

What is Confirmation?

The First Presbyterian Confirmation class is a wonderful opportunity to have fun and learn how to live out our faith. It typically takes place during the 8th grade year here at FPC. Families sign up to be part of Confirmation and push to make it a priority, as it is a unique opportunity to ask hard faith questions and work through them with their friends. The church supports it so much so that all involved sign a covenant as we journey together. Do you know that we get six signatures on each covenant? And that those six are actually representative of the entire congregation because the congregation lives into our baptismal vows? We are all in this together!

About Confirmation

During our time together, Confirmands make informed and personal decisions toward confirming the promises of their baptism, professing their faith, and claiming their Christian identity. This process helps Confirmands not only understand the basic principles, beliefs, and doctrines of the reformed tradition, but also helps them work through the question: “Where do I fit into all of this?”

Through their fellowship and studies, our hope is that Confirmands and their families build, strengthen and nurture their relationship with God as well as relationships within their family, their peers and church family, and the Charlotte community. First Presbyterian Church views this to be such a wonderfully engaging opportunity that the Session has outlined some requirements to help Confirmands and their families walk through this process as part of the church community. The requirements approved and supported by the Session for a Confirmand to be confirmed with the class are as follows:

- a.** Complete two hours of service work with their Confirmation Sponsor
- b.** Learn and be able to recite The Lord’s Prayer, Apostles’ Creed, Psalm 23, and tell a parable of their choice in their own words and connect it to their life
- c.** Attend eight of the ten Confirmation classes, two retreats, and a charity walk.

We look forward to partnering with families on this Confirmation journey every year to offer an experience of questioning, believing, and claiming their Christian identity ... not to mention - have fun!

As part of this congregation, we’d like to ask you to be supportive by praying for the Confirmands and their families as well as all the teachers and sponsors. These Confirmands are important to the vitality of the church now and in the years to come.