

Water Baptism FAQs

What is Water Baptism?

Water baptism is a public declaration that we have turned away from our sins and put our faith in Jesus Christ as our personal Savior and Lord (Acts 2:38). It is important to recognize that baptism does not save us; instead we are saved by God's grace as we trust in His Son who died for us on the cross and was raised from the dead (Romans 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:8-10). However, baptism identifies us publicly with Jesus Christ as His disciples, His followers. This is vital because Jesus Himself said, "If anyone acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will openly acknowledge that person before my Father in heaven" (Matthew 10:32).

Obedying God in this way is an important step toward spiritual fruitfulness and the fullness of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38; Colossians 2:11-12). As we go down into the waters and come back up we demonstrate that our old life of sin has been buried with Christ and we have been raised with Him (Romans 6:1-4). Baptism is a celebration of God's grace and an expression of our desire and intention to follow Him!

Who should be baptized?

You should be baptized if you have turned away from your sins and put your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord (Acts 2:38). Water baptism is a public declaration that you have been saved by God's grace through your trust in His Son (Romans 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:8-10). Baptism is an important point of identification with Jesus as your Lord and an expression of your desire and intention to follow Him. *Please note that you do not need to be a member of Church of the Redeemer to be baptized here.*

Where do I go on the night of my baptism service and what time should I be there?

Come to the front of the sanctuary to the left of the platform area and there will be people to help you there. The service begins at 7:15 p.m. and we request that you arrive one hour before at 6:15 p.m.

What should I wear?

Clothes that will not retain much water work best (jeans are not good). We will give you a baptism t-shirt to wear. You may wear dark-colored pants or modest length shorts (no short shorts please). Also, make sure to bring a change of clothes, two towels and a plastic bag for wet clothing.

Can I be baptized with a member of my family? What about inviting family?

If you would like to be baptized with your spouse and/or with your children, or if you would like your children to be baptized together, please let us know that when you register and we will do our best to plan for this. Of course, it is important that each family member has come to a point of personal faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior of their life before they are ready for baptism.

Also we reserve the first few rows of seats in the sanctuary for family members of those being baptized and we strongly encourage you to invite family and friends to your baptism service.