



Confirmation 2023

What is Confirmation?

Simply put, confirmation is a chance for students to learn what it means to be a part of God's story and an opportunity to respond to the grace God has offered by making a promise to live as a person of faith. Confirmation is the moment when students make their own commitment to Christ and Christ's church. Upon being confirmed, your students officially become members of The Kingstowne Communion.

Students will discover what it takes to follow Christ and to model Jesus' love and mercy in the world by participating in interactive class sessions, exciting field trips, worship attendance and participation. Students will be required to attend approximately 2 classes or events a month between January and June. Each confirmand will ask/be assigned an adult mentor in the congregation who will walk with them and support them over these 5 months.

Confirmation Schedule & Syllabus

Sunday, January 22		Registration and Payment Due
Sunday, January 29	10am-noon	Confirmation Blessing & Orientation
Sunday, January 29	6-8 pm	Who is God? – Creation & Trinity
Sunday February 12	6-8 pm	Sin & Evil - Human Condition & the Fall
Wednesday, February 22	All Day	Ash Wednesday – Required Worship
Sunday, February 26	6-8 pm	Grace & Redemption - Jesus & Salvation
Saturday, March 11	10am-noon	On the Move - Bible @ Museum of the Bible

Sunday, March 26	6-8 pm	Holy Week Story
Sunday, April 16	6-8 pm	Worship, Baptism & Communion
Friday, April 21	6-8 pm	On the Move - Shabbat @ Beth El Hebrew
Sunday, April 30	11am-1pm	On the Move - Heaven & Earth @ Rising Hope
Saturday, May 13	TBD	On the Move - @ Islamic Center of Greater Washington
Sunday, May 21	6-8 pm	Holy Spirit & Church
Sunday June 4	10-11:15 am	Confirmation Sunday

Age Requirement

Confirmands should be in at least 5th grade or 11 years old.

Sunday Attendance Requirements

- Attend church on *January 29th* and *June 4th*.
- Attend at least 6 Sundays in addition to the two required Sundays.
- 3 Sundays participating in worship (reading scripture, serving communion, etc)
- 3 Sundays arriving at 8:30am to set-up and stay for worship
- Complete at least 6 worship notes

Class Attendance Requirement

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Exit Reflection

This is a conversation with Sam and Michelle or a written reflection discussing, "Who is God to You, What Does It Means to Me to Follow Jesus and Why is the Church Important?" to be completed by June 4.

Fee

\$75 per child for the purchase of materials, experience fees, etc. Due by 1/22.
Scholarships are available.

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Class Work

Active Participation in Classes

Dinner

Families and Mentors will be asked to provide a dinner for the group on a rotating basis.

Family Participation

Confirmation requires a family commitment that goes beyond just making sure that your child arrives on time each week. Confirmation asks confirmands to engage with their family, school and church community in a way that allows them to explore not only what they believe, but how their beliefs intersect with the world around them. Each confirmand will have a mentor, someone from our church community that has decided to pour into that child in a very real and incredible way, but their presence on this journey is no substitute for a family that is fully invested in creating a firm foundation of faith on which our confirmands can grow.

Like our worship services, our Confirmation curriculum is designed to inspire courageous conversation as we create not just another generation of church-goers, but church leaders. Your participation ensures that your child gets the most that they can from this experience!