

Child Baptism Request Form- Chaplain, USCG Base Elizabeth City/ Sector North Carolina

Date of Request:	Date of Baptism:	Baptism Location:	Baptismal Candidate's Name:	
Service Member/Sponsor Name:		Candidate's Parents' Names:	Candidate's DOB:	Candidate's Gender
Service Member's Email:			Service Member's Phone Number:	
Religious Background of Candidate or Parents:		Names of Godparents or Baptismal Sponsors:		

Parents of Candidate Please answer below questions. This is not to determine eligibility, but to ensure thoughtful preparation.

1. What does your baptism mean to you?

2. How would you describe your relationship with God?

3. Why do you want to have you child baptized?

4. What role will your child's baptism and the Christian faith play in your child's upbringing?

Additional questions that parents will be asked to answer during the baptism:

<p>On behalf of yourself Are you yourself a follower of Jesus Christ, trusting the gracious promises of God? I am. Are you willing to sponsor <i>this child</i>, answering for them now and accepting responsibility for their Christian upbringing in the life of the Church? I am willing.</p> <p>On behalf of your child Do you turn to Christ? I turn to Christ. Do you repent of your sins? I repent of my sins. Do you reject selfish living and all that is false and unjust? I reject them all. Do you renounce Satan and all evil? I renounce all that is evil. Do you profess this faith [As Stated in the <i>Apostles Creed</i>] as yours? I do. Will you follow Jesus faithfully, and obey his commands throughout your life? With God's help, I intend to do so. Do you ask for baptism in the faith you have professed? I do.</p>	<p>The Apostles Creed I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of 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 from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. 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. Amen.</p>
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Father's Willingness to Affirm these Answers (Signature):	Mother's Willingness to Affirm these Answers (Signature):
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Please read below information on the Sacrament of Baptism from *To Be a Christian- An Anglican Catechism*. This will give you an understanding of my church's theological background on baptism.

From *To Be A Christian- An Anglican Catechism* (pages 59-61)

What is a sacrament?

A sacrament is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace. God gives us the sign as a means whereby we receive that grace, and as a tangible assurance that we do in fact receive it. (1662 Catechism)

How should you receive the sacraments?

I should receive the sacraments by faith in Christ, with repentance and thanksgiving. Faith in Christ is necessary to receive grace, and obedience to Christ is necessary for the benefits of the sacraments to bear fruit in my life. (1662 Catechism; Articles of Religion, 28)

What are the sacraments of the Gospel?

The two sacraments ordained by Christ, which are generally necessary for our salvation, are Baptism and Holy Communion, which is also known as the Lord's Supper or the Holy Eucharist. (Articles of Religion, 25)

What is the outward and visible sign in Baptism?

The outward and visible sign is water, in which candidates are baptized "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" – the name of the Triune God to whom the candidate is being committed. (1662 Catechism, 1 Peter 3:21; Matthew 28:19)

What is the inward and spiritual grace set forth in Baptism?

The inward and spiritual grace set forth is a death to sin and a new birth to righteousness, through union with Christ in his death and resurrection. I am born a sinner by nature, separated from God, but in baptism, rightly received, I am made God's child by grace through faith in Christ. (John 3:3-5; Romans 6:1-11; Ephesians 2:12; Galatians 3:27-29)

What is required of you when you come to be baptized?

Repentance, in which I turn away from sin; and faith, in which I turn to Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord and embrace the promises that God makes to me in this sacrament. (Acts 2:38)

Why is it appropriate to baptize infants?

Because it is a sign of God's promise that they are embraced in the covenant community of Christ's Church. Those who in faith and repentance present infants to be baptized vow to raise them in the knowledge and fear of the Lord, with the expectation that they will one day profess full Christian faith as their own. (Acts 2:39)

What signs of the Holy Spirit's work do you hope and pray to see as a result of your baptism?

I hope and pray that the Holy Spirit who indwells me will help me to be an active member of my Christian community, participate in worship, continually repent and return to God, proclaim the faith, love and serve my neighbor, and strive for justice and peace. (Hebrews 10:25; 12:14; 1 Peter 3:15; 1 John 1:9; 2:1)

In order to prepare for the baptism, parents may find the book *Baptism: Its Purpose, Practice, and Power* by Michael Green to be of helpful information or reading the guide *Taking Baptism Seriously* by J.I. Packer

<http://www.anglicannetwork.ca/pdf/21-Taking%20Baptism%20Seriously-Feb2014.pdf>

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