



Inclusion in the Covenant of Grace
Genesis 1:1-2; John 1:1-5; John 8:12; Acts 2:1-4

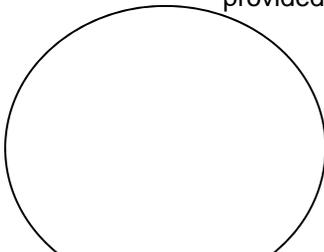
In class today...we learned about the three persons of the Trinity—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. One God—three persons. We learned the words that are spoken each time a person is baptized and made Baptism Cards for the babies who will be baptized at FPC in the coming year.

Talk with your child about...

....the day when your child was baptized OR the day when your child will be baptized. Who was or will be there? What did or will happen? What words were or will be spoken? Look at pictures together of baptisms from your family photo album to remember this special sacrament. Look through the Baptism Book that your child has made over the past three weeks and talk about the new things your child has discovered about this important Sacrament.

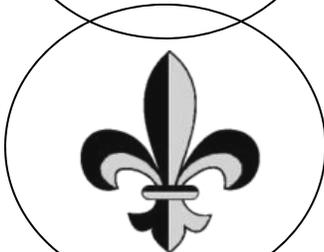
Today we finished our Baptism book with three symbols that remind us of God's amazing love for us.

Talk with your child about each of these symbols and invite your child to trace or draw each symbol in the circle provided.



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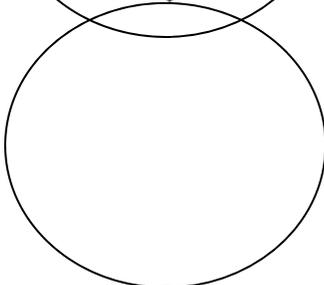
are a symbol to remind us of the waters of baptism that wash away our sins and unite us as one with Christ.



The **FLEUR DE LIS**

is a symbol that reminds us of the Holy Trinity that is present at our baptism.

Matthew 28:19



The **CANDLE**

is a symbol that reminds us of Jesus—the Light of the world.

John 8:12

Something to Remember

“Jesus said, “I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the Light of life.” John 8:12

Catechism Question

Question 35. What is the church?

We are the church: the people who believe the good news about Jesus, who are baptized, and who share in the Lord's Supper. Through these means of grace, the Spirit renews us so that we may serve God in love.

-*Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

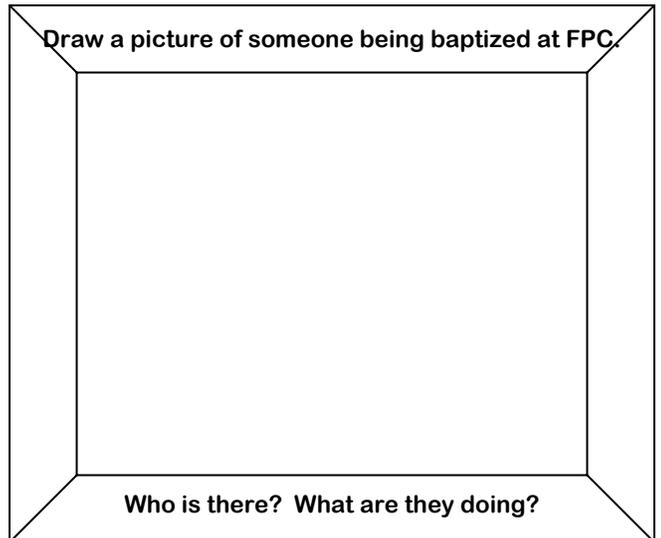
Main Idea

As circumcision was the sign and symbol of inclusion in God's grace and covenant with Israel, so Baptism is the sign and symbol of inclusion in God's grace and covenant with the Church. As an identifying mark, Baptism signifies

- a. the faithfulness of God
- b. the washing away of sin,
- c. rebirth,
- d. putting on the fresh garment of Christ,
- e. being sealed by God's Spirit,
- f. adoption into the covenant family of the Church,
- e. resurrection and illumination in Christ.

- *Book of Order W-2.3004 (PCUSA)*

Draw a picture of someone being baptized at FPC.



Who is there? What are they doing?



The Milestone Ministry is an integral part of the children's Ministry at First Presbyterian Church to nurture our children and their families in the faith and celebrate the spiritual growth that occurs along the journey!

Milestone #7—Exploring the Sacrament of Baptism is designed for 1st graders and their families.

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