

# Newton Presbyterian Church

## APPLICATION FOR INFANT BAPTISM

Full name of child: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

[ ] male [ ] female Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member of NPC  Yes  No

Mother's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member of NPC  Yes  No

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Newton Presbyterian Church is delighted that you are pursuing baptism for your child. Baptism is a sacrament of the church universal and a solemn time of recommitment for all of us – parents and church – to our common faith in Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Requests for baptism are considered by the elders at their meeting the month prior to the observance of baptism. In order to help them process your request for baptism for your child, they would be grateful if you would fill in the following information:

1. In baptism, one or both parents commit themselves to a personal faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord in the following words:

*Is Jesus Christ your Lord and Savior and do you trust in him?* Answer: **We do.**

*Are you willing to sponsor these children, answering for them now and accepting responsibility for their Christian upbringing in the life of the Church?* Answer: **We are.**

I ask you now to answer in the name of these children:

*Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and all its power in the world?* Answer: **We do.**

*Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?* Answer: **We do.**

2. Briefly describe your understanding and feelings about the faith into which your child will be baptized.

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*After you, as parents, have made your commitment, the congregation pledges itself to undertake with you the Christian nurture of your child so that, in due time, they may profess personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.*

3. In order that the church, as it pledges itself to you, can be assured that they will be able to fulfill their vows, describe your commitment to continued participation with your child in Newton Presbyterian Church.

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4. On approval of this request, the pastor will be arranging a class for all parents of children being baptized. This class will discuss the meaning of baptism and will go over the baptism ceremony to help you prepare for this special event. This class will also give you a chance to ask any questions about baptism in the Presbyterian Church. The church office will notify you of this class as soon as it is scheduled.

### THE APOSTLE'S CREED

*(Agreed to by one or both parents presenting the child for baptism)*

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.*

*And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

*Mother's signature:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Father's signature:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return completed application to:*

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