

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
and
THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Kathryn Xiangmei Zhang
Born May 10, 2019

Hui Zhang

Kristen A. Zhang

Grove Presbyterian Church

September 22, 2019

Opening Words

Presentation of the Family **Amanda Leicht**

- On behalf of the Session, I present Kathryn and her father, Hui, to receive the sacrament of baptism. I also present Kristen Zhang, Kathryn's mother and Hui's spouse, for membership.

Vows of the Parents and the Baptized

- Do you reaffirm your own faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord?
- Do you claim God's covenant promises on your child's behalf, and for yourself, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
- Do you now unreservedly promise, in humble reliance upon God's grace, to set before your child an example of the new life in Christ?
- Do you promise to pray with and for your child, and to bring her up in the knowledge and love of God?

Vow for New Members

- Will you be faithful members of this congregation, share in its worship and mission through your prayers, gifts, study, and service and so fulfill your callings as disciples of Jesus Christ?

Vows of the Congregation

- Do you, the members of this congregation, in the name of the whole church of Christ, undertake with these parents the Christian nurture of this child, so that in due time she may confess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?
- Will you endeavor by your example and fellowship to strengthen their family ties with the household of God?

Congregational Prayer

Ever-Loving God: We thank you for receiving this child and her father by baptism. Keep this family always in your love. Guide them as they grow in faith. Deepen their appreciation of the gospel. Strengthen their communion in the one Church that unites us all. Increase their compassion for others. Amen.

Thanksgiving Prayer Over the Water

The Words of Baptism and Laying On of Hands

Presentation of the Baptized

Musical Offering **by Berry**

“You are Loved”

*When I look into your eyes I see the wonder
of a child newly formed by the Lord,
A precious child created in His image, according to His word.
And wherever your path may lead you, I want you always to know:
you are loved, dear child, you are loved.
You are loved, you are special,
you are loved by your family and friends.
And you are loved by your heavenly Father,
with a love that never ends.
As you listen to the voice of the Father,
may you follow Him day by day.
May you feel His loving arms around you,
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