

AN INTRODUCTION TO YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM

The rite of baptism is a communal event. It involves the child, his/her family, and the whole congregation. In this sacrament, we proclaim our interdependence. We initiate your child not merely into Second Congregational UCC but into the church of all the ages. In this sacrament we commend her/him to God and promise to love and nurture him/her and to support his/her family. The sacrament is a sign of God's saving covenant with us. And we too, enter into covenant with God and with your child.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

FOR THE FAMILY

Do you desire to have your child baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?_

We do.

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciples, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to bear witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as well as you are able?

We do, with the help of God.

Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow with _____ in the Christian faith, to help him/her to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, by celebrating Christ's presence, by furthering Christ's mission in all the world, and by offering the nurture of the Christian church?

We do, with the help of God.

FOR THE SPONSORS [OPTIONAL]

Will you, who stand as sponsors, strive diligently to hold up the hands of these parents in the fulfillment of their baptismal vows? And will you enter into covenant with them, with their child, and with God, to help _____ grow in faith? ***We will.***

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS WITH THIS PLEDGE OF SUPPORT

We, the community of Second Congregational United Church of Christ, promise to care for _____ by our actions and our way of life. We will teach her/him the joys of God's world. We will love him/her. By this affirmation, we are bound to her/him in faith.

[At this point, the pastor will take the child in his arms.]

TO THE PARENTS

By what name will your child be called? ***Give first and middle name.***

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

_____, we baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all.

BAPTISM FORM

Please return this form to the church at least **two weeks** before the baptism or email information to Mary Jane Clark at parishadmin@beverlysecond.com.

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Full name of child or adult to be baptized

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Date of baptism

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Town of birth

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Date of birth

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Full name of parent or guardian

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Full name of parent or guardian (include maiden name)

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Address

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Phone

E-mail

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Names of sponsors if you have them.

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Names of siblings

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Names of grandparents or other relatives you would like printed in the bulletin.  
(Optional.)