PLANNING FOR A BAPTISM AT PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Mark 10:14



Pilgrim Congregational Church's purpose is to give glory to God, bring people to Christ, nurture their faith, equip them to minister and challenge them to serve.

In our desire to follow this mission statement, Pilgrim Congregational Church takes very seriously the role of infant baptism.

Infant Baptism occurs when parents desire to commit their child to be nurtured in the Christian faith and want to dedicate themselves and the child to God. Through infant baptism, we acknowledge God's activity in the lives of our children.

Parents and sponsors promise to raise the child in the faith. It will be quite some time before your child is old enough to say "yes" to God, and chooses for himself to live as a child of God. But between now and then, you are responsible to teach and show the child that faith which will lead to a personal relationship with Christ. Baptism is a wonderful, sacred moment for your child, your family and the church. We celebrate your child's life, and with God, we welcome him into the family of the church. It is not an isolated moment for your child, but the beginning of a life long journey with God. It is not an isolated moment for the people of faith either. In the water of baptism, we are reminded of what God has done, and is doing through Christ for all Christians.

Baptisms are arranged through the church office. Please contact the office to set a time for a meeting with the minister a week or two prior to the baptism. Also, email a photo of your child to the church office.

Cost: \$100 donation to our Children's Program.



Children Learn What They Live

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn. If children live with hostility, they learn to fight. If children live with fear, they learn to be apprehensive. If children live with pity, they learn to feel sorry for themselves. If children live with ridicule, they learn to feel shy.

If children live with jealousy, they learn to feel envy.

If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.

If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.

If children live with tolerance, they learn patience.

If children live with praise, they learn appreciation.

If children live with acceptance, they learn to love.

If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.

If children live with recognition, they learn it is good to have a goal.

If children live with sharing, they learn generosity.

If children live with honesty, they learn truthfulness.

If children live with fairness, they learn justice.

If children live with kindness and consideration, they learn respect.

If children live with security, they learn to have faith in themselves and in those about them.

If children live with friendliness, they learn the world is a nice place in which to live.



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