



## Grace United Church

"Grace United Church strives to welcome, inspire, and support all in personal and spiritual growth as we walk with Jesus Christ on our faith journeys."

### **POLICY: BAPTISM POLICY**

Revision Date: September 2021

#### **Preamble**

In baptism, children, youth, adults become members of Grace church and its faith community.

The community of faith makes a commitment to support and nurture them in their faith development.

#### **Approval**

Requests for baptism will be received through the minister.

All requests will be received and considered on an individual basis by Session, and must be approved by Session.

To help the community of faith fulfill its vow, Grace United Church requires:

1. Parents to be connected to "The Church" through participation in the life and mission of Grace United Church. Families are expected to be regularly attending worship at Grace to fulfill their baptismal vow to share with their child the Christian life, and grow in faith together. At least one parent must be a member of Grace United Church.
2. This sacrament will be celebrated within the church family in the context of Sunday morning worship.
3. Families will participate in baptismal preparation. The minister will meet with the parents to discuss the ceremony, the promises and responsibilities involved, and to share resources.
4. The sacrament of baptism may be celebrated with a teenager or adult after they have participated in membership preparation classes or an equivalent.

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