

you, the people of this congregation, to nurture and to love him, and to assist him to be faithful disciples.

**Congregation - With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good news of the Gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.**

Pastor Marc - With this act of welcoming Brooks into the covenant community, I present Collin, Alexis, and Brooks with his first Bible and charge you, each day, to pray with him, to pray for him, to teach him the ways of the faith, and to remind him that before he could remember or acknowledge for himself, God claimed Brooks as one of his own. Thanks be to God!

## **Baptism of Brooks McCowin**

May 28, 2023

Here the words of Scripture as we begin today,

### **Opening Verses**

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20

“...You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” 2 Peter 2:9

“For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

Acts 2:39

Obedying the word of our Lord Jesus Christ, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom he has called. In baptism, we believe that God lays his claim to us and puts a sign on us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice. As we celebrate the sacrament, let each of us

remember and rejoice in our own baptism.

### **Elder**

On behalf of the Session, I present Brooks McCowin to receive the sacrament of baptism.

### **To Collin and Alexis,**

Do you acknowledge Brooks' need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit? If so, say, "We do."

Do you claim God's covenant promises and benefits for Brooks and by faith do you look to the Lord Jesus Christ for the salvation of your child as you do your own? If so, say, "We do."

Do you now unreservedly present your child to God, and do you promise by relying on God's power and grace through the Holy Spirit to live an exemplary life before your child? If so, say, "We do."

Do you commit yourself to pray with and for your child, to teach your child the Scriptures and the great articles of our faith in Jesus Christ, and to remind him of the claim that Christ has laid upon him this day? If so, say, "We do."

Do you promise to use every means provided by God, including faithful participation in the life of the Church, to bring your child up in the loving discipline of the Lord? If so, say, "We do."

### **To CUP Evangelical Presbyterian Church,**

Do you, the members of this congregation, acting for yourselves and in behalf of the whole Body of Christ, assume responsibility, with these parents, for the spiritual nurture of this child? If so, say, "We do."

Do you commit yourself to set a godly example before this child, to provide as far as you are able, all that is necessary to the end that this child may one day confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord? If so, say, "We do."

*\*Baptize & Make a cross on Brooks' forehead\**

Brooks, child of the covenant, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Prayer/Blessing**

O Lord, uphold Brooks by your Holy Spirit. Give him the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

### **Welcome**

**Elder** – Brooks McCowin is now received into the visible church. Through baptism, God has made him a member of God's household, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. I charge