

ANOINTING WITH OIL

Following the biblical custom of anointing prophets (I Kings 19:36), priests (Exodus 29:7) and kings (I Kings 1:39), candidates are anointed at their baptism as a reminder that all Christians share in the royal, prophetic, priestly ministry of Jesus Christ.

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE

A candle, lighted from the Paschal Candle, is presented to the newly baptized to signify that the light of the One who overcame the darkness of sin and death now shines in his or her life.

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

As a member of Christ's universal Church,
will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church,
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.

As a member of this congregation,
will you faithfully participate in its ministries
by your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness?

I will.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God,
I commend Brenda to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase her faith,
confirm her hope,
and perfect her in love.

Brenda,
we give thanks that God has claimed you
with an everlasting love that will never, ever let you go;
and we will never let you forget that!

We rejoice to welcome you as our sister
in the family of Christ.

Our story is now your story:
you have ridden in the ark with Noah;
you have passed through the sea with Moses;
Christ's death and resurrection for you is at work in you,
transforming you into the image of God.

Grow with us in grace,
confess Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his royal priesthood.

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Poinsettias on the communion rails, around the trees, in the foyers... a great way to celebrate someone you love or who is now in God's hands.

The cost is \$10 for each plant that is florist quality and great for replanting. You may order poinsettias by turning in the form below or by contacting Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

Orders must be turned in by 12:00 noon on Monday, December 11. Plants can be picked up after worship on Sundays, December 17 and 24.

Name of donor

Phone number (in case of questions)

Amount enclosed (make check payable to FUMC)

The poinsettia is in memory of _____

The poinsettia is in honor of _____

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

INTRODUCTION

In baptism,
God names us as God's own beloved children;
God promises to be our God
and welcomes us into the family of Christ;
God makes Christ's death and resurrection for us
present to us and at work in us.
In baptism,
we acknowledge the gift and claim of God's grace,
and we commit ourselves to live out of God's grace
as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.
Thus, baptism marks the birth, at any age,
of a disciple of Jesus Christ.

PRESENTATION

Who is presented for baptism?
We present Brenda Marie Hostler for baptism.

WITNESS TO CHRISTIAN FAITH AND EXPERIENCE

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of your sin?
I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves?
I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the Church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races?
I do.

According to the grace given to you,
will you remain a faithful member of Christ's holy church
and serve as Christ's representative in the world?
I will.

Will you who sponsor Brenda
support and encourage her in her Christian life?
We will.

CONGREGATIONAL REAFFIRMATION

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?
We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life
and include Brenda in your care,
praying for her, teaching her, and leading her
in acts of service and mission?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround Brenda
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that she may grow in her trust of God,
and be found faithful in her service to others.**

**We will pray for Brenda,
that she may be a true disciple
who walks in the way that leads to life.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith
as contained in the Scriptures
of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

BAPTISM AND THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

Brenda Marie,
I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Holy Spirit work within you,
that being born through water and the Spirit,
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.
Amen.