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Mother's Day Celebration at Oxford First UMC



On Sunday, May 9th, as part of Oxford First UMC's Mother's Day Celebration, Little Miss Asa Grace Johnson (pictured at left) will be baptized. Asa Grace is the daughter of Amber Monesha Mister and Thomas Christopher Johnson. She is the granddaughter of Trudie Perry Mister, and the great niece of Niler P. Franklin. Asa Grace is nine-months old. Infant baptism, in the United Methodist Church, is celebrated as "an acceptance of the prevenient grace of God and as a confession on the part of the church of its responsibility for children in general and for every child in particular."

Pastor Sapada Thomas will administer the sacrament as part of the regular morning worship service.

Pictured below: Asa Grace (center) attending church for the first time on March 28th with (from l. to r.) Niler, Aunt Ariel, Amber, and Trudie.



It was Time to Come Back

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

ISAIAH 41: 10 NIV

We couldn't continue to live in fear. We missed being able to worship our Heavenly Father in person. We missed Sunday School. We missed Praise Dancing. We missed fellowshiping with our brothers and sisters in Christ. So on March 28th Oxford First UMC resumed in-person worship, the week before we celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We continued

to practice COVID-19 protocols of mask wearing and social distancing. We just couldn't stay away any longer. The return has been glorious. New members have joined the church, and the youth have been a part of everything. Even the Male Chorus returned.

What follows are pictures from the return. Praise God.







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