

How do I know if I'm ready?

We encourage youth and families to pray through this decision. Just because youth are in eighth grade does not obligate youth to join the church. The Spirit works in various ways and at various times. High school youth are also invited to consider joining the church and participating in this program! Either way, you know you are ready if you have a desire to learn more about the Christian faith, have all sorts of honest questions you are eager to ask and explore, and are willing to discover over and over again what it means to actually do the things Jesus said and did while on earth. We are happy to have conversations with youth as you consider whether or not you are ready to begin. ☺

"We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus for the good works which God has already designated to make up our way of life."
Ephesians 2:10, New Jerusalem Bible

"Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ's mission. A faithful member bears witness to God's love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ's church."

PCUSA Book of Order, G-1.0304

To register on the church website:

www.westminsterpc.org.

Registration closes

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**CREDO Confirmation:
Discipleship & Church Membership**



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CREDO Confirmation: Making and Sending Young Disciples of Jesus



What Is CREDO?

CREDO is a discipleship program available to all youth entering grades eight through twelve. CREDO seeks to engage youth as they discover what it means to follow and profess faith in Jesus Christ as well as become a member of God's church. The format is based on small group mentoring, web based curriculum, connection with families, worship, and missional engagement. It is our hope and prayer that youth who participate in this nine month program will develop a better understanding of their faith in Jesus and the beauty found in being connected to a local church. Youth who complete the CREDO class will be commissioned as members of Westminster Presbyterian Church

What Is the Format?

CREDO has five key emphases:

- **Christian Community and Small Groups:** Each youth joins a small group led by both an adult and high school youth mentor. These groups meet approximately 2x per month and discuss the Bible, faith, life, and what it means to be a disciple. CREDO youth will also choose an area of youth or larger church ministry in which they would like to regularly participate.
- **Web-Based Curriculum and Bible Studies:** All CREDO content is available on the youth website and is divided into two parts, Knowing Christ through Spiritual formation *and* making Christ known through missional living.
- **Missional Engagement:** Being a Christian and belonging to a church community goes beyond knowing the "right stuff". There will be several opportunities for youth to engage in hands on missional service throughout the year.
- **Connection with Families:** We encourage conversations to move beyond small groups and into the home. Small group mentors and the youth director are available throughout the year for support.
- **Participation in Worship:** All of the Christian life and witness hinges on worship. CREDO youth will participate in worship and consider the sacred and sending nature of worship liturgy and sacraments.

What Is Required?

Confirmation is more than a finish line; it is a commitment and commencement as a disciple of Jesus. Here are the requirements and tentative calendar of events for CREDO during 2018/19:

- Register on-line by August 13.
- Participate in all program gatherings and events, listed on the Parent Info brochure.
- Attend two communion Sunday worship services as a family. Communion is served the first Sunday of each month.
- Participate twice as a small group in service opportunities at Westminster. To be organized by small group leaders.

The culmination of CREDO is the opportunity to reflect on and share individual statements of faith with the teaching and ruling elders of WPC. It is an exciting day as we celebrate all God is up to in the lives of youth, especially as we send them as new members of this faith community!

"When we are baptized, we (like the first disciples) jump on a moving train. As disciples, we do not so much accept a creed, or come to a clear sense of self-understanding by which we know this or that with utter certitude. We become part of a journey that began long before we got here and shall continue long after we are gone."

Stanley Hauerwas & William H. Willimon,
Resident Aliens

