

## **What is Confirmation?**

Confirmation is a process in the Presbyterian Church by which students reaffirm the promises made on their behalf during Baptism and join the church as members. There are many ways to do confirmation – students do not have to be a specific age and they do not have to be Baptized before they participate.

Confirmation classes can go on for as few or as many weeks as a church feels appropriate and can cover a wide array of subjects a church feels are important. Every Confirmation class is different. There is no set curriculum and there are no mandatory topics.

**Our Confirmation Class will begin February 6, 2022 at 9:00AM and we will have 10 classes total. Students will end Confirmation and be Confirmed on Easter Sunday.** If a student has not been Baptized, they can be Baptized at the Easter service as well. You can complete Confirmation and be Confirmed without being Baptized; however, you cannot be entered into the rolls of the church as a member without Baptism. Baptism will be offered at the end of Confirmation but it is up to the student whether or not they participate.

Our Confirmation Class is being taught by Rev. Jessi Higginbotham. There are 10 topics we will cover:

1. Confirmation – Feb. 6	6. Scripture – March 13
2. Presbyterianism – Feb. 13	7. Faith – March 20
3. The Reformation – Feb. 20	8. Polity – March 27
4. The Trinity – Feb. 27	9. Worship – April 3
5. Sin – March 6	10. Sacraments—April 10

Each class will be available in person AND via Zoom. It's important students attend all classes. Students may only miss one class throughout Confirmation before they have to make up classes. Confirmation isn't work, it is meant to be fun and full of growth. Questions are encouraged, doubts are explored, laughs are by the dozen. It is not something you will want to miss. Parents are welcome to sit in our classes anytime they would like! Parents often find they enjoy class just as much as the students.

## A Letter from Rev. Jessi Higginbotham

Dear Parents and Students,

Confirmation is my favorite thing to do as a Pastor! Why? Because it is so much fun and I love watching students learn and grow in their faith. There is no topic too crazy, no questions to big, that we can't cover together. In my (almost) 13 years of Ordained Ministry I have never had a Confirmation Class I didn't enjoy teaching.

Over the years I have used many different types of curriculum, I've even written my own on occasion. I am excited to be using Spark House Collaborate as our curriculum this year.

Your students will be given a workbook to work from throughout our classes (don't worry, we aren't covering all the topics and we're going to combine a few topics as well). This workbook belongs to them and they are welcome to doodle, color, write, mark, or use it however they like throughout Confirmation. They will also need access to a Bible (online is fine). Along with the workbook and Bible we will be watching short videos together, doing activities, thinking, talking, questioning, and writing our own Statements of Faith. I will also provide a website where students can get more resources, rewatch videos, and work on activities.

I am truly looking forward to this class and I hope your students will enjoy everything we have to offer. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

See you in worship!

*Rev. Jessi Higginbotham*