

BAPTISMS

infants/adults

Welcome!

We are delighted that you are considering the profoundly significant step of having yourself or your infant child (birth through 3 years of age) baptized at First Pres.

Baptism, as depicted in the book of Matthew where Jesus Himself underwent the ritual, was a common act of purification in ancient times. The early church embraced baptism as a way of dedicating oneself or one's child to the Lord, relying on God's grace, and forging a covenant bond with the Body of Christ (the church).

As a community bound together in covenant, baptism symbolizes the church's pledge to embrace individuals into the family of faith, nurture their spiritual growth, extend love and grace, and uphold them to the teachings found in God's Word (the Bible). For infants, the church undertakes to share the Gospel and pray for the day when they will confess faith in Jesus. ***Consequently, we conduct baptisms only for adults who are covenant partners/members of the church and their children.*** If you are not a covenant partner of FPCO but belong to another Presbyterian church, please inform us of your church membership, so we can explore the possibility of accommodating a baptism for you at FPCO.

Because we strive to foster and uphold covenant community living, and since baptism serves as an initiation into this community, members of the community need to attend and partake in the service. Therefore, private baptisms are not arranged, as all baptisms occur during our regular Sunday morning worship services.

Children aged 4 and above are encouraged to engage in our annual Confirmation Class when they are deemed ready, and they may be baptized thereafter, upon their confession of faith in Jesus Christ. Should you have inquiries regarding Confirmation, please connect with our Director of Children's Ministry, Taylor Boutelle, via email at tboutelle@fpco.org or by phone at 407-423-3441 ext. 1639.

For responses to frequently asked questions, please [CLICK HERE](#).

For those who are not presently Covenant Partners of First Pres but are curious about joining our church community or deepening their faith journey with Jesus, we urge you to click [HERE](#) and take the first step today or connect with Kelly Bronson, via email at kbronson@fpco.org or by phone at 407-423-3441 ext. 1582.

Covenant Partners, please click [HERE](#) to view our upcoming baptism dates and submit the baptism form to schedule your date.