

**Sponsor Information:**

*“A Sponsor (referred to as a Godparent in some traditions) is a person, who agrees to assist in the nurturing of a baptized child in their faith. If you have chosen such a person or persons for your child, please complete the information below, and indicate whether they plan to be present at your child’s baptism.”*

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Will they be present at your child’s baptism?  Yes  No  Unsure

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Approved by Session: \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism Counseling: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Canonsburg U.P. Church**

**The  
Sacrament of Baptism**



*“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”*

Galatians 3:26-28

## The Meaning of the Sacrament of Baptism

*(The Book of Order, Presbyterian Church U.S.A.)*

Baptism is the sign and seal of God's grace & covenant in Jesus Christ.

Baptism signifies:

- a. the faithfulness of God
- b. the washing away of sin
- c. rebirth
- d. putting on the fresh garment of Christ
- e. being sealed by God's Spirit
- f. adoption into the covenant family of the Church
- g. resurrection and illumination in Christ

## Requirements for the Sacrament of Baptism

**For Infant/Child Baptism:** The commitment of baptism is a commitment to raise your child in a church family.

1. Ordinarily one parent will be a member of Canonsburg U.P. Church. All requests for baptism must be approved by the Session.
2. The parents must attend a baptismal counseling meeting with the Pastor.
3. In the Presbyterian Church, the Session is charged with approving baptisms & the congregation as a whole assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized person in the Christian life. Additionally, sponsors (other traditions: Godparents) may be chosen by parents. (see back page)
4. In presenting your child for baptism, you announce your own faith in Jesus Christ, and your desire to raise your child to follow Christ. Please read the following **baptismal vows** carefully:
  - Do you renounce all evil and reaffirm your own faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?
  - Do you promise, in reliance upon God's grace, to set before your child an example of the new life in Christ, through your active participation in the worship and mission of the church?
  - Do you promise to pray with and for you child, and to bring him/her up in the knowledge of the love of God?

**For Adult Baptism:** Individual counseling in the sacrament is offered to any teenagers or adults seeking baptism. **For both children and adults, the sacrament is celebrated as part of Sunday worship.**

**Please Note: No flash photography during the baptism service. Pictures and videos may be taken without flash, or after the close of worship.**

## Request for Baptism

*(Please return to the church office Attn: Barb Mullen)*

Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Requested:  8:30 AM  11:00 AM

## Child's Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M F

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names (as you would like them to appear in the bulletin):

Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ (Maiden Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work/Cell Phone: (Mother) \_\_\_\_\_

Work/Cell Phone: (Father) \_\_\_\_\_

## Names and Ages of Other Family Children:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Baptism Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please answer the following questions:*

**Have you read the Baptism vows & are you prepared to take them on behalf of your child?**

**Mother:**  Yes  No

**Father:**  Yes  No

**Are you currently a member of Canonsburg U.P. Church?**

**Mother:**  Yes  No

**Father:**  Yes  No

*(If you are not currently a member, please contact the Church Office about the next New Member's Class, usually Fall: Sept.-Oct. & Winter: Jan.-Feb.)*