

**Shadyside Presbyterian Church
Kids' Worship Bulletin
Sunday, 25 July, 2021
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

Baptism Sunday

Participating in the Sacrament of Baptism

Today, through baptism, we welcome 2 children into our church family. Our baptism is a sign that we belong to God and to the family of Christians everywhere. This is a happy day for Lola and Edward and their whole family, it is a happy day for our church, and you get to be a part of it.

Sometimes when there is something very important that belongs to us, we like to tell everyone that it is ours...

Our book

Or our stuffed animal

Or our bicycle



Baptism is about belonging. God told John the Baptist to baptize Jesus in the water from the Jordan River. John did that.

The water that John poured on Jesus was a sign that Jesus belonged to God.

Our baptism is a sign that we belong to God. When we are baptized, God gives us a very special gift to help us grow, learn, and love. God's special gift to all of us at baptism is the Holy Spirit – God working deep inside us.

Baptism is the sign that tells us that we belong to God.¹

Where in the Word is the Word?

“The Word” can mean many things:

The Word = God's messages for God's people

The Word = Jesus

The Word = The Bible¹

Where in the Bible do we find the scripture readings for today?

One is in the Old Testament and the other is in the New Testament:

Book of the Bible	Chapter	Verses
Psalm	145	10-18
Ephesians	3	14-21



¹ Signs of God's Love, Baptism and Communion, Jeanne S. Fogle, Geneva Press, 1984

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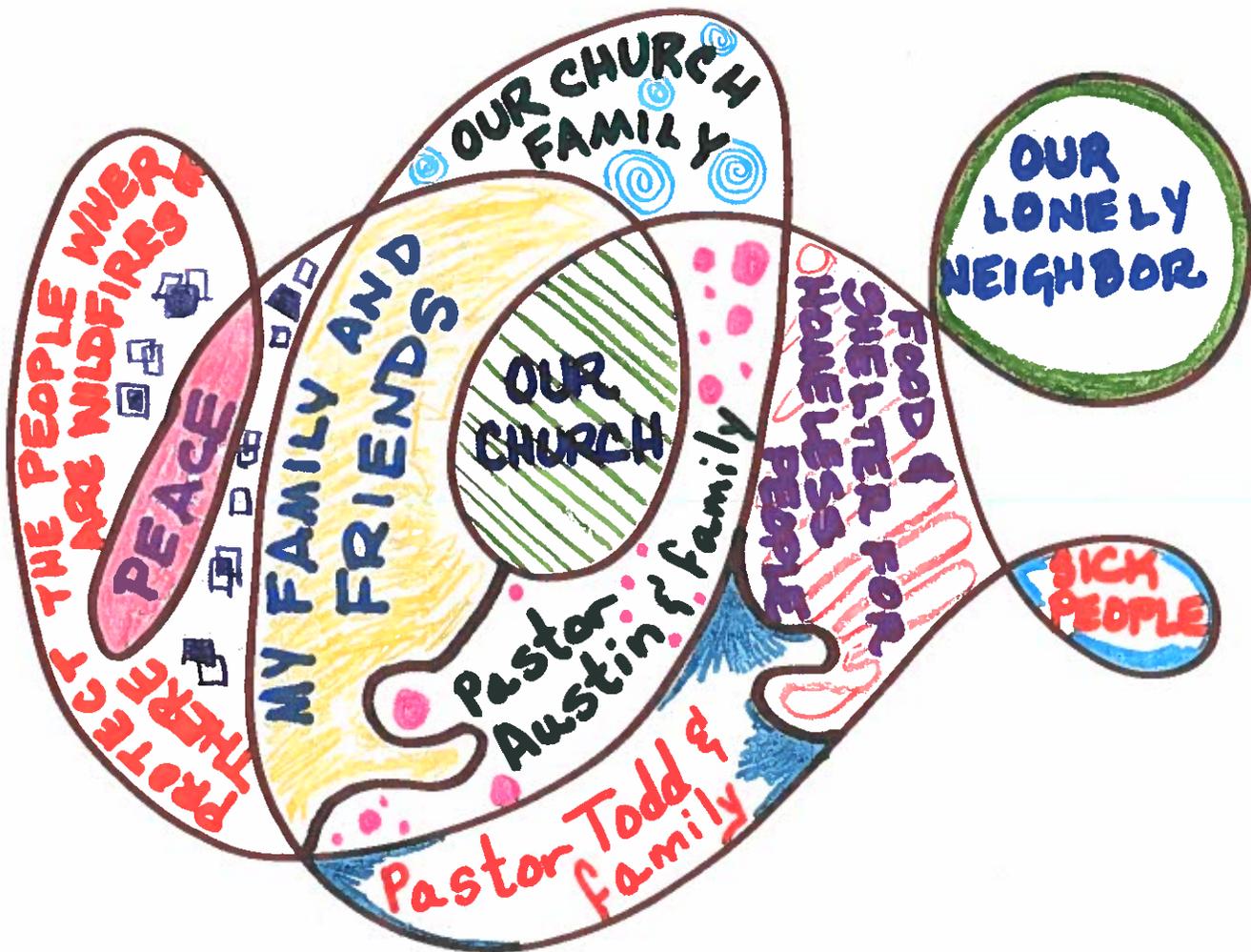
If God knows what is in our hearts, why do we have to pray about it?

Not long ago, one of our Sunday school kids asked this question. It's a really good question. Pastors Kendra and Todd and our Seminary Intern Wes pondered this idea and offered this answer:

God wants to hear our prayers even though God knows what's in our hearts. Think of it this way, we may love our parent or grandparent or foster parent or caregiver, but it's probably true they still like hearing "I love you," right? Yes, they know you love them. You may even show them you love them. Hearing the words "I love you" are really special.

Our relationship with God is like that. God wants to hear from us when we are happy, sad, lonely, sorry, and sick. God also wants to hear our prayers for other people too.

Take a look at the PRAYER PICTURE below and then create your own PRAYER PICTURE on page 3. You can use the picture to help you prayer for others.



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Create your own Prayer Picture

Who would you like to include in your prayers?

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A Little Bible Background

I pray that ... (Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.



as you are being rooted and grounded in love. Ephesians 3:14, NIV

Ephesians 3:14-21 is the Apostle Paul's prayer for the people in the area called *Ephesus* (Eff-a-sus). The people who lived there were called *Ephesians* which is why this New Testament book is called *Ephesus* or *Paul's Letter to the Ephesians*. Paul wrote LOTS of letters to new Christians.

In his prayer, Paul asks that:

- The Holy Spirit give the Ephesians the power to be strong in their faith
- Jesus live in their hearts so they may always be kind and loving to others
- The people will get a least a little hint of how God's amazing love is
- The Ephesians will see God's love at work in the world and will want to help spread the good news

Listen for these words

As you listen to the Word SUNG in the music today, listen for these words and place an X in the box when you hear each one.



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| <input type="checkbox"/> | I'll Praise My Maker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Make speed to save us |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | World without end |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | God has sealed you |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Love God more than all |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | You prepare a table before me |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Mercy will follow me |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Giving Knows No Ending |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cornerstone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Jubilation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Laud and honor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Alleluia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Foundation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Rivers of sorrow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I'll strengthen thee |

Pretend someone asks you, "So, what was Pastor Todd's sermon all about?" How would you describe today's message?
