

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The pastor, addressing the people, may say:

Connor, will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

I will.

RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

Brothers and sisters, I commend to your love and care this person whom we this day receive into the membership of this congregation.

Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

The congregation responds:

We rejoice to recognize you as a member of Christ's holy Church, and bid you welcome to this congregation of The United Methodist Church.

With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

The pastor may give this or another blessing:

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit bless, preserve, and keep you, now and evermore. Amen.

“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.”

Mark 16:16, NIV



**Baptism Of
Connor Clendenon
Sunday August 10, 2014**

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT III

The Church is of God, and will be preserved to the end of time, for the conduct of worship and the due administration of God's Word and Sacraments, the maintenance of Christian fellowship and discipline, the edification of believers, and the conversion of the world. All, of every age and station, stand in need of the means of grace which it alone supplies.

PRAYER FOR THOSE TO BE BAPTIZED

Forasmuch as all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God,
our Savior Christ said,
Unless one is born of water and the Spirit,
one cannot enter the kingdom of God."

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, we call upon thee for this thy servant, that he, coming to thy Holy Baptism may receive remission of his sins and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Receive him, O Lord, as thou hast promised by thy well-beloved Son, and grant that they may be faithful to thee all the days of his life, and finally come to the eternal kingdom which thou hast promised; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Since the earliest times, the vows of Christian baptism have consisted first of the renunciation of all that is evil and then the profession of faith and loyalty to Christ.

Connor, do you truly and earnestly repent of your sins?

I do.

The pastor addresses all, and the congregation joins Connor in responding:

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.]**

The pastor addresses Connor:

Do you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

I do.

Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to keep God's holy will and commandments and walk in the same all the days of your life as a faithful member of Christ's holy Church?

I do.

BAPTISM

The pastor and Connor and others will enter the water:

Do you desire to be baptized in this faith?

I do.

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

LAYING ON OF HANDS

The pastor, and others if desired, will place hands on Connor's head, and the pastor says:

Connor, the Lord defend you with his heavenly grace and by his Spirit confirm you in the faith and fellowship of all true disciples of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**