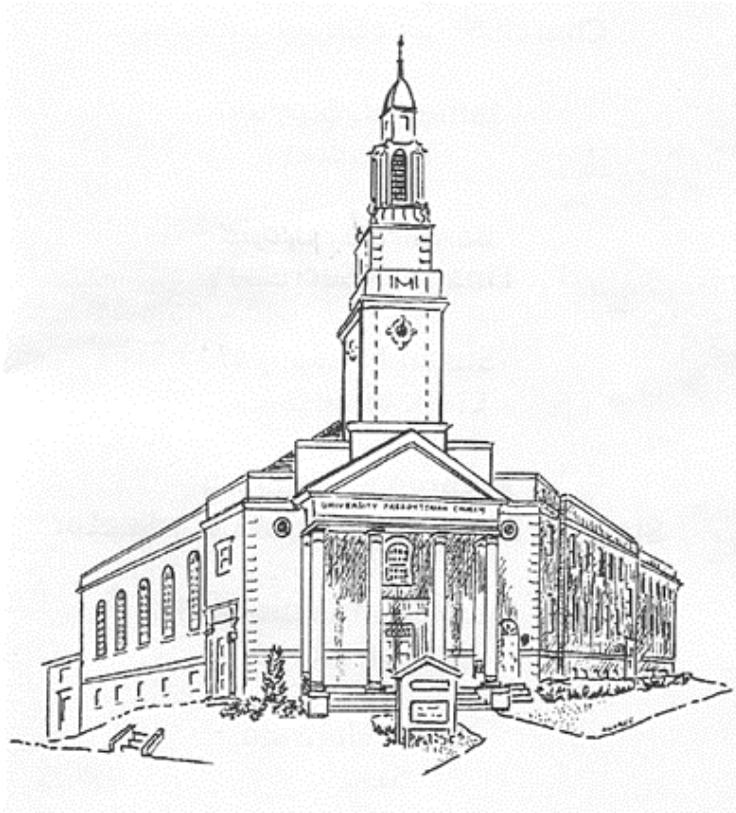


The Sacrament of Baptism

Munachimso David Alaoma



University Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 15, 2026

10:30 a.m.

PRESENTATION

Pastor Christine James:

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (*Matt. 28:18–20*) Hear also these words from holy scripture:

Elder Cindy Hickey:

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. (*Eph. 4:4-6*)

Pastor Christine James:

Obeying the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom God has called. In baptism God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ’s ministry of love, peace, and justice. Let us remember with joy our own baptism, as we celebrate this sacrament.

Elder Cindy Hickey:

On behalf of the session, I present Munachimso, child of Pleasure, to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Pastor Christine James (*to Pleasure*):

Do you desire that Munachimso be baptized? **I do.**

Relying on God’s grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to your child? **I do.**

(To the Congregation):

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Munachimso by word and deed, with love and prayer? **We do.**

Will you encourage him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church? **We will.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we enter the covenant God established in Jesus Christ. Within this covenant God gives us new life, strengthens us to resist evil, and nurtures us in love. Through this covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

(to Pleasure):

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, Eternal God, for you nourish and sustain all living things by the gift of water. In the beginning of time, your Spirit moved over the watery chaos, calling forth order and life. In the time of Noah, you destroyed evil by the waters of the flood, giving righteousness a new beginning. You led Israel out of slavery,

through the waters of the sea, into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan Jesus was baptized by John and anointed with your Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, Christ set us free from sin and death, and opened the way to eternal life. We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. From it we are raised to share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit. Send your Spirit to move over this water that it may be a fountain of deliverance and rebirth. Wash away the sin of all who are cleansed by it. Raise them to new life, and graft them to the body of Christ. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Munachimso, that he may have power to do your will, and continue forever in the risen life of Christ. To you be all praise, honor, and glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns forever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Munachimso, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

O Lord, uphold Munachimso by your Holy Spirit. Give him the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord (*Isa. 11:2*), the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Munachimso, child of the covenant, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism, and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

God who began a good work in you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

WELCOME

Elder Cindy Hickey:

Munachimso, you have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through Baptism. By the power of the Holy Spirit, you have become a *member* of the household of God, to share with us in the ministry of Christ and the priesthood of all believers. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into the body of Christ. **Alleluia! Amen!**