



# *HIGHLAND* PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2380 Cloverdale Avenue

Winston-Salem, NC 27103-2012

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM  
ISABELLE CAROLINE SIMPSON**

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## PRESENTATION

*Minister:*

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Obedying the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom God has called. In baptism God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice.

Let us remember with joy our own baptism as we celebrate this sacrament this day.

*Elder:* On behalf of the session, I present Isabelle Caroline Simpson, son of Turner and Sarah Simpson, to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Minister:* Turner and Sarah, having heard God's gracious promises to us in Christ, do you desire that Isabelle be baptized?

**We do.**

Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to Isabelle? **We do.**

## QUESTIONS TO THE CHILDREN

Do you promise to be a friend to Isabelle? **Yes!**

If she needs direction, will you show her the way? **Yes!**

Will you play with her, sing with her, and learn the stories of Jesus with her? **Yes!**



## QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

*Elder:* Do we, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Isabelle, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church? **We do.**

## \*THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Minister:* I invite you now to rise in body or in spirit as we confess our faith with the whole church, using the words of the Apostles' Creed, on p. 35 in our hymnal.

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

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Elder:* *Pour water from pitcher into bowl, just before prayer starts. Pour visibly and audibly.*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Lord God, in a dry, thirsty, broken world, water has ever been a sign of your faithfulness. Through the waters of the Red Sea, you brought your people out of bondage. Across the River Jordan, you brought them into the promised land. Our Lord Jesus Christ was baptized in those same waters, sharing with us in your covenant faithfulness. Therefore, saving God, we bless you for the water with which you bless us. As she passes through these baptismal waters, we pray that Isabelle will live in your grace as she shares in Christ's risen life.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this water, that all who are gathered under this sign may be one in Christ. We ask your blessing upon Isabelle, and upon Turner and Sarah, and that their life together may be a sharing in the abundant joy of your kingdom. May their home be a place of light and life and love for you and for one another. To you be all praise, honor, and glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns forever. Amen.

*Elder: Pick up and hold bowl.*

**Isabelle Caroline,**

Child of the Covenant, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **WELCOME**

A Reminder of our Covenant

One: Isabelle has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism.

God has made her a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**All: With joy and thanksgiving  
we welcome you into Christ's church  
to share with us in his ministry,  
for we are all one in Christ.**

Presentation of Gifts

\*Hymn 484

“Out of Deep, Unordered Water”

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**Water on the human forehead, Birthmark of the love of God,  
Is the sign of death and rising;  
Through the seas there runs a road.  
There is water in the river Bringing life to tree and plant.  
Let creation praise its giver: There is water in the font.**