

# Confirmation 2021

Confirmation is a continuation of your faith journey; and it is the beginning of a lifetime of commitment to the church. It is a special time set aside to learn about who God is, what United Methodist Christians believe, our specific worship elements/sacraments and what it means to be not only a member of a church, but also a disciple of Jesus Christ in our world.

We call it "Confirmation" because we're *confirming* our baptisms. Confirmands will "remember their baptism" (or, if you have not yet been baptized, you can be baptized on that day as well) and learn about the baptismal vows you will take or that were already taken as a young child. Confirmation is a way to claim and affirm the work done by the Holy Spirit in and since your baptism.

**WHO can be confirmed?** Typically, it is for students in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, however, ANYONE who has not been through confirmation from 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older is welcome to join this year's group!

Because this is such an amazing journey, I am asking you (and your parents) to prayerfully consider if you would like to be confirmed this year. It is not to be considered lightly because there are requirements that will need to be met. :) To be ready for this special day, (during a church service, **March 21<sup>st</sup>**) you will need to commit to the following things:

- 1) **Attend 3 classes on Sundays from 4:15 – 5:15pm** (before regular youth time at 5:30pm) Pastor Tom and I will be meeting with you each week!
- **Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>** - "Who is God?" and "What do United Methodist Christians believe?"
- **Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** - "What are our specific worship elements and sacraments?"
- **Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** - "What does it mean to be a disciple of Christ and a member of this church?" (This will be from 4 – 5:30 PM and will include a rehearsal of the following week's confirmation ceremony.)

- 2) **Attend our "Reimagined" Day right here on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> in the Thorpe Building!** Since the Confirmation Retreat is not happening this year at Epworth, the South Georgia Conference is including some Zoom sessions and pre-recorded sessions instead. We will meet, eat, and retreat all in one day!



More info TBD, but tentatively plan on 10am – 7pm (including both lunch and dinner together).

- 3) **Participate in Confirmation Sunday on Sunday morning, March 21<sup>st</sup> at the 11:00am service.** There will also be a cookout lunch for you and your family immediately following.

*The South Georgia Conference is hosting the "Reimagined" Annual Confirmation Retreat and we need to know by Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> if your child will be participating (so we can get all the resources and t-shirts for students!) Please let me know if your child would like to attend.*

*The cost for the entire confirmation classes/Reimagined Day will be \$25 per student.*

**Please complete and return by 1/31/21 or you can just email me! [heather@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:heather@stsimonsumc.com)**

Name of youth: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

Are you able to attend all classes and our "Reimagined" Day on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> ? \_\_\_\_\_

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