

## **Baptism Celebration Service**

**Adult baptism symbolizes or gives evidence to a previous decision to follow Christ, baptism is not the decision.**

***“Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38***

***when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Acts 8:12***

***For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9***

**When we become baptized we invite the accountability that goes along with the symbol.**

***19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. Matthew 28:19***

**Jesus was publicly identifying himself with God. It was a statement about his character and an indication of his obedience.**

***Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come 2 Corinthians 5:17***

***We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? 3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. Romans 6:2-4***

**Baptism is a wonderful visual and physical reminder that we are immersed in Christ.**

**Through repentance and confession, we are able to sink into Christ and be raised to new life daily.**