's United Church.

If the infant does not live in the Yorkton area, and has a historic connection here, we may share in baptism. We expect that families seeking baptism have a community of faith where they actively participate. Assistance in finding an appropriate community of faith will be provided if needed. Some type of communication from the home community of faith is required indicating familiarity with the family seeking baptism.

Adult Baptism:

Anyone over 13 is encouraged to seek baptism.

Preparation for Baptism

Please begin preparing for baptism a minimum of six weeks prior to the anticipated date. This is a time of discernment to learn more about your faith, the traditions of St. Andrew's and the United Church of Canada. It is a time for you to build relationships with the community of faith that will support you and your family in your faith growth.

You will meet with the minister at least once before baptism.

During the discernment time we would like you to connect with the community of faith at least 3 times. This might include worship (online or in-person) or other activities.

We hope you will follow through on this preparation.

On-Going Support Following Baptism

Baptism is an important public commitment of faith and discipleship. You affirm your belief in a God of love and commit to intentionally seek God in your life and continue deepening your spiritual journey.

The congregation commits to nurturing your whole family on this journey. Our role is to support your whole family in deepening your faith and giving you the tools to grow in faith with your children. We will continue to be in touch with you and encourage you to participate in the life and work of St. Andrew's. We will contact you about various activities and make ourselves available to you when requested. Please be in touch with the minister if you have specific requests for support or programs which would encourage you and your family in deepening your faith.

We will also be inviting and encouraging you to support the community of faith with your time, talents and financial gifts so that we can continue to serve you and the wider community.