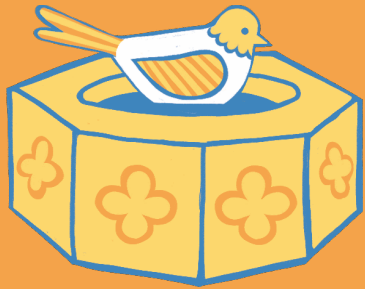


Youth & Adult Baptism at Knox



What is baptism?

Baptism is a sacrament of the church that originates in the ministry of Jesus. At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus stood in the Jordan River and was baptized.

Since that time, baptism has emerged as the Rite of Christian Initiation; the sacred ritual by which an individual enters into the Christian faith community.

For youth and adults, baptism marked the beginning of a lifelong journey, walking in the footsteps of Jesus. When you are baptized in the United Church as a youth or adult, you make a public profession of faith and you declare that it is your wish to become a member of Knox United Church, and the United Church of Canada.

Belonging

A baptized person enters the Christian faith community.

Believing

Baptism provides individuals with an opportunity to explore their beliefs.

Blessing

Water is sprinkled as a reminder of the grace of God being poured out as a blessing on the one being baptized.

You promise...

- ... to profess your faith in God.
- ... to follow in the way of Jesus.
- ... to make a commitment to the mission and ministry of Knox.
- ... to make a commitment to seek justice and to resist evil.

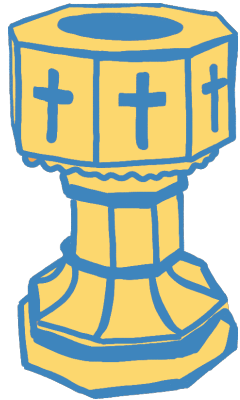
The congregation promises...

- ... to serve as your community of faith, offering its support by providing programs for spiritual formation, and opportunity for service.

Water and font...

Water is the essential element of baptism. As it is poured out, the splash and flow of the water reminds us of God's grace being poured upon us. Flowing out in all directions, embracing our lives.

The font is the bowl holding the water that will be sprinkled on the forehead of the person being baptized. Sprinkling is the most common form of baptism in the United Church of Canada.



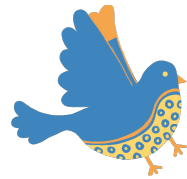
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Is there a fee for providing baptism?

No. Baptism is a sacrament of the Church, holy and sacred, a gift freely offered by God and by us to those who request it.

With baptism, do I become a member of Knox United Church?

Yes. Knox welcomes you so that you might walk into a deeper exploration of your spiritual life. We take seriously the vows we make to you and celebrate the opportunity to fulfill our vows. Here you will find spiritual direction, support, companionship, and ongoing opportunities for service that make a difference in your personal life and in the world.



May I invite someone to be my sponsor?

A baptized person of your choice is invited to stand with you in your act of faith and commitment to God through baptism. The congregation of Knox always acts as your sponsor. Your baptism is also accompanied by a laying on of hands as a sign of support from your sponsor and the congregation.

Where and when can I receive my baptism?

Except in cases of medical emergency, the sacrament of baptism for youth and adults is offered during Sunday morning public services of worship.

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When you are ready...

Contact one of the Ministers through the office to begin a conversation about your decision. The Minister will lead you through a series of learning sessions that explore your deepest beliefs about God, the ministry of Jesus in the world and the meaning of the Holy Spirit in our spiritual journey.

You will also learn about the United Church of Canada, its theology and governance structure.

If, after these sessions, you wish to continue your journey toward baptism, the Minister will set up a baptismal date for you.