

# Water Baptism

at

*Christ Church*

Next Baptism: Sunday,  
March 18, 2018 @ 5:00 p.m.  
East Campus

*If you're interested in getting baptized, or just curious, you're on the right track. Baptism literally means to be immersed in water. It is a wonderful public acknowledgement of a believer's identity with Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. It symbolizes the death of his or her old self and resurrection to a new life in Christ, and publicly declares his or her faith and trust in Jesus Christ (Romans 6:4; Col. 2:12).*

## *Requirements for Water Baptism*

- 1) ***A candidate for Water Baptism must be born again.*** Namely, one who has become a follower of Christ and entered into a personal relationship with Him. "...He that **believeth** and is **baptized** shall be saved..." (Mark 16:16; John 3:3-8; Romans 10:9-10).
  - *Water Baptism is subsequent to salvation. Even if one was baptized as a child, he/she should be baptized after receiving Jesus as Lord. "...Repent and be baptized..." (Acts 2:38).*
- 2) ***Candidate must attend Pre-Water Baptism Class either in person or online @ [www.christchurchusa.org/waterbaptism](http://www.christchurchusa.org/waterbaptism).*** Each candidate must understand the meaning of water baptism and its significance. There are no age restrictions for minors, we ask for parental approval.
  - *Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, @ 1:15 p.m., West Campus (Rockaway)*
  - *Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, @ 3:00 p.m., East Campus (Montclair)*
  - *Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, @ 1:15 p.m., West Campus (Rockaway)*
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- 3) ***Candidates must sign the Christ Doctrinal Statement.*** This confirms that a candidate understands and is not in conflict with any of the fundamental Christian Doctrines of Christ Church and accepts them without reservation or violation of conscience. Opportunity to ask any questions will be given.

4) **Register online for baptism** @ [www.ChristChurchUSA.org/waterbaptism](http://www.ChristChurchUSA.org/waterbaptism). Contact church @ 973.783.1010 ext. 100 or email at [info@ChristChurchUSA.org](mailto:info@ChristChurchUSA.org) with questions.

5) **Write a brief description of your salvation experience to include:**

- a. *What led up to your decision to follow Christ.*
- b. *When and how did you commit your life to Jesus?*
- c. *How has Jesus changed your life since your salvation?*

## *Instructions for Water Baptism Candidates*

**Note: All Water Baptism candidates must arrive at 5:00 pm, one hour prior to service time.**

***All candidates, male and female, are required to bring the following:***

- For women, Capri or lightweight pants and a neutral color T-shirt.
- For men, appropriate swimwear and a neutral color T-shirt.
- Candidates will be given a Baptismal robe to wear over their clothes.
- Beach Towel.
- Change of clothes.
- Women in their menstrual cycle should take proper precautions as far as utilizing hygienic items.
- Bathing cap (optional).

## *Additional Information*

If you have a physical challenge, please inform us in advance. This will enable us to properly accommodate you.

All candidates are encouraged to invite family and friends to attend the ceremony. Cameras and video cams are also welcomed.