



November 10, 2017

Dear 9th Graders and Parents,

With Thanksgiving in just a few weeks, and Christmas a few weeks later, Confirmation at Village Presbyterian Church may seem far off but will be here before we know it! I am always excited for Confirmation; the process of Confirmation was in many ways the entry point I had into church and faith and is a great time for students to be in fellowship and community while exploring what faith means to them. **This year the class will meet on Sunday mornings, from 11:00am-12:30pm, starting January 21st.**

Confirmation, in short, is a class where students have a place to both learn and ask questions about faith. We are expecting a large class this year and as a result the bulk of the class is built around activities and small group discussions with leaders rather than lectures and mentors. In May, at the end of our time together, the youth will have the option to become members of the church. I want to stress to you as both parents and students that this is an *option*. Joining the church is not automatic at the end of the course but is a decision each student chooses to make. There is no pressure in this decision, just encouragement to make the decision that is right for the individual. Regardless of the decision, all students are recognized for having taken the time and effort in the class when we celebrate Confirmation Sunday in May.

There is a formal information meeting about Confirmation on Sunday, December 3, 2017 in the Youth Loft at 10:45am (following Sunday school). This meeting is not mandatory (students/parents do not need to attend the info meeting in order to sign up for the class); it is intended for any parents and students interested in the class who might have questions and want to hear more about how the class will operate.

Parents, we are also in need of volunteers who are willing to help lead small groups. Every year we need about 15 adults to help lead small group discussions with students each Sunday; the class simply would not be possible without caring adults who contribute and help lead our time together. Adults are not responsible for creating class material but help lead discussions facilitated and provided by the Youth Ministry Team. There is a training session for adult small group leaders on January 7, 2018 during the 9:30am service in the Youth Loft (Room 333).

I highly encourage you as parents and youth to both pray and talk to each other about the class. The schedule and requirements are enclosed with this letter. If you would like to know more about Confirmation, or if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Zach, Jenna, or Abigail by phone or email (see below), or drop by the church!



Finally, the registration form is also enclosed with this letter. **If you are interested in the class please complete this registration form and return it to Village Church by December 20, 2017.** We look forward to a great class this year and hope you will join us in the journey!

Blessings to you in this season!
In Christ,

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Confirmation 2018 Registration

Village Presbyterian Church

Student Full Name (as you would like it to appear on the final certificate):

Grade _____ Age _____ Birthday _____

Has the student been Baptized? Yes No

School _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Student Cell _____ Student E-mail _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Cell _____ Parent E-mail _____

Students, list 2 or 3 friends you would like in your small group (we will do the best we can!):

_____ I am interested in being an Adult Small Group Leader for the class

Your Name(s): _____

Note: All Adult Volunteers will be paired with a partner, feel free to suggest who you would like to be partnered with below! We will meet during the 9:30am service on January 7 to talk through questions - but feel free to email any time!

Registration Is Due December 20, 2017

Questions?

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Confirmation 2018 Schedule

Village Presbyterian Church

Classes Meet 11:00-12:30pm in The Youth Loft (Room 333)

- Jan. 7 Training for Adult Small Group Leaders (during 9:30am service)
14 NO CLASS (MLK Weekend & Youth Ski Trip)
21 Confirmation 101 & What is Church?
28 What is the Bible?
- Feb. 4 What is Worship?
11 What (and Why) is Mission?
18 NO CLASS (President's Weekend)
25 The Sacraments
+ PICTURES DUE!! (emailed to zach.walker@villagepres.org)
- Mar. 4 Apostles' Creed & Statement of Faith Prep
11 NO CLASS (Spring Break)
18 NO CLASS (Spring Break)
25 Jesus & The Resurrection
- Apr. 1 NO CLASS (Easter)
8 The Trinity
+ STATEMENT OF FAITH DUE (emailed to zach.walker@villagepres.org)
15 The PC(USA)
22 Interfaith Dialogue
29 How/Why to Be Active in the Church
- May 6 Planning a Worship Service
7 Confirmation Dinner (6-8pm)
13 NO CLASS (Mothers' Day)
20 Confirmation Sunday (during the 9:30am & 11am worship services)