

BAPTISMAL LITURGY  
Global Methodist Church  
Based on the Book of Doctrines and Discipline 2024

INTRODUCTION

Today we present for baptism, John Benjamin Wesley, son of Samuel and Susanna Wesley.

BAPTISMAL VOWS

*In faithfulness with early Christian practice as well as the Wesleyan tradition, those wishing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism within the Global Methodist Church shall first be asked the following questions:*

Do you renounce the devil and all his works, and reject the evil powers of this world?

**I renounce them.**

Do you repent of your sin, turn to Jesus Christ, and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

**I do.**

Do you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

**I do.**

Do you accept the responsibility to resist evil, injustice, and oppression by the grace and power of God?

**I do.**

Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life by the grace and power of the Holy Spirit?

**I will.**

*Those who present candidates for Holy Baptism who are unable to answer for themselves will also be asked this question:*

Will you nurture these children (persons) in Christ's Holy Church, that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves, profess their faith openly, and lead a Christian life?

**I (We) will.**

*The congregation is then asked to affirm their commitment to support the baptismal candidate in the faith.*

Will you who witness these vows encourage [these persons] in the faith and do all in your power to support [these persons] in [their] life in Christ?

**We will.**

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Baptismal candidates (or those presenting candidates unable to answer for themselves) are then asked to confess their faith as contained in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, [who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.]**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, [the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.]**

## BAPTISM

John Benjamin, we baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## INTRODUCTION TO CONGREGATION

- Reminder of future personal profession of faith (*if infant*)
- church support, symbols

## CLOSING PRAYER