

The Celebration of Baptism

Statement of Purpose

Presentation of Candidate

On behalf of the congregation of *Orchard Valley United Church*, I present the following child for initiation into the body of Christ through baptism: *Adalynn Marie Murphy*, daughter of Colleen and Russell Murphy.

Profession of Faith and Promises of Parents

Colleen and Russell Murphy, you have made or renewed your belief in God and Jesus Christ as source of love and love incarnate in your lives and acknowledged the way of Jesus. In baptism, Adalynn also marks an important step in her journey of faith. Will you care for her, and help her to take her place within the mission and witness of Christ's Church?

I will, God being my helper.

Congregational Commitment

We have heard the will of Adalynn's parents. We receive *Adalynn Marie Murphy* in Christ's name, as we ourselves have been received. We all belong to the one household of faith in Jesus Christ. Will you support Adalynn with constant love, wholesome example, Christian teaching, and faithful prayer?

We will, God being our helper.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Gracious and Holy God...

The Act of Baptism

Baptism

Adalynn Marie Murphy,

I baptise you in the name of the Father,
And of the son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Our God whose arms are open wide;
who teaches us what it means to love;
and whose wings will keep you safe.

Blessing

Adalynn Marie Murphy,

we bless you in the name of God the Mother,
whose arms will hold you close;
and the in the name of God the Child,
who walks with you all of your days;
and in the name of God the Holy Spirit,
whose wings will carry you to places
you can only begin to dream of.

Marking with the Sign of the Cross

Adalynn Marie Murphy,

We mark you with the sign of the cross,
so the world will always know -
and you will never be able to forget -
that you are a beloved child of God.

Laying on of Hands

Adalynn Marie Murphy, may the Holy Spirit,
Love's power, guide you, inspire you, and work within you,
all the days of your life. Amen.

Presentation of the Baptismal Candle & Certificate

Adalynn Marie Murphy, let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good works, and give glory to God.

Amen.

Declaration and Congregational Welcome

Into the household of faith, we welcome you with joy and
thanksgiving.

**We are members of the Body of Christ. We are
inheritors of God's promise. In the name of the
Christ, we welcome you.**

Blessing

The grace of Christ attend you,
the love of God surround you,
the Holy Spirit keep you.

Amen.

Presentation of Candidates

On behalf of the congregation of *Orchard Valley United Church*, I present *Teagan Ann Murphy* and *Sawyer Mackenzie Eason* for initiation into the body of Christ through baptism.

Profession of Faith and Promises

Teagan and Sawyer, do you believe in God,
Source of love in Jesus Christ, love incarnate;
and in the Holy Spirit, love's power?

I do, by the grace of God.

Desiring the freedom of new life in Christ,
do you seek to resist evil, and to live in love and justice?

I do, God being my helper.

Will you follow the way of Jesus Christ?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you join with your siblings in Christ's community of faith
to celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation, and
love and serve others?

I will, God being my helper.

Community Commitment

We have heard the will of *Teagan* and *Sawyer*. We receive them in Christ's name, as we ourselves have been received. We all belong to the one household of faith in Jesus Christ. Will you support them both with constant love, wholesome example, Christian teaching, and faithful prayer?

We will, God being our helper.

The Act of Baptism – Teagan Ann Murphy

Baptism

Teagan Ann Murphy,
I baptise you in the name of the Father,
And of the son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Our God who arms are open wide;
who teaches us what it means to love;
and whose wings will keep you safe.

Blessing

Teagan Ann Murphy,
we bless you in the name of God the Mother,
whose arms will hold you close;
and the in the name of God the Child,
who walks with you all of your days;
and in the name of God the Holy Spirit,
whose wings will carry you to places
you can only begin to dream of.

Marking with the Sign of the Cross

Teagan Ann Murphy, I mark you with the sign of the cross,
so the world will always know - and you will never forget -
that you are a beloved child of God.

Laying on of Hands

Teagan, may the Holy Spirit, Love's power, guide you,
inspire you, and work within you, all the days of your life.

Presentation of the Baptismal Candle and Certificate

Teagan Ann Murphy, let your light shine before others, that
they may see your good works, and give glory to God.

Amen.

Declaration and Congregational Welcome

Into the household of faith we welcome *Teagan* with joy and thanksgiving!

We are members of the Body of Christ. We are inheritors of God's promise. In the name of the Christ, we welcome you. Halleluiah!

Blessing

The grace of Christ attend you,
the love of God surround you,
the Holy Spirit keep you.

