

CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS

Fall 2017 – Spring 2018 | Old Testament

CONFIRMATION GOALS

LEARN TO USE THE BIBLE

- Understand the Story of the Bible
- Learn to use and enjoy the Bible
- Be able to share the message of the Bible

BECOME A DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST

- Form disciplines which will help you grow in relationship with Jesus
- Prepare for life after Confirmation

ASSIGNMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS

Due dates are printed directly on homework pages and on the Confirmation schedule.

TIME AND LOCATION

Confirmation will take place on Sunday morning from **9:00 am** until 10:10 am.

There will always be a lot to cover, so we will begin on time each week. Please do your best to make it at the start time (with your Bible and notebook). Materials for each class will be provided by Pastor Evan.

BIBLE READING AND PRAYER

Each student will be responsible for keeping up with the Bible reading in their journal. One of the goals of Confirmation is to develop disciplines which will draw each student closer to Jesus. To accomplish this, students are asked to schedule a time each day to read the Bible and pray. The journal is a helpful tool in this exercise.

WORSHIP AND SERMON NOTES

Attendance in worship is not mandatory, but expected. Over the course of the year, each student will need to take sermon notes on ten different Sundays. The blank note pages will be available in the Narthex. Completed notes may be returned in the box above the drinking fountain near the church office.

It is acceptable to listen and take notes on a sermon that is online, or from another church. However, this should be limited to rare circumstances (e.g. vacation, sickness, etc.).

In addition to sermon notes, on two specific Sundays students will be asked to complete worship assessment. Their answers will be discussed in class the following week.

CONFIRMATION MENTOR

Your Confirmation mentor is very important. At the beginning of the year each student will think of one adult (or couple) within the First Covenant church family that they would like as their Confirmation mentor. Students are responsible for meeting with their friends at least six times throughout the year.

The mentorship is designed to be open-ended. The point is for prayer and support and to gain a connection with the adult worshipping community at First Covenant. Confirmation comes to an end but these connections can last for a very long time.

BUILDING BLOCK QUESTIONS

While students will only memorize five Building Blocks, they will interact with two more. These short assignments are designed with questions to think beyond the words to implications for life. Parental engagement is encouraged as further questions may arise; these can be great discussions for Confirmation mentors as well.

MEMORIZATION

We live in a world that is constantly preaching at us. Some of these messages stick with us, even if they conflict with our beliefs. Confirmation is designed to provide some very useful Scripture and foundational beliefs that students must memorize. Students will memorize five Building Blocks made up of a catechism and a Scripture passage. It takes some effort to memorize Scripture, but the payoff can last a lifetime. A little effort can go a long way – and of all the messages that could stick with you, Scripture should be high on the list.

FRIENDS

Students are free to bring friends to Confirmation class. The requirements are designed for those who would like to be confirmed at First Covenant, but each class will include a lesson and application time which will be easy for anyone to join.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

In their second year, Students will be asked to complete a short essay on areas of growth and learning over the course of Confirmation. Every student will have the opportunity to participate in worship on Confirmation Sunday.

A note on church membership: Completion of Confirmation is an important rite of passage; however the program is not designed for church membership. According to our church bylaws, completing Confirmation does not make someone a member of First Covenant Church. Students are encouraged to join the church when ready, by taking the membership course which is offered throughout the year.