

Week Three  
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# WATER

## FRAMING

Water is a huge part of our lives, our bodies, our earth. All living things need water to survive.

In the Christian tradition we use water in baptism. Baptism is one of two sacraments that we celebrate – the other is communion. When a person is baptized they are baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

In baptism, whether as a baby or a grown-up, we are claimed as one of God's own. We are welcomed into the family of faith. When we are witnesses to baptism, we promise to teach the baptized one the stories and lessons of the Bible and our faith.

Presbyterians believe in one baptism. Often we will remember our baptism (either literally or figuratively) to remind us that we belong to the family of faith and are loved and claimed by God.

## PRAYER

Holy God, you claim us through the waters of baptism. When we feel alone, help us to remember that we belong to the family of faith and that you are with us always. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:16–17, NSRV)

## GET CURIOUS

- When do we use water during the day?
- If you have been baptized, where and when was it? Who baptized you? Who was with you? How old were you? Tell the story.
- Can you think of another Bible story where water is featured?

## PRACTICE

- When we use water, to drink or wash our hands, we can remember that we belong to God and to the family of faith
- Listen to the song "Washed By the Water" by NeedToBreathe and reflect on how God is always present for us, even when we experience storms in life

