

# SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

for

Strickland Cecil Gambrell

Parents: Vaughn and Katherine Gambrell

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## INTRODUCTION

### RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,  
reject the evil powers of this world,  
and repent of your sin? **I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you  
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression  
in whatever forms they present themselves? **I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,  
put your whole trust in his grace,  
and promise to serve him as your Lord,  
in union with the Church which Christ has opened  
to people of all ages, nations, and races? **I do.**

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Do you, as Christ's Body, the church,  
reaffirm both your rejection of sin  
and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and  
include Strickland now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news  
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround Strickland**

**with a community of love and forgiveness,  
that he may grow in his trust of God,  
and be found faithful in his service to others.**

**We will pray for him,  
that he may be a true disciple  
who walks in the way that leads to life.**

## **THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

### **BAPTISM OF STRICKLAND CECIL GAMBRELL**

#### **COMMENDATION AND WELCOME**

Members of the household of God,  
I commend Strickland to your love and care.  
Do all in your power to increase his faith,  
confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you  
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you  
in the body of Christ  
and in this congregation  
of the United Methodist Church,**

**we renew our covenant  
faithfully to participate  
in the ministries of the Church  
by our prayers, our presence,  
our gifts, our service, and our witness,  
that in everything God may be glorified  
through Jesus Christ.**

#### **BLESSING**

The God of all grace,  
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,  
establish you and strengthen you  
that you may live in grace and peace.