Amen.

The Act of Baptism – Sawyer Mackenzie Eason

Baptism

Sawyer Mackenzie Eason,
I baptise you in the name of the Father,
And of the son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Our God who arms are open wide;
who teaches us what it means to love;
and whose wings will keep you safe.

Blessing

Sawyer Mackenzie Eason,
we bless you in the name of God the Mother,
whose arms will hold you close;
and the in the name of God the Child,
who walks with you all of your days;
and in the name of God the Holy Spirit,
whose wings will carry you to places
you can only begin to dream of.

Marking with the Sign of the Cross

Sawyer Mackenzie Eason, I mark you with the sign of the
cross, so the world will always know - and you will never
forget - that you are a beloved child of God.

Laying on of Hands

Sawyer, may the Holy Spirit, Love's power, guide you,
inspire you, and work within you, all the days of your life.
May the power of the Spirit work within you, that being born
of water and Spirit, you may continue to be a faithful witness
of Jesus Christ. By the gift of your Holy Spirit, confirm the
faith of your servant Sawyer, that he may be true to you all
the days of his life, and a faithful witness of Jesus Christ.
Strengthen him we pray and build him up in Christ. Amen.

Presentation of the Baptismal Candle and Certificate

Sawyer Mackenzie Eason, let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good works, and give glory to God.

Amen.

Declaration and Congregational Welcome

Into membership of this church and the household of faith we
welcome *Sawyer* with joy and thanksgiving!

**We are members of the Body of Christ. We are
inheritors of God's promise. In the name of the
Christ, we welcome you. Halleluiah!**

Blessing

The grace of Christ attend you,
the love of God surround you,
the Holy Spirit keep you.

Amen.

Confirmation - Statement of Purpose

Presentation

On behalf of Orchard Valley United Church congregation, I present *Perry Foster Warmington, Sawyer Mackenzie Eason, and Teagan Ann Murphy*, whom we welcome into the membership of this community of faith.

Commitment of New Member

Perry, Sawyer, and Teagan, will you join with us as together we celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation, love and serve others, seek justice and resist evil?

I will, by the grace of God.

Will you join with your siblings of faith in the mission and ministry of Christ's Church?

I will, by the grace of God.

Congregational Commitment

Friends in Christ, please rise up in body, or in spirit, as we pledge to Perry, Sawyer, and Teagan our support and care.

As your siblings in Christ,

we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us.

We pledge to you our love and our support.

With God's help, we will together live out

the mission and ministry of Christ's church.

Laying on of Hands

Teagan, may the power of the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born of water and the Spirit, you may continue to be a faithful witness of Jesus Christ. Amen.

By the gift of your Holy Spirit, confirm the faith of your servant *Teagan*, that she may be true to you all the days of her life, and a faithful witness of Jesus Christ. Strengthen her we pray and build her up in Christ. Amen.

Teagan, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works. Amen.

Perry, may the power of the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born of water and the Spirit, you may continue to be a faithful witness of Jesus Christ. Amen.

By the gift of your Holy Spirit, confirm the faith of your servant *Perry*, that he may be true to you all the days of his life, and a faithful witness of Jesus Christ. Strengthen him we pray and build him up in Christ. Amen.

Perry, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works. Amen.

Sawyer, may the power of the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born of water and the Spirit, you may continue to be a faithful witness of Jesus Christ. Amen.

By the gift of your Holy Spirit, confirm the faith of your servant *Sawyer*, that he may be true to you all the days of his life, and a faithful witness of Jesus Christ. Strengthen him we pray and build him up in Christ. Amen.

Sawyer, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works. Amen.

Presentation of Gifts

Certificate: Perry, Sawyer, and Teagan, accept this certificate of Membership through Confirmation into the family of Orchard Valley United Church.

Bible: Perry, Sawyer, and Teagan, accept this bible as the gift of God's word. May you find within it the knowledge, comfort, and support to sustain you in life's journeys.

Candle: Perry, Sawyer, and Teagan, accept this candle as a gift of Christ's light in your life. May it be a light to your footsteps in your journey of faith and mission.

Cross: Perry, Sawyer, and Teagan, symbols are just things, but that which inspires us to see beyond ourselves to even greater hopes and joys.

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome each of you to all the privileges and responsibilities of membership in this congregation, and to the greater United Church of Canada. We give thanks to God for your witness among us.

Affirmation of Faith - “A New Creed”

We are not alone’

we live in God’s world.

We believe in God;

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church;

to celebrate God’s presence,

to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.