

We affirm the many layers of meaning in baptism as articulated by the [Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective, Article 11 “Baptism.”](#)

- We believe that baptism is a joyful recognition of God’s love for us and of our turning to God.
- We believe that baptism is a solemn public commitment to follow Jesus above all else that calls for our allegiance.
- We believe that we are baptized into the body of Christ, that is, into the church worldwide, and into the local church community where we offer our gifts to serve others in humility and accountability.

We want to cultivate a “culture of baptism” at Milwaukee Mennonite Church, keeping at the center of our life together the celebration of God’s love and the challenge of Jesus’ way of peace and reconciliation. This is how we commit to remembering our baptisms, and baptism is then the natural step for a person who wishes to commit to this way.

Prior to baptism, the congregation, and in particular the [Leadership Team](#), will engage in deliberate conversations with the person as a way to understand and celebrate God’s work in their life’s journey. These conversations may also help the person and the Leadership Team decide if a series of classes devoted to the discussion of faith and the church would be a helpful part of preparation for baptism. In the baptismal ceremony, the specific manner of baptism by water is chosen by the individual.

For further reading and scripture references, see [Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective](#).

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