

Water Baptism

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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 **believes** 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.*** Each candidate must understand the meaning of water baptism and its significance. We ask for parental approval for minors and that they are choosing to be baptized.

We offer in-person Water Baptism classes at both our Montclair and Rockaway campuses. Please check back soon for in-person class dates.

Register for Water Baptism @ www.ChristChurchUSA.org/waterbaptism

- 3) **Candidates must sign the Christ Church 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 and receive any needed clarification will be given.

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Instructions for Water Baptism Candidates

Note: All Water Baptism candidates must arrive one hour prior to service time.

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

- For women, Capri or lightweight pants.
- For men, appropriate swimwear or lightweight pants.
- Candidates will be given a t-shirt 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, water shoes or flip flops (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.

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