

## Child Baptism Information Sheet

Full Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth (city, state) \_\_\_\_\_

Full name of father \_\_\_\_\_

Is father a member of PCB? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Full name of mother \_\_\_\_\_

Is mother a member of PCB? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor(s) full names \_\_\_\_\_

Date requested for baptism \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: Baptisms are not administered on the first Sunday of the month, which is when Communion is observed. After consulting the church calendar of events, the date you are requesting will be approved by the pastor with whom you will meet.

## **POLICIES REGARDING THE PRACTICE OF CHILD BAPTISM**

1. Children are baptized on the basis of their parents' faith and participation in the life of the church. In order for a child to be baptized, one parent must be a current member of The Presbyterian Church of Barrington or of another church which requests this congregation to baptize on its behalf.
2. All baptisms need the prior approval of the session. The session ordinarily meets the fourth Monday of the month. In order to be put on the session agenda, baptism requests should be received by the church office no later than the third Monday of the month.
3. Baptisms are performed as part of the public worship of God. Private baptism is administered only in extreme cases, such as severe illness.
4. Parents may, if they desire, ask family members or friends to be sponsors. Sponsors are invited to come forward with the parents at the time of the baptism.
5. The use of cameras, whether for still photographs or videos, is not permitted during the worship service. Photographs may be taken in the Sanctuary after the worship service.
6. After the baptism, please feel free to take the baptized child and other children downstairs to the nursery. Parents are especially encouraged to take to the nursery any child who becomes fussy or noisy during the service.