

We at Knox United Church believe that Baptism is a gift of Christ that we are privileged to share. We are committed to make Baptism a meaningful initiation into the Christian community, the Church of Jesus Christ.

The request for baptism normally comes from the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of a child. You do not have to be a church member to request baptism. However, the parent(s)/guardian(s) are required to meet with the minister prior to baptism in order to discuss and learn more about the Christian faith. The intent is to make baptism a more significant and meaningful step in the spiritual journey.

Parents wishing to have their child baptized should make their request to the Minister or the Church office well in advance of the date for baptism in order to meet with the Minister to discuss this important step in the faith journey of your family.

Adults and older children may also request baptism.

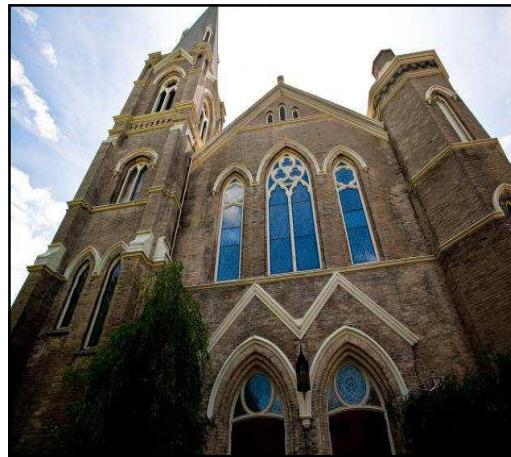
The normal setting for baptism is a Sunday worship service. The congregation witnesses and celebrates with the parents promising their love, support and care for the one to be baptized as they live and grow in Christ. Godparents and other significant persons are often invited to stand with the family for baptism.

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**Worshipping  
Sunday Mornings  
10:30 am**



**The Blessing  
of Your Child  
with  
Knox United  
Church, Ayr**



## STATEMENT OF BAPTISM

**Jesus said, “Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children.” “Then he took the children in his arms and placed his hands on their heads and blessed them.”**

Mark 10: 14, 16

It is in the life and teaching of Jesus Christ that we learn about the Christian way of living. Jesus revealed to us that God’s love has no limit. Baptism is a significant step in one’s faith journey. It is a time of affirmation of faith in God through Jesus Christ and of public declaration of a commitment to follow Jesus.

We offer baptism as it represents an important step in the faith journey of your family. Knox United Church commits to helping you and your child as you learn, grow and walk with God.

## WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT BAPTISM

### **Baptism is:**

initiation into the full community of faith a symbolic action that signifies the acceptance of new life God gives us as we join the Christian community a faith response to God’s calling and caring with water as a symbolic cleansing that signifies a new life in Jesus Christ.

### **The Parents at Baptism:**

publicly state their belief in God the Creator, Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit promise with God’s help, to provide a Christian home and to encourage their child to seek the Renewal of his/her Baptismal Faith (confirmation) acknowledge by seeking Baptism for their child they will continue to grow in faith within the Christian community.

### **The Congregation at Baptism:**

remembers and celebrates the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ welcomes the child as a full member of the Household and Family of Faith – the Body of Christ in the World promises, with God’s help, to provide a setting where this child may grow in experience and understanding of God and God’s love.

### **The Child at Baptism:**

reminds us all that we, as God’s children, become a full member of Christ’s church.

### **The Church Council at Baptism:**

commits to ongoing pastoral care, support and encouragement for the Christian nurture of the baptized.

### **Adult & Older Children at Baptism:**

makes this request as a representation of his/her desire to identify themselves as a person of Christian faith.

### **Renewal of Baptismal Faith (Confirmation):**

is when a person who has been baptized as a child, makes his/her own public profession of faith thus confirming the process begun by his/her parents at Baptism.

### **Dates:**

Mother’s Day

and any other Sunday by arranging with the Minister, and approval of Membership Committee