Baptism

In baptism, we celebrate the life of an adult or a child as a gift from God. Through baptism we receive the assurance that God wants to love us into freedom and will constantly offer us the grace we need to grow and thrive. We respond to God's gift of saving love with commitment.

In our Baptismal vows we promise to lead a life in the model of Christ, a life of compassion, spiritual growth, seeking after and worshiping God, serving our neighbors and working for social justice. The church community promises to support us in this path. In baptism we promise to take our place in the community by adding our gifts and strengths and bringing our hopes and needs into body of Christ.

Baptism is a ritual of entrance into the body of Christ and into a life set apart from the "wide path" of the world. At Saint David's, baptism is not a naming ceremony, a magical "get out jail free" card or a family tradition. Baptism is instead a deep and rich symbol of God's loving commitment and our grateful response. That response is called discipleship.

We ask adults seeking baptism to:

- **attend worship regularly**
- **receive instruction from an adult mentor in the congregation**
- **attend a class (if required by the rector)**

We ask families seeking to baptize children to:

- **attend worship regularly**
- **attend pre-baptismal preparation**
- **attend a class (if required by the rector)**

For more information about being baptized into the Body of Christ, please call or E-mail the Rector, The Rev. Elizabeth Meade.