

What is Confirmation?

The following is the description of confirmation in the Presbyterian Church (USA) *Book of Order*, the “constitution” of our denomination.

W-4.0203 Confirming and Commissioning¹

When those who have been baptized as children are ready to make a public profession of faith and accept the responsibility of life in the church (sometimes called “confirmation”), the session shall provide an opportunity for them to do so. They are to be instructed in the faith, examined by the session, received as active members, and presented to the congregation in public worship. At this time, they

- reaffirm the vows of Baptism by renouncing evil and affirming their reliance on God’s grace,
- professing their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior,
- and declaring their intent to participate actively and responsibly in the worship, life, governance, and mission of the church.

On such occasions, it is fitting for all worshipers to reaffirm the baptismal covenant.

¹ Presbyterian Church (USA), *Book of Order 2017/19*.