

## Big 4 of Baptism:

### 1. Baptism is about what **GOD** is doing.

- No “do-overs” necessary
- It’s a super-natural, God moment

Romans 6:3-4 (NIV)

*Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were therefore buried **with him through baptism into** death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*

### 2. **MODE** doesn't matter. It's about **WATER** and the **WORD**.

- Sprinkle and immersion are both valid

Ephesians 5:26-27 (NIV)

*...Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.*

### 3. It's a free gift, commanded for “kids” of **ALL AGES**.

- We baptize from infants to elderly

Acts 2:38-39 (NIV)

*"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off--for all whom the Lord our God will call."*

### 4. It's a **PHYSICAL SIGN** of our entrance into God's Family and of His love.

- Ever in doubt of God's love? Remember your baptism.

Matthew 3:16-17 (NIV)

*... At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."*

*See reverse side for baptism instructions and procedure.*

# **Baptism @ Family of Christ | The Procedure - Late**

## **Where to go:**

### **1. Find the Baptism Crew located at the *Info Center*. There you will:**

- Check in & get directions (20 minutes before service)
- Receive a Baptism Kit
  - o Baptism Kit (contains t-shirt, baptism certificate, medallion and candle)
  - o Please return T-shirt to receptacle in Sacristy after ceremony. (T-shirt is available for purchase for \$15)

### **2. Change clothes (in Sacristy up near the stage)—10 minutes prior to service.**

- Hang dry clothes in the Sacristy closet.
- Deposit baptismal bag with your family.

### **3. Proceed to the Baptistery after the Sermon, during the Prayers.**

- Wear your shoes to the Baptistery.
- Form a line on the right of the forward ramp, behind the Baptistery. Take off your shoes before entering.
- Relatives and friends taking pictures need to sit near the front of the Worship Center, on the right side. In addition, the sponsors need to sit near the front as well.
- Infants and parents join in this line on the stage as well.

## **What to wear / bring:**

### **Women:**

- No white clothing
- Sandals / shower shoes
- Appropriate swimwear or leggings to be worn beneath modest shorts & baptism shirt
- Full change of clothing for post-baptism
- Cosmetic needs post-baptism

### **Men:**

- No white clothing
- Sandals / shower shoes
- Knee length shorts / trunks & baptism shirt
- Full change of clothing for post-baptism
- Cosmetic needs post-baptism

### **Infants:**

- No clothing considerations necessary

## **Who gets in the Baptistery?**

**Baptismal candidate & Adult doing the immersion**

## **What about Infant Baptism?**

**Infant & Adult(s) stand outside baptistery**

## **What to do TODAY:**

### **Fill out & turn in baptismal form (found at the Info Center)**

- Service time & mode
- Info for Baptism Certificate