

Confirmation 2024

Children and Youth Guiding Scripture

“Dear Friends, now we are Children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known...” *1 John 3:2*

Children and Youth Ministry Mission Statement

The emphasis of the First Church Children and Youth Ministry is to develop informed Christians with a social conscience. Through Bible study and service, our children and youth develop a knowledge of the Bible and compassion for the oppressed. We select and design lessons and activities to support our ministry goal.

Confirmation Purpose

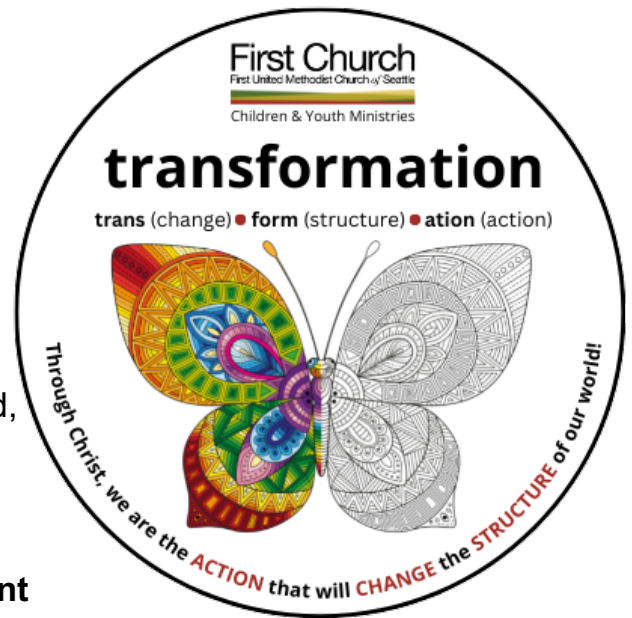
Confirmation (Latin *confirmare* “to strengthen”) is the strengthening of the grace that was given to us by the Holy Spirit before we were aware (at birth or Baptism).

Early in life, our parents made or make decisions about our faith. At Confirmation, youth affirm they are becoming responsible for their faith and are empowered to make their own decisions about faith in theory and practice. Confirmation is not the dumping of theology and beliefs into heads to affirm, but the equipping of possibilities and pursuits of questions through strengthening curiosity about God, church, and world.

Confirmation concludes on Easter Sunday as the students confirm their Baptisms (or are Baptized), pledge to live the questions, and join the church as professing members.

Confirmation Praxis

Duration & Teaching: Confirmation is a seven-week program taught by Pastor Jeremy with several adult leaders to maintain Safe Sanctuary practices, incorporating interdisciplinary and multisensory learning styles. There is homework. 😊



Meetings: We meet weekly from February 11th to March 24th. Attendance is mandatory on March 24th and March 31st; attendance is expected on other weeks.

Mentors are senior adults who will be assigned to check-in with youth regularly to see what questions or learnings they are having during Confirmation.

Schedule

- Sunday, February 11th
 - **Service Project** (Fat Sunday waffles service for State of the Church forum)
- Sunday, February 18th
 - **Lenten Lunch Lesson 01:** Who is God? What are our Four Sources of Knowledge about God and God's Creation? (Methodism: Quadrilateral)
- Sunday, February 25th
 - **Lenten Lunch Lesson 02** - Who is Jesus? What is Sin and Grace? What is Worship? What is Prayer? (Methodism: Types of Grace)
- Sunday, March 3rd
 - **Lenten Lunch Lesson 03** - Who is the Holy Spirit? What does it mean to be Holy? How do we work with the Spirit seeking justice and equity? (Guest Teacher - Jeremy away) (Methodism: Types of Holiness)
- Sunday, March 10th
 - **Lenten Lunch Lesson 04** - What is the Church? Who was John Wesley? What are the 10 Marks of United Methodism?
- Sunday, March 17th
 - **Lenten Lunch Lesson 05** - Student Choice Questions, How do we read the Bible, applying Lenses to LGBTQ+ Scriptures?
- Sunday, March 24th - Palm Sunday
 - **Lunch Art Walk + Labyrinth** - Application of Theological Lenses. Includes discernment 1:1s with Pastor Jeremy. *Will need parent help for lunch.*
- Sunday, March 31st - Easter Sunday
 - **Confirmation Sunday at 10:30am**