



Things to know for the day of your baptism

What to Wear

We recommend you wear a dark shirt and pants. Clothing that is made of material that retains minimum amounts of water would be best. Ladies, we encourage you to wear a one-piece bathing suit under your dark shirt. Please wear these clothes to the service and bring along a change of clothes and a towel.

What to Expect

Please be prepared to meet with the person who will be baptizing you at the front of the auditorium, 15 minutes before the service for instructions on the flow of the service and any other details you need to know.

Just before the baptism portion of the service, the pastor and all participants getting baptized will move to the entrance near the baptism tank. The pastor will enter the water first to make introductory comments and then invite the participants one by one into the baptism tank.

When it is your turn to be baptized, the pastor will share a few brief reflections and then invite you to cross your arms over your chest to prepare to be leaned backward below the water.

The pastor will then say, "Because you have put your trust in Christ, I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit." The pastor will then immerse you backward into the water. This is quick; do not worry, you won't be under water long. You will need to bend your knees to assist the pastor in lowering you down and lifting you up.

Afterwards, someone will direct you to an appropriate location for towelng off and getting changed. Then you can return to the auditorium to join your family and friends for the rest of the service.

Who to Invite

Your baptism is an incredibly exciting step in your life of faith. It is something worth celebrating, so we want to encourage you to invite your family and friends to join in the celebration. This is a chance for you to gather together the people in your life who are your support system, so please be sure to ask others to join with us in celebrating who you are and what Jesus has done for your life. Most people will be honoured you have asked them to come to witness your baptism, even if they do not express a faith in God or participate in a rhythm of church. This is a chance for you to share your faith as you declare your love for Jesus and your desire to trust him with your life.

Finally, if you wish to continue the celebration after the church service, please talk with your Location Pastor or leader about arranging to hang out at the church if you would like to use the space. Many people have had a luncheon for their friends and family who came to their baptism, so please know that if we can help facilitate some space for you we would love your celebration continue.

We are so excited about everything God is doing in your life and we look forward to your upcoming baptism!

Sincerely,

Your Location Pastors