

# Confirmation Instructions

Congratulations on making it to this point in your faith journey!

When you were baptized, your parents and sponsors made promises on your behalf to raise you in a life of faith. The goal of the last two years of confirmation instruction has been to help you learn more about those promises and the beliefs of the church. Now, as you move forward to becoming a full, adult member of the church, you finally get to affirm those beliefs as your own and declare what your faith means to you.

If you choose to participate in the Affirmation of Baptism service on **Sunday, October 31**, you will need to complete the following requirements:

## 1. Confirmation Verse

Choose a verse from the Bible that is meaningful for you. This verse is something for you to memorize and keep with you throughout your life. It will also be featured on your confirmation board, and included in the confirmation booklet. Pastor Daniel and Christin will use the sheet you fill out to make a few personalized suggestions, but you will have the final say in picking a verse and explaining why it is meaningful to you. **You will need to have your verse selected and shared with Pastor Daniel or Christin by Sunday, September 26.**

## 2. Visual Faith Project

Your Visual Faith Project is an opportunity for you to reflect upon your faith journey and think about what it is you believe. Here are some questions/ideas to help you reflect:

*Note: Your Visual Faith Project does not need to include precise answers to all of these questions, this is just to help get you thinking. Your confirmation verse could also help shape your reflection.*

- What does being a Christian mean to you?
- What difference does being a Christian make in your life? Why does your faith matter?
- What do you believe about God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?  
How are these three different and the same?
- What is sin? What is grace?
- What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?
- Who is a character from the Bible you can most relate to and why?
- Who are some people in your life who have impacted or helped shape your faith journey?
- How have you grown in your faith over the past two years of confirmation?
- What questions or doubts do you still have?
- Where do you see God at work in your life - past, present, and future?
- How will you continue to nurture your faith as an adult member of the church?

After you reflect, you will then need to create some method of sharing this reflection with the congregation. Because each of you has a unique faith journey, as well as unique gifts and passions, we would like to give you some room for creativity in how you share your project. Some options of possible Visual Faith Projects could include:

- Create a drawing, painting, or sculpture depicting your faith journey
- Write a song and perform it during worship (live or recorded ahead of time)
- Write an essay (at least 500 words)
- Create a PowerPoint or video presentation
- Create a scrapbook to represent your faith and where you see God in your life
- Choreograph a dance to a song that's meaningful for you and perform it during worship
- Share a testimony about an important part of your faith journey during worship
- Other Ideas? - Talk with Pastor Daniel or Christin!

Regardless of the final format, this needs to be something you spend some time on - **DO NOT** wait until the night before to do this! **Proposals need to be submitted to Pastor Daniel or Christin no later than Sunday, September 26, and final projects must be completed by Sunday, October 24.** If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to ask, but do so sooner rather than later so we have time to help you!

### **3. Confirmation Board**

The final step in your reflection and preparation will be to create a **display board to share your project and be able to discuss with the congregation during the fellowship hour on Confirmation Sunday.** Each display board should include:

- Your name
- Your Confirmation Verse
- Your Visual Faith Project (if you're not sure how to include this on your board, talk to Christin)
- OPTIONAL - Pictures of yourself, your family, people who have impacted your faith, etc.
- OPTIONAL - Pictures or information about your baptism
- OPTIONAL - Other things about you (hobbies, talents, ways you're involved at church, etc.)

### **4. Church Council**

Part of the church council's job is to approve candidates for confirmation. You need to come to the church council meeting on **Wednesday, October 6 at 7:30 pm**, ready to share your confirmation verse and what it means to you. You do NOT need to have your entire Visual Faith Project completed at this time, as you will just be sharing your verse.

### **5. Confirmation Sunday**

Confirmation Sunday will be on **Sunday, October 31.** This is your chance to stand before the congregation and formally confirm your faith. Remember that this service will be at 9:30 am in the sanctuary. We'll be meeting at church at 8:45 that morning to take a class picture.

## Dates to Remember and Schedule for Confirmation Sunday 2021

### **On or before Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

Send your Confirmation Verse and 3-4 sentences about what it means to you to [youth@stpetergreene.com](mailto:youth@stpetergreene.com)

AND

Send your Visual Faith Project proposal (which option you are doing and a few sentences about what you plan to include) to [youth@stpetergreene.com](mailto:youth@stpetergreene.com). Pastor Daniel and Christin will approve your project and help you clarify details if needed.

### **Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**

Come to the Church Council meeting and share your Confirmation Verse and what it means to you. You will be done by 8:00 at the absolute latest.

AND

Bring your completed "Confirmation Booklet Info" sheet with you to the Council meeting.

### **On or before Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**

Your Visual Faith Project should be finished!

If it can be emailed (essay, song lyrics, PowerPoint slides, etc.) please email to [youth@stpetergreene.com](mailto:youth@stpetergreene.com).

If it cannot be easily emailed (painting, sculpture, photo collage, etc.) please text a picture of it to Christin at (641) 257-9793.

### **Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – Estimated Schedule for Confirmation Sunday**

**8:45** – Confirmation class picture in the church sanctuary with everyone

**9:30** – Worship in the sanctuary

**10:30** – Stay for a little while after worship to share your Confirmation Boards

*If you or your parents have any questions, please contact*

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