

The Baptism Service

Baptism takes place during a regular worship service.

Please arrive at least 10 minutes before worship to allow time to get settled.

Please do not take pictures during the worship service. Pictures may be taken after the service.

Godparents are welcome but not required to participate in the service.



Please see our website for
the full policy.
www.standrewsyorkton.ca

A Statement of Faith

"Before conscious thought or action on our part, we are born into the brokenness of this world.

Before conscious thought or action on our part, we are surrounded by God's redeeming love.

Baptism by water in the name of the Holy Trinity is the means by which we are received, at any age, into the covenanted community of the church.

It is the ritual that signifies our rebirth in faith and cleansing by the power of God.

Baptism signifies the nurturing, sustaining, and transforming power of God's love and our grateful response to that grace.

Carrying a vision of creation healed and restored, we welcome all in the name of Christ."

From the "Song of Faith"
United Church of Canada

Baptism Policy

**Welcome
to
St. Andrew's United Church**

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Sunday School Facebook Group**

We affirm:

Baptism is a gift of God and a symbol of belonging to God within a community of faith

All people are equally precious in the eyes of God

Baptism is not required for salvation; those who are not baptized bear no stigma; no burden; no exclusion from the grace of God

Water and oil are used as a symbol of this covenant and blessing

Eligibility for Baptism:**Infant Baptism:**

at least one parent must be a member of St. Andrew's United Church. If you are not a member, please speak to the minister about becoming a member.

If the infant does not live in the Yorkton area, we will share in baptism and because we cannot fulfil our commitment to you from a distance, we will strongly encourage a connection with a faith community in the home area. Assistance with making these connections is available.

Adult Baptism:

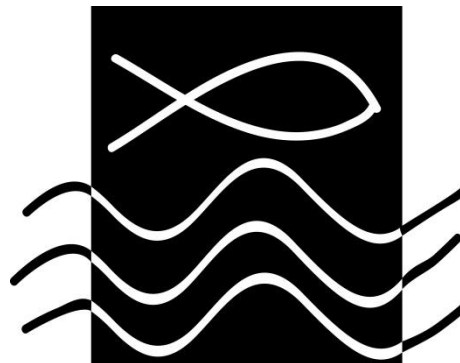
Anyone over 13 is encouraged to seek baptism

Preparation for Baptism:

Please complete the Baptism Information Sheet available on our website or from the church office.

The minister will meet with you prior to baptism to discuss the role of faith in your life and encourage reflection on the commitments being made during the baptism service.

Parents/guardians and those presenting themselves for baptism are required to say yes to the required questions. The church reserves the right to refuse baptism if this requirement, in good conscience, cannot be met by the participants.

**On-Going Support Following Baptism**

Baptism is an important public commitment of faith and discipleship. You affirm your belief in a God of love and commitment to intentionally seek God in your life and continue deepening your spiritual journey.

The congregation commits to nurturing you on this journey. We will continue to be in touch with you and encourage you to participate in deepening your faith journey and that of your family. We will invite you to participate in various activities and will make ourselves available to you when requested. Please be in touch with the minister if you have specific requests for support or programs which would encourage you and your family in deepening your faith.

We invite you to stay connected to the children's ministry at St. Andrew's by joining our Sunday School Facebook Group: Yorkton St. Andrew's United Church Sunday School.