

# The Sacrament of Baptism



## ***Statement of Purpose***

Brothers and sisters, let us celebrate the gift of grace 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 **Hudson Cooper Tustin**, for initiation into the family of Christ through baptism.

## ***Questions for 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 also 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 also is 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 Hudson but also for all who have passed  
through the waters of baptism. In the spirit of Christ,  
whom was himself baptized, we pray. Amen.***

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

### ***Hudson Cooper,***

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

### ***Hudson Cooper,***

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

### ***Hudson Cooper,***

*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 Candle Lighting***

### ***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.**