

7. The Pastor reads an appropriate passage of Scripture and briefly explains the significance of the Baptismal Service.

The passage of Scripture which is usually read is Acts 8:26-39.

8. The Candidate enters the baptistery and stands in front and slightly to the left of the Pastor facing the Pastor's right.
9. The Candidate gives the Pastor a handkerchief, which the Pastor lays in a dry place where he can easily reach it.
10. The Pastor introduces the Candidate to the congregation and asks the Candidate to give a personal testimony.
11. The Candidate turns slightly to his left, gives a brief personal testimony, and turns back to his former position.
12. The Pastor places his left arm around the shoulders of the Candidate and asks the Candidate the following question:

"Mr. (or, Mrs.) (or, Miss) (First and Last Name of the Candidate), have you trusted Jesus Christ as your own personal Saviour?"

13. The Candidate answers the Pastor's question:

"I have."

14. The Pastor says the following words to the Candidate:

"Then upon profession of your faith, and in obedience to God's command, at your own request, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

15. The Candidate clasps his hands tightly together and holds them in front of him at his waist.
16. The Candidate closes his eyes.

With the Candidate's hands clasped tightly together in front of him at his waist and his eyes closed, the Candidate is a picture of death.

17. The Pastor positions himself, takes hold of the Candidate's hands with his right hand (the Pastor's thumb should be on the top and his palm underneath the Candidate's hands), drops his left arm about halfway down the Candidate's back, takes one step to the left, and baptizes the Candidate.

An alternative way to baptize the Candidate is as follows:

The Pastor positions himself, takes hold of the Candidate's right wrist with his right hand; the Candidate takes hold of the Pastor's right wrist with his left hand; the Pastor drops his left arm about halfway down the Candidate's back, takes one step to the left, and baptizes the Candidate.