

Child Dedication Form

Unitarian Universalists believe that every child brings new life and hope into the world. During the Child Dedication Ceremony, the congregation pledges itself to partner with and support parents and family in the religious upbringing of the child. Because our community takes that pledge seriously, Child Dedications are open to infants and children of members and those on the path to membership at First Universalist Church.

Full Name of Child: _____ Birth Date: _____

Phonetic Pronunciation of Child's Name:

Parent: _____ email: _____ Day Phone: _____

Parent: _____ email: _____ Day Phone: _____

Siblings' names and ages: _____

Date of Service: _____ Time of Service: _____

How many people will be attending the service with you?: _____

Please provide a short paragraph (75 words or less) describing your child's traits, favorite things, etc., and your hopes for your child as you dedicate him/her at First Universalist. This will be posted, along with a picture of your family that we take on dedication day, on our new Child Dedication display and in *The Liberal* so that congregants can get to know you and your child better.

Please complete a form for each child. **Forms are due to the church office no later than ten days before the service.** Mail, email, or fax to: First Universalist Church, Attn: Heidi Mastrud, 3400 Dupont Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55408, Phone: 825-1701 x124 Fax: 825-8879, email: heidi@firstuniv.org

On the day of the service, please arrive a few minutes early. You and your extended family can sit in the reserved pews (front right, they will have "Reserved" signs) until the dedication. The dedication will happen near the beginning of the service. Parents, children to be dedicated, and siblings will be invited to stand on the chancel during the ceremony. You are welcome to change seats or bring your child to the nursery/RE, after the dedication is completed.