

The Sacrament of Baptism



Statement of Purpose

Brothers and sisters, let us celebrate the gift of grace known to us in the sacrament of baptism. **There is one body, and one Spirit, we have one hope in Christ.**

Presentation of Candidate *Nancy Kerswill*

On behalf of the congregation of Aurora United Church, I present, **Owen Bryan Wayne Yearwood**, for initiation into the family of Christ through baptism.

Questions of Parents, Sponsors

Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and others by the Spirit?

I do, by the grace of God.

Will you join together with your brothers and sisters in this community of faith to celebrate God's presence, and work and minister to a world in need of God's love?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you grow together with your son and offer to teach him the Christian faith, and help him to take his place in the Christian family?

I will, God being my helper.

The Congregation makes a promise: *Nancy Kerswill*

Let us pledge to this family, our support and care.

As a church following in the way of Jesus, we commit ourselves to support and uphold you within this community of faith. May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism.

The Blessing of the Baptism Water

The water we use in baptism is a symbol of the grace of God—free-flowing, awakening, refreshing, renewing. It is a symbol of the unconditional love that names us and claims us as God's own. It is also a symbol of the faith that we share in common as people of Christ.

Let us pray... **Loving God, bless now this water that we will use in baptism. May it be a sign and promise of new life, not only for Owen, but also for all who have passed through the waters of baptism. In the Spirit of Christ, who was himself baptized, we pray. Amen.**

The Baptism *(What is the name of this child?)*

Owen Bryan Wayne,

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

Owen Bryan Wayne,

child of God, with the sign of the cross, you become one with Christ Jesus in the family of God. Amen.

Owen Bryan Wayne,

may the blessing of the one God, Mother and Father of us all, be with you today and always. Amen.

Presentation of Certificate and Cross/Candlelighting

Sung Blessing *MV 214*

May God's sheltering wings, God's gathering wings protect you. May God's nurturing arms, God's cradling arms sustain you, and hold you in God's love, and hold you in God's love.