



*Infant  
Dedication  
Service*



# **The Celebration of New Life**

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## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

As the family of God, we rejoice in God's good gift of life through the miracle of birth. We join with this family in embracing this child with open arms, even as Jesus welcomed little children and their mothers with words of blessing. We acknowledge God's abounding love already at work in this child, and come to pledge ourselves in covenant to nurture him into the fullness of life.

## **SCRIPTURE**

Mark 10:13-16

## **COVENANT**

Do you receive this child as a precious gift of God, and seek God's grace and this community's support in nurturing and caring for this child?

Do you covenant to remain faithful in love to this child, whatever the future may bring?

The church, as a family of God, gladly joins you in holy covenant for the care and nurturing of this child.

(The congregation stands)

Do you promise as a community of faith to surround this family with your love for the strengthening of their lives together?

To be for this child a family in Christ whose love for them cannot be broken?

To accept this child into your loving care for shared responsibility in his growth toward fullness of life in Christ?

To tell this child the good news of Christ, to help him learn Christ's ways and to lead him in service to God and neighbor?

(The congregation may be seated.)

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE CONGREGATION**

### **PRAYER**

O God of everlasting covenant, we rejoice in every gift of life. Be present always to strengthen and guide your children that they may increase in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor. Bind us in covenant that we, your people, may be faithful in keeping the vows we have made. We look to you for strength in the knowledge that you will fulfill by your power every good resolve and work of faith through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen