

APPLICATION FOR BAPTISM
First Presbyterian Church

Current Date: _____

Full Name of Child
to be baptized: _____ Male / Female
Please circle

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Father's Full Name: _____

Mother's Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Telephone No(s): #1 _____ #2 _____

Are Parent(s) Members of First Presbyterian Church? _____

If not, are the parents active in another church? _____

Name of Church: _____

If you have a pastoral preference please indicate: _____

Would prefer which Elder to assist: _____

Which Worship Service: 8:15 a.m. _____ 9:00 a.m. _____ 11:00 a.m. _____

Preferred date for Baptism: _____

Sponsors: (not required) _____

If Sponsors, Members of what church? : _____

Note: Sponsors must be worshiping member of a Christian congregation.

Process for Having Baptism Approved:

1. Complete and return the application to office as soon as possible.
2. A pastor will contact the family to arrange an appointment.
3. After the visit, your request for baptism will be brought before the next Session meeting.
(The Session usually meets the fourth Tuesday of each month.)

Since the above steps can take up to six weeks, you may want to get this application to the church office as soon as possible.

Baptisms will be held at the convenience of church and family. No baptisms will be held on Communion Sunday or on Sundays with special service except under special circumstances.

COVENANT OF BAPTISM
(Between parents, the congregation and God)

As we request the Elders of the First Presbyterian Church to approve the baptism of our child, we are aware that at least one of us must be an active member of God's Church.

We are also aware that at the baptism of our child we will be asked to renew our membership vows to God before the congregation. Namely: that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, that we trust with our life, and that we will be obedient to Word and show love in our daily living, that we will be faithful in attendance at worship and study and give financial support to the church, and keep active in the church, wherever we may be.

At the baptism of our child we are aware that we are taking these vows of membership on behalf of our child and that our child becomes a member of Christ's Holy Church (not the Presbyterian Church) on the strength of our church membership (Acts 2:39, Luke 18:16).

In order that we fulfill our covenant with God in these membership vows, we will also be asked on the day of our child's baptism to promise to teach our child the principles of Christianity in the home by word and example.

We understand that the congregation also makes a covenant with us and with God to teach, show love, give fellowship and strengthen the faith of our child. We, in return, promise to make it possible for the church to fulfill its covenant by ensuring our child's regular attendance at Church School and other programs for children.

All of the covenants between us, the congregation, and God are not to be taken lightly. The congregation and parents are making serious lifelong commitments to God and to each other at the baptism of a child.

We fully understand all of the above covenants and the implications of the promises we are making at the baptism of our child; therefore, we promise to fulfill all the covenants, vows, and promises explained above, and assure the Church Elders of our sincerity in this request for the baptism of our child.

(Full legal name of child)

(Date of birth)

(Parent Signature)

(Date signed)

(Clerk of Session)

(Date signed)