

BAPTISMS AT TRINITY UNITED GRAVENHURST



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Baptism is a Christian sacrament of admission and adoption and celebrated by Gravenhurst Trinity United Church. There are people both young and sometimes old that might want to be baptized. It is the responsibility of the church to be there for anyone who wants to make this special step in their life to start a new journey of faith. It's a visible sign of God's grace and is a decision between the family and/or candidate and God. When children are baptized, parents make a commitment on their behalf. Inherent in infant or child's baptism is the expectation that the children will confirm their faith (and membership) when they're old enough to decide for themselves.

All baptisms are to be conducted by Trinity's minister. If unavailable for your chosen date, an alternate officiant will be contacted and agreed upon with the family and/or candidate.

Planning Your Service

1. If you are interested in our baptism sacrament, please call the Church Office at 705-687-2542 to see if the day and time you wish is available.
2. Complete the attached information form for each child or candidate and send to the church office or email to trinityunitedchurch@gmail.com.
3. Make a preliminary meeting with the minister to discuss your plans. We suggest that you come to a 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship service and talk with the Minister afterward. This gives you a chance to see the Sanctuary, and to observe the Minister's style of worship leadership. You may contact Rev. Carol-Ann at carolannttrinityuc@gmail.com
4. Livestreaming onto our YouTube channel is done each week and is recorded. This will be done from a single camera on the balcony.

On the Day of Your Baptism

Arrival

The minister will be on site 1 hour before the service. The family and/ or candidate should be on the premises by the starting time of the ceremony.

Bulletins

Bulletins are printed a few days prior to the Sunday service. Names of candidates will be printed in the bulletin, unless otherwise indicated.

Photography:

Guests may take pictures, as directed by the family and/or candidate, in consultation with the Minister. It is recommended that guests do not take pictures during the sacrament as to be able to fully celebrate in the worship service. A designated photographer and guests may take pictures during the sacrament but **must be discreet**. All designated photographers/videographers should clarify plans with the family and/or candidate and alert the minister prior to the ceremony.

Flowers:

Any seasonal decorations currently in place in the sanctuary (i.e. Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter) will remain in place. Flowers are the responsibility of the family and/or candidate, if desired. Flowers used to decorate the sanctuary should be brought to the church by family or someone taking responsibility for flowers being set up and **removed following the service**.

After the Baptism

- 1.) The minister will update the baptismal records at Gravenhurst Trinity United Church.
- 2.) There is space available to rent for anyone who wants to hold a private event, after the baptism. The family and visitors are welcome to join us afterwards during coffee hour. You are also welcome to provide special refreshments to share such as a baptismal cake or cupcakes.
- 3.) Feel free to contact the minister if you have any questions. She'd be happy to hear from you.

BAPTISM INFORMATION FORM

Use one form for each child

Trinity United Church, Gravenhurst

The United Church of Canada

PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK LETTERS

Child's Full Name: _____

Place of Birth: City _____ Date _____

Parent (s) full name: 1) _____

2) _____

Mailing Address:

Street _____

City _____

Province _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone _____ Cell # _____

Email address _____

Requested Date of Baptism: _____