



# Request for Baptism

Please Print or Write Clearly

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Date(s)\* for Baptism (in order of preference):

*\*Sundays at 10am except under extraordinary circumstances including COVID-19 Phase 0-3 (see page 2)*

Full Name of Baptismal Candidate:

Gender:

Birth Date:

City & State of Birth:

Parents/Guardians:

Address:

Phone(s):

Email(s):

*I prefer to receive your newsletter by  email,  mail, or  not at all*

Siblings:

Godparents:

A parent/guardian is an active member of GPC  Yes  No. *If "No" please indicate your connection to GPC, e.g., list family or friends who are members, or how you found/heard about GPC.*

Please note . . . Greendale People's Church is dedicated to faithfully providing the sacramental service of baptism to the Worcester area community. To help support the ongoing ministry of GPC we ask a \$50 donation from families who are not active members.

This donation can be paid by check made out to Greendale People's Church and mailed to 25 Francis Street Worcester MA 01606 or online [GreendalePeoplesChurch.org/give](http://GreendalePeoplesChurch.org/give) (please indicate name or date of baptism).

Please review the COVID-19 Special considerations and requirements on Page 2.

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Date and Time of Pre-Baptismal Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_ Completed ( ) Fee Paid ( )

Date and Time for Baptism:

**COVID-19 Special considerations and requirements.**

The sacrament of baptism is an outward sign of the ongoing work God in Christ's ever-present grace, forgiveness, and love. Baptism is a ritual of the church in which individuals (or their parents/guardians) acknowledge God's love at work in their life and promise to follow the way of love to the best of their ability. Individuals are baptized in the community and into the universal Church. Baptism is not a "private" or individual affair. Baptisms are incorporated into public worship except in extra-ordinary circumstances. **COVID-19 precautions have created such extra-ordinary circumstances.** Until we are able to gather publicly for worship without social distancing, baptism will be conducted apart from Sunday worship with a limited number of people and household groups allowed to be present. It is GPC's intent to simultaneously honor and support the spiritual and social needs through the sacrament of baptism, while ensuring as best we can the safety of all participants. To that end, the following protocols have been put in place during this time of COVID-19.

1. All Baptisms will take place in the sanctuary.
2. All attendees will enter and exit the building through the doors at the corner of Leeds and Francis Streets or through the handicap accessible entrance on Leeds Street.
3. All attendees must wear face masks in compliance with the State of Massachusetts Department of Public Health and CDC recommendations. The notable exception are children under 2. Gloves are encouraged. **Individuals over 2 who cannot wear facemasks for medical reasons should not attend the service.**
4. Attendees will maintain social distance, i.e., stand and sit at least 6 feet from one another.
5. The family (parents) will work with the pastor and agree to how the baptism will take place to minimize touch and contact.
6. The family will provide a list of names at least a week prior to the Baptism. The list will be organized by "household" groups and relationship to the baptismal candidate. GPC will create signs to indicate where participants and family members will sit or stand.
7. Individuals will not attend if they have a temperature, are not feeling well, or think they have recently been exposed to someone with COVID-19.
8. The family will notify GPC if any attendee tests positive for COVID-19 up to 14 days following the service.
9. Individuals traveling from places where the State of Massachusetts recommends a 14-day quarantine will not attend the baptism during the 14-day quarantine window
10. Attendees will be limited based on the State of Massachusetts requirements in place for the day the Baptism.
11. Should the state of Massachusetts issue a "Safer-at-Home" order, the Baptism will be rescheduled.

I have read the above COVID-19 considerations and agree to honor these conditions and work with GPC to minimize the spread of COVID-19 to the best of my/our ability.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_