

## Confirmation Class FAQ

### **What is Confirmation?**

The term “confirmation” marks the first time a baptized Christian publicly confirms their intention to live the vows of the baptismal and membership covenant, becoming a member of the local church and a member of our denominational partners, the Presbyterian Church USA and the United Methodist Church.

### **What is Confirmation Class?**

To prepare for this first confirmation, we invite young people to learn about and engage with the Christian faith over the course of 8 weeks. These sessions are built around a series of questions that are at the heart of Christian doctrine. Learning to answer these questions leads to a greater understanding of Christian tradition and provides a firm foundation for future spiritual growth.

### **What Kind of Commitment is Needed?**

Confirmation classes take place over the course of 8 weeks (a full schedule can be found on the back of this page). Classes are scheduled for about 2 hours on Sunday afternoons. No one can make confirmation a priority except for you and your child, however we expect that those in the confirmation class will attend at least 6 of the sessions. Confirmation Sunday is scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup> to coincide with Easter Sunday.

### **Who Can Take Part in Confirmation Class?**

The classes are designed for those 12-15 years old. Since we have not held a confirmation class in several years, we will make arrangements for any teens over 15 who are interested in confirmation. Baptism is not a prerequisite for confirmation class, but will need to be done before Confirmation Sunday. If you have questions regarding baptism, please speak with Reverend Bradley before starting confirmation class.

### **Do Teens in Confirmation Class Have to Become Members of the Church?**

Confirmation Class provides information and lays a foundation for being confirmed in the church. Confirmation is a decision we make for ourselves. Someone can go through the entirety of the class and decide that they do not wish to be confirmed, or that they feel that this is not the right time in their lives to make this commitment.

### **What Do I Need to Do Next?**

To make sure that all members of the confirmation class have the materials prior to the start of the class, we are asking those interested to let Reverend Bradley know by January 16<sup>th</sup>. You can call or text Rev. Bradley at 315-858-8864 or email him at caseybradley@gmail.com. On the following page you will find an information sheet, please fill it out and return it either to Reverend Bradley directly or to the Church Office prior to February 6<sup>th</sup>.

# Additional Information

## Schedule For Confirmation Classes

Below is the schedule for our 2022 Confirmation Class. The class will take place over 8 weeks leading up to Easter Sunday when Confirmands will be invited to take membership vows during the worship service.

### All Classes are Scheduled for Sundays from 1pm-3pm

DATE	QUESTIONS	BIBLE VERSE
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	Who is God? What is God Like?	2 Corinthians 13:14 Psalm 147:5
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	What Did God Make? Why is there Evil?	Hebrews 11:3 Romans 5:12
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Who is Jesus Christ? Why did the Son of God become Human?	John 1:14 Galatians 4:4-5
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	What is Salvation? What is Required for Salvation?	1 Timothy 2:5-6 Mark 1:15
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	What are the Benefits of Salvation? What Happens when We Live Out Our Salvation in Christ?	Romans 5:1 Colossians 1:22
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Who is the Holy Spirit? What Does the Holy Spirit Do?	John 14:26 Titus 3:5-6
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	What is the Church? What are the Church's Sacraments?	Ephesians 4:4-5 Matthew 28:19-20
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	What is the World's Great Hope? What is Our Future?	Revelation 22:20 1 Corinthians 6:14

It is expected the members of the Confirmation Class will have read the associated units in *The Absolute Basics of the Christian Faith* prior to class time on Sunday afternoon. Parents/Guardians may wish to read the related unit as well, active parental figures enhance the lessons learned at Confirmation Class.

A copy of *The Absolute Basics of the Christian Faith* will be purchased for each member of the Confirmation Class. Additionally, the church will provide each member of the class with a notebook for use during class time or at home. Please bring both the book and notebook to each class session as well as a pen or pencil. Additional copies of *The Absolute Basics of the Christian Faith* can be purchased at <https://my.seedbed.com/product/the-absolute-basics-of-the-christian-faith/>

Questions or concerns can be brought to Reverend Bradley at any time prior to or during the Confirmation Class. You may reach out to him via phone or text (315-858-8864) or email (caseybradley@gmail.com).