

Baptism

Presbyterians believe that God's love for us is given to us in grace even before we can possibly understand or respond to it. So it is appropriate for children and infants to be received in baptism, even though they may be too young to comprehend the sacrament itself. Baptism is a once-in-a-lifetime rite, but we are called to remember it again and again throughout our lives.

Family and community are the most powerful faith-shapers in a child's life. The parents, or primary adults in the child's life, present the child for baptism and affirm their own faith in the loving God of Jesus Christ. They promise to bring up their child in the Christian faith, and the congregation promises, on behalf of the Christian community all over the world, to nurture the child in faith.

It is the church's task to support and encourage parents in the loving upbringing of their children, so that their children may one day claim the love of Christ as mature persons of faith, and that they may grow up to live lives that carry the transforming love of Christ wherever they may go.

Baptisms need to be approved by the board of session and scheduled through the pastoral staff. **Contact Rev. Tracy Keenan, tracykeenan@covenantpcusa.org, to make these arrangements.**



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