



First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville

Faith Step #1 Birth/Adoption

We are a companionship of faith on a spiritual adventure following Jesus Christ.



Faith Step Marker

When the church is notified of the birth/adoption of your child, a rose is placed in the sanctuary or chapel so that your church family may welcome your little one into the world. A remembrance card with words of welcome and a list of upcoming dates for baptism is attached. You may want to press the rose and save the card as a memento of the celebration of your child's birth. If you desire to have your child baptized as an infant, note the dates of baptism on the welcome card and contact the church office for information about scheduling a date.



Bible Verse (NRSV)

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine...
because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you. (*Isaiah 43:1b & 4a*)



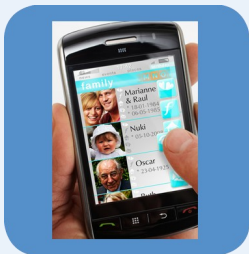
We Believe – *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

Q1—Who are you?

I am a child of God.

Q2—What does it mean to be a child of God?

That I belong to God, who loves me.



Caring Conversations

Parents to each other:

- Our hope for this child is . . .
- Our hope for our new life together is . . .
- The most important source and guide for our parenting is . . .

Parent to child:

- Jesus loves you, and so do I . . .
- We thank God for you every day . . .



Music

(CD) *I Can Only Imagine—Lullabies for a Peaceful Rest*

Faith-filled Actions



- Pray for your child. We're sure you do pray for your child, and did long before your child arrived in your home. Now, however, you can pray for your child aloud when you are holding your child or standing over the crib. Let the sound of your voice giving thanks to God and asking for God's love and care be among the earliest words that your child remembers.
- Introduce your infant to the music of the church. Sing or hum hymns as you cuddle or rock your child. Did you know that music is the earliest intelligence to be observed in children?

Prayer



O God of Life, thank you for the gift of this child, for all *(name)* will bring to our lives, for trusting us with his/her care, for giving us the opportunity to love this child deeply. Help us to grow as a family and to always give thanks for one another. Grant us patience in times of weariness and delight in *(name)* at each stage of his/her growth. Amen.

Books (available in church library)

for Children

- *God Gave Us You* by Lisa Tawn Begren
- *On the Night You Were Born* by Nancy Tillman
- *Prayer for a Child* by Rachel Field
- *The Run Away Bunny* by Margaret Wise Brown

for Parents

- *Parenting With Purpose: Nurturing Faith and Life from Birth to Age Six* by Evenshaug, Hallen & Martinson from www.vibrantfaithathome.org

On the Web

www.vibrantfaithathome.org

A website that seeks to equip and empower families and individuals of all ages and stages to: TALK with each other about their faith; PRAY together in ways that are comfortable and comforting; and REACH OUT in service and support of others.

Who to Contact

- Our **Director of Children's Ministries** is Jan Schuett at jschuett@boxp.net.
- To schedule the baptism of your child, contact the church office at 847-362-2174.
- **CLUB M.O.M** (Meeting Other Mothers) is a parenting group that welcomes mothers of young children. Regular meetings are set for 10:00–11:30 AM on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month September through April.

