

BAPTISM AT DUMC

WHAT IS BAPTISM?

Baptism marks the moment we become a part of God's family, the Church. The water represents God's saving grace that cleanses us from our sins. As Methodists, we believe you can get baptized as a baby, as a kid or teenager, or as an adult. All individuals who join the church as professing members (including through confirmation) will be baptized before the time they join.

WHY DO WE BAPTIZE INFANTS?

As Methodists, we believe that the promises made at baptism can be done on an infant's behalf, with their church family promising to raise them in the faith. No matter when you decide to be baptized, the Holy Spirit is there working in and through you.

CAN I BE BAPTIZED MORE THAN ONCE?

Because baptism is an act of God, initiating us into the universal church, the United Methodist Church does not baptize individuals who have been previously baptized. Even if you don't remember your baptism, God remembers the moment you were born into new life in Jesus. If you are interested in publicly renewing your commitment to Jesus, we would love to talk through that with you!

DO WE SPRINKLE OR IMMERSE?

There are several different methods of baptism. The most common in the UMC is sprinkling, where a small quantity of water is placed on the individual's head. Some people opt for immersion, where their entire body is submerged beneath the water. No matter the method chosen, God is present and active in your baptism. Immersion is only available at DUMC during a select few services each year. Contact Youth Staff to learn more about these dates.

WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

If you would like to be baptized for the first time or arrange for a special remembrance of your baptism, please contact Jonathan.Sanders@DunwoodyUMC.org and we'd love to start that conversation with you!