



Why Baptism?

- Throughout the biblical story, there's a continual pattern of God saving his people by bringing them safely through the waters of judgment. (Genesis 6-8; Exodus 14; Mark 10:38-39)
- Baptism is a picture of how we, as believers, have passed through the waters of God's judgment in Christ. (Romans 6:3-6; Colossians 2:11-12 1 Peter 3:20-21; 1 Corinthians 10:1-2)

Who Should Be Baptized?

- The debate of infant baptism vs. believer's baptism isn't ultimately a debate over baptism; it's a debate over the question, "Who is the church?"
- An overly simplistic argument for infant baptism:
 - The new covenant community (the church) is a mixed community like the old covenant community of Israel.
 - Circumcision was the sign that you were a member of the old covenant community of Israel.
 - Infants of believing parents are baptized, signifying their membership and entrance into the new covenant community (the church).
- An overly simplistic argument for believer's baptism:
 - The new covenant community (the church) is not a mixed community of believers and unbelievers; instead, the church consists exclusively of believers.
 - The reason the church consists exclusively of believers is because the way you enter into and become a member of the new covenant community isn't by physical birth (like in the old covenant) but by spiritual birth.
 - Baptism is the covenant sign that you've entered into and belong to the new covenant community of God.

How Should You Be Baptized?

- The biblical mode for baptism is immersion.
 - The Greek verb "baptizo" means to submerge, dip, or immerse.
 - The consistent pattern of baptism in the New Testament is immersion.
 - Baptism by immersion best displays the meaning of baptism.



Welcome to Cross Fellowship Church!

We are grateful that you have come to worship with us today and pray you feel welcome. If you have any questions about our church, the service, the sermon, or anything else, we would love to talk to you! Stop by the Welcome Table in the lobby or talk to one of the elders. We also encourage you to complete a Visitor Information Card at the Welcome Table or online at crossfellowshipchurch.org/connect.

Order of Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 34:1-3

“Psalm 34 (Taste and See)”

“Only a Holy God”

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 6:1-5; Ephesians 1:4b-8

“My Worth Is Not in What I Own”

Introduction of New Members

Prayer

Sermon: Romans 6:3-6

“Redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb”

Partaking of the Lord’s Supper

Prayer and Benediction

Announcements

Prayer Gathering

Sunday, Feb. 4 / 4-5:30 p.m. / New Haven

Join us for our church-wide Prayer Gathering. During our time together, we’ll pray for one another and our church, and hear specific testimonies of how God is at work in the lives of some of our members.

Exploring Membership Class

Sundays, Jan. 21 & 28 / 12-2:30 p.m. / Social Room

Are you interested in membership at CFC, or would you simply like to learn more about our church? This two-part class takes place on consecutive Sundays immediately following the Worship Gathering in the Social Room (rm. 201). Lunch will be provided. Sign up by Jan. 14 at crossfellowshipchurch.org/membership.

Elders

- John Crawford / john.crawford@crossfellowshipchurch.org
- Jared Chasteen / jared.chasteen@crossfellowshipchurch.org

Discipleship Communities

DCs gather in homes on Wednesday evenings to provide leadership, community, encouragement, and accountability as we live as disciples. For more information or to join a DC, visit crossfellowshipchurch.org/dc.

Nursing Mothers

We offer a nursing mothers’ room in the back left (as you face the stage) of the sanctuary.

Children’s Discipleship

To walk alongside parents in teaching children about the good news of Jesus, we offer the following classes.

Sundays at 9 a.m.

- K-3rd grade: rm. 202
- 4th-6th grade: rm. 206

Sundays during the Worship Gathering

- Infants (ages 6-12 mo.)
- Toddlers (ages 1-2): rm. 206
- Pre-K (ages 3-4): rm. 202

Sundays at 6 p.m.

- Youth group: 7th-12th grade

Offering

Thank you for your generosity! There are a few ways you can give:

- In the offering box on Sundays
- Through the Church Center app (iPhone/Android)
- Online at crossfellowshipchurch.org/give (scan the QR code)

**Please refrain from eating and drinking in the sanctuary. Thank you!*

