

grow up in the family of faith, with the hope that (s/he) will some day confess Christ as (her/his) own Teacher, King, Savior, and Lord?

To this the parent/s should answer: (I/We) will.

Will you, to the best of your ability, and with God's help, provide a loving family environment in which (child's name) can grow in love, loyalty, and obedience to God?

To this the parent/s should answer: (I/We) will.

Will you encourage (child's name) to grow in faith, so that (s/he) will put her whole trust in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ? Will you encourage (her/him) so that (s/he) might later be received into the fellowship of the church by baptism, fully partaking in the work and worship of the church?

To this the parent/s should answer: (I/We) will.

After each child's parents have been asked these questions, the pastor will turn and ask the congregation:

 (parent/s' name) , along with the other members of (his/her/their) family, have expressed their trust in God and in you, the body of Christ gathered here, by presenting this child for consecration. Will you pledge your support and loving presence in times of ease and difficulty, in times of joy and sorry, in times of growth and frustration? Will you pledge to be faithful witnesses for Christ in upholding this family and especially this little one, (child's name) ?

To this the congregation should answer: We will.

The pastor will then anoint each child in the sign of a cross using oil while the parent's hold the child:

 (child's name) , we consecrate and dedicate your life to God on this day. We pledge to be faithful as your church family and as witnesses to Christ in your life. Right now, we seek the Lord Jesus' blessings as we dedicate you to Him.

I anoint you in the name of Jesus.

May the Lord Jesus bless you with faith, with mercy, with grace, with a loving relationship with Jesus, and with His Holy Spirit.

May God's blessing be upon you, through Jesus, the lover of children, and our example. Amen.

Afterwards, the parent/s are invited to sit down amidst the congregation. A special song will be played or the congregation will sing together a song from the hymnal.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office:

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