

Our Baptismal Font

The Baptismal Font in the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, Georgia was presented to the Church in 1910 by Dr. William T. Ellis.

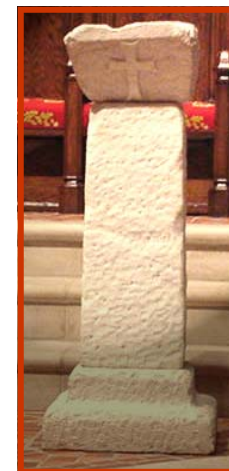
This stone comes from the “Double Church” in Ephesus, Asia Minor, one of the churches to which St. Paul wrote and later the site of Ecumenical Councils.

It is believed that this piece is from the cornice of this First Century Church. It was mounted in its present form by Tiffany’s of New York and represents an authentic link with the historic past.

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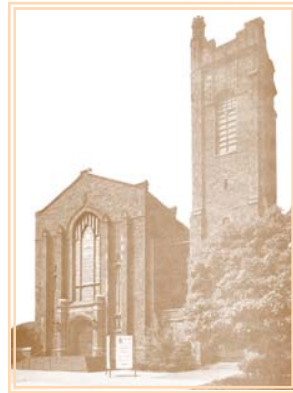
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Baptism Questions: Vicky Fowler, 404-228-7712

The Sacrament of Baptism



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Baptism is one of the two sacraments in the Presbyterian Church; the other is the Lord's Supper. Baptism is the sacrament that unites us with Jesus Christ and makes us members of God's Family, the Church. One of the important aspects of a Presbyterian baptism is the presence of the congregation who promises



to assist the parents in raising and nurturing the child in the faith. An ordained Elder of the Presbyterian Church represents the congregation by standing with the family at the time of baptism.

Baptism represents our first step on the journey of faith. It assures us of God's presence as we travel through life. Baptism is the mark of new Life in Jesus Christ. Through the Holy spirit, God assures us at baptism of forgiveness of sins, victory over death and new birth in Christ. Water is the special sign of our oneness with Christ. The Holy Spirit is the seal that confirms our union with Christ at baptism. The sacrament of baptism is given only once to a person. People of any age can receive baptism; however, bringing your newborn to be baptized is one of the most important things you can do as a Christian parent. No matter how young the child is, God sends the gift of the Holy Spirit. So, parents bring their children to baptism on the basis of their own faith, with the hope that the child will grow in faith, and love and serve God.

Baptism conferences are held throughout the church year, usually once each month with Dr. Wirth and Vicky Fowler. These conferences are for parents who have scheduled (or are going to schedule) a baptism for their first child to be baptized at First Presbyterian Church. Every family is encouraged to attend and find out more about First Presbyterian Church, our theology, and this important sacrament. Additional questions about the conferences may be directed to Vicky Fowler, Director of Nursery/Preschool Ministry, by calling 404-228-7712.

Abaptism may be scheduled through Darleen Davis, Christian Education Administrative Assistant, by calling 404-228-7709. Baptisms are scheduled no more than 4 months in advance due to the church calendar of events and conflicts that could arise. We limit the number of baptisms to 2 per worship service. Also, on certain holidays and communion services, we do not perform baptisms. Cameras are not allowed in the sanctuary during a worship service; however, you may receive a tape of the baptism. To schedule a baptism, please be prepared to give information on the following:

- *1st and 2nd Preference for Date and Service*
- *Elder of Preference*
- *Number of Family and Friends in Reserved Seats*
- *Who in Your Family is a Church Member*
- *Correct Spelling of all Names for Certificate*

Rescheduling a baptism is not a problem, but should be rearranged as soon as possible. Please notify Darleen Davis (404-228-7709) as soon as you know there is reason to reschedule. We understand that unavoidable circumstances arise at a moment's notice.