

***Baptism is an important part of your faith journey  
by publicly proclaiming your commitment to follow Jesus!***

This document gives you the details you'll need to know about your baptism day.

## **What to Bring**

- Camera
- Towel
- Flip flops (or shoes that can easily be removed)
- Dark-colored t-shirt & shorts or pants (no white t-shirts, please)
- Change of clothing
- Friends and family (invite your friends, family, small group, serving team, co-workers - all the special people in your life - to witness your baptism!)

## **Baptism Check-In**

This is an exciting event for Kensington staff and volunteers, so it is important to follow these guidelines:

- Please arrive on time.
- Check-in begins in the lobby 15-45 minutes prior to your service time. Your campus baptism coordinator will let you know when to arrive.
- Only the individuals being baptized need to check-in. Parents, please accompany children being baptized. Family/friends can be seated in the auditorium.
- Check in wearing the clothes you will be baptized in. After check-in give your personal belongings (coat, purse, etc) to family/friends to keep during service. Keep your towel and change of clothes with you.
- After check-in, baptism participants will sit in a designated area in the front left section of the auditorium. Parents can sit with children being baptized in the designated area.

## **Proper Attire & Changing Clothes**

- All Participants - Please come dressed ready to be baptized before you check in. (There isn't time to change during the service prior to the baptism portion of the service.)
- Don't forget to bring a towel and flip flops!
- All personal belongings (coat, purse, etc.) can be held by someone you know OR left in a designated area. You will keep your towel and change of clothing with you.
- Modest attire in all clothing is required. Please wear DARK shorts or pants and a DARK shirt of your choosing over a bathing suit. Since you will want to preserve this special event with photographs or video, we suggest you avoid shirts with large logos or pictures on them, as they can be distracting on camera and in your photographs and videos.
- After your baptism, you will be directed to a changing area or bathroom to change into your dry clothing.

## **Photographs & Videos**

This is a big event in your life. Be sure to have family or friends take pictures or video of your baptism. Kensington will also record the entire service, and that will be made available to you. Please remain seated so that Kensington cameras are not obstructed.

## **Security**

Please do not bring anything of value unless someone you know can personally keep an eye on it. There is no secured storage area for you to put valuables, so it is best to bring minimal belongings. Although problems are unlikely, and Kensington takes precautions, it is still a public event involving many people.

## **Order of Baptism**

During check-in we will give you personal instructions about the order of the service and where to line up after you've arrived. It is important that you do not arrive late!

## **Alternative Ways to Baptize**

Kensington's standard method of baptizing is "full immersion." In other words, every part of your body will be going under water. However, we realize some people cannot be baptized in this manner due to various reasons (e.g., health issues, water phobia). In these situations, we baptize a person by sprinkling water over his or her head. Please know this is not a "second class" baptism but just another way of doing the same thing. (In fact, over the past 2,000 years, churches have baptized people in a number of ways—sprinkling, pouring, and immersion, to name a few—and all are great ways to be baptized). If you are unable to be baptized by full immersion, please let us know.

## **Friends & Family**

Baptisms are wonderful opportunities to reach out to friends, neighbors, and family members. Don't forget to invite them to witness your baptism. It will make it more special! It's going to be a wonderful day!

## **Contact us with any questions**

Should you have questions prior to your baptism, please contact the Ministry Director at your campus or any other baptism team members. We want you to feel comfortable, prepared, and excited for your baptism day!

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Congratulations on your Baptism!

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