

# WMPC | milestone

presenting your child for baptism



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— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

# The Significance of Baptism

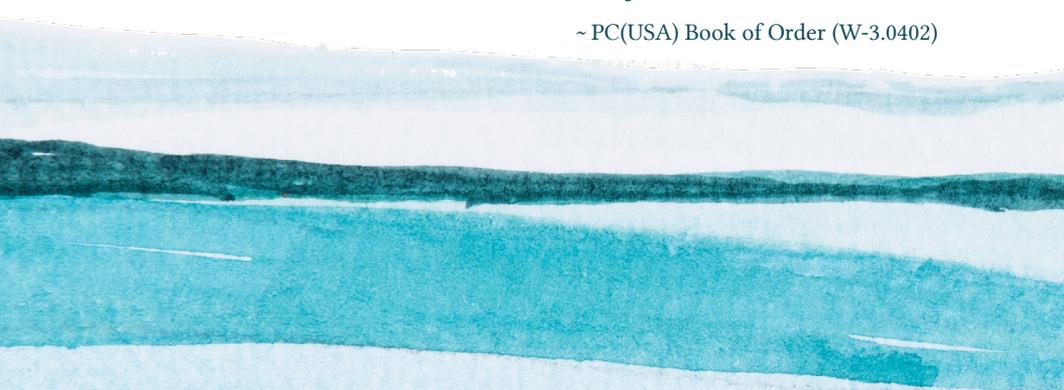


The Sacrament of Baptism represents an important milestone in a child's faith journey. Jesus says, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." Children are vital members of our church family, enriching our ministry and teaching us about the kingdom of God. As a community, it is a joy to walk with parents and their little ones as they grow in life and faith.

Baptism signifies the beginning of life in Christ and adoption into the covenant family of the church. Through the Baptism of infants and young children, those gathered celebrate God's amazing love that claims us even before we are able to respond. Both parents and congregation members make promises to nurture and guide the child within the community of faith.

*"Baptism enacts and seals what the Word proclaims: God's redeeming grace offered to all people. Baptism is at once God's gift of grace, God's means of grace, and God's call to respond to that grace. Through Baptism, Jesus Christ calls us to repentance, faithfulness, and discipleship. Through Baptism, the Holy Spirit gives the Church its identity and commissions the Church for service in the world."*

~ PC(USA) Book of Order (W-3.0402)



# Preparation for Baptism

When you are ready to schedule your child's Baptism, please contact the church office. Baptisms are scheduled through Lisa Crumpler, Pastoral Executive Assistant, at 919-834-3425, ext. 222. Baptisms are held during Sunday morning worship and are officiated by a WMPC pastor.

## *Baptism and Belonging: Your Baby's Faith Journey at WMPC*

Parents will attend *Baptism and Belonging* prior to their child's Baptism. In this workshop, you will learn about the significance of the sacrament of Baptism and go over logistical details. You will have the opportunity to connect with fellow parents and church staff and get an overview of your baby's faith journey at WMPC.

*Baptism and Belonging* is offered quarterly in January, April, July and October. Dinner and childcare are provided.



# The Day of the Baptism

On the day of the Baptism, there will be one reserved parking space beside Davidson Chapel for your family. **Please plan to arrive 20 minutes prior to the service** so that the pastor can go over last-minute details and answer any questions. If the Baptism is taking place during the Sanctuary service, the pastor will meet you in the Jane Bell Gathering Space located behind the Sanctuary. If the Baptism is taking place during the OnPoint service, the pastor will meet you in the front of Main Hall. If you need a place to change your child, you are welcome to use Room L209 located on the preschool hall. There is also a nursing mother's room available in Room L106.

We ask that you refrain from taking photos during worship. You are welcome to remain in the worship space after the service concludes to take photos.

*Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father,  
the Son and the Holy Spirit."*

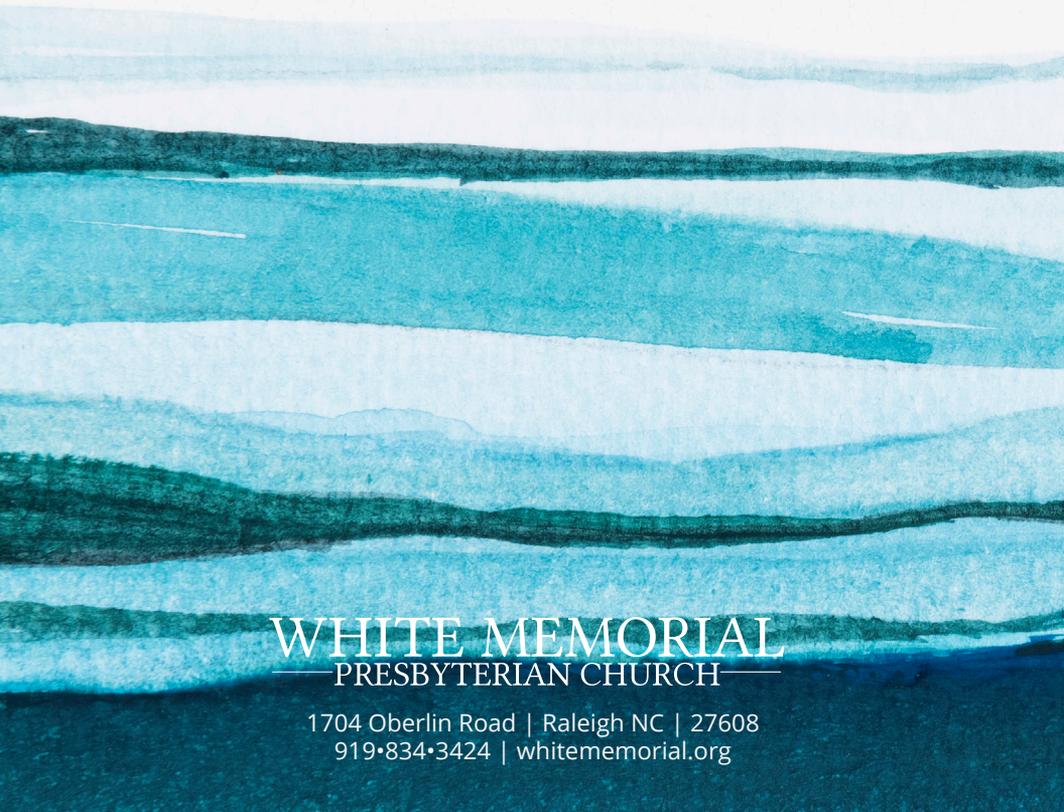
~Matthew 28.19

*God said, "Before I formed you in the womb  
I knew you, and before you were born  
I consecrated you..."*

~Jeremiah 1:5

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me..."*

~Matthew 19:14



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