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Baptism Application rev. 5/2010

Baptism has always been important in the Christian Fellowship for what it signifies, rather than an end in itself. It reminds us of the love and grace of God for each child, independent of our work, faith or knowledge. It is a public gesture on the part of the parents pledging to be faithful Christian parents by providing love and Christian teaching to their child. Further, the congregation participates by renewing a pledge to provide Christian education for the child.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Children Procedure:

The baptism of a child will usually be at a Sunday morning service. Since baptism is a sacrament of the church, it will be held as part of the congregational worship. There is no fee. Please contact the pastor several weeks in advance. Parents are expected to meet with the pastor prior to baptism.

On the occasion of baptism, parents should be in the church at the beginning of the service and will come forward when the pastor so indicates. Godparents are not required. If there are Godparents, they will also come forward to pledge their support for the child. The Godparents will stand with the parents at the service.

Please return the bottom portion to the church office

Today's Date _____ Baptism Sunday Date _____

Child's Name _____

Date & Place of Birth _____

Parent's Names _____

Sibling's Names & Ages _____

Home Address _____

Home phone _____ emails _____

Grandparent's Names _____

Godparents? _____

Following the baptism, there will be a celebratory cake in the vestry so that church members may congratulate you!