

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL FAITH



Minister:

By the action of Baptism, we are marked as children of God and members of the body of Christ. By the symbol of water, which bought forth life at creation and cleansed the earth in the flood; by the power of God's Spirit, we are reminded that we are cleansed and nurtured by the never-failing stream, welling up to eternal life. In the act of Confirmation, those baptized come before the community to renew the covenant of baptism. By this act, folk profess their faith in God, revealed in Jesus and active through the Spirit, and commit themselves to the worship and work of the body of Christ.

Church Representative:

We have inquired of these persons and found that they desire to reaffirm their Baptismal Vows in Christ's Church and in this church community of faith, which we know as Central Queen United Church. I present these persons to you that they may do that now:

**Alex Trivers,
Braden Corbett,
Evan Weeks &
Isaac Tweel**

Questions of those Affirming their Baptismal Vows

Minister: Beloved children of God, have no fear. God, who knew you before you were born and who was and will be active in your baptism, is present with you now. God will bless and strengthen you anew by the Spirit, so that you may increase in knowledge of God and be empowered to do God's will in the world.

I ask you therefore, before God and this faith community:

Do you believe in God, Source of love; in Jesus the Christ, Love Incarnate; and in the Holy Spirit, Love's power?

Candidates' Response: I do, by the grace of God.

Minister: Will you follow in the way of Jesus the Christ, resisting oppression and evil, seeking justice, and witnessing to God's love for all creation?

Candidates' Response: I will, God being my helper.

Minister: Will you join with your sisters and brothers in this community of faith to celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation, and love and serve others?

Candidates' Response: I will, God being my helper.

Congregational Commitment *Congregation Stands*

Minister:
Let us pledge to these persons our continued support and care.

Congregation:
We will continue to support you, walk with you, and grow with you. With God's help, we will live our baptism as a loving community in Jesus Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, encouraging one another in God's work.

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**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,**

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen

The Act of Reaffirming Baptismal Faith *Candidates kneels*

Minister:

By the gift of your Spirit, O God, strengthen (Candidate's Name), that he may be true to you all his life. **Amen**

Live in the world in the power of God that you may act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God.
Amen

Presentation of Bible

(Candidate's Name), receive this Bible and with your sisters and brothers in Christ, continue to grow in faith, trusting in God's promises.

Prayer for the Candidates

Gracious God, giver of life, you have called us by name, and pledge to each of us your faithful love. We pray today for your blessing on these young people who today affirmed their baptismal vows. Watch over them and guide them as they continue to grow in faith. Remind us of the promises of your own baptism and renew our trust in you. Strengthen us to do your will, and to serve you with joy, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen