WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CONFIRMATION CLASS CALENDAR

Welcome to Confirmation! Our Confirmation Calendar is categorized into three types of gatherings: community gatherings, special events, and mentor check-ins. You'll find descriptions of these to the right and the official calendar on the back.



Community Gathering

These gatherings are for confirmands (and occassionally mentors) to gather for the sake of community building, sharing experiences of the class, and diving deeper into class topics. These include planned meals and monthly gatherings on the 2nd Sunday of the month during the 11am worship service.

Special Event

Special events include one time experiences for confirmands to engage in their learning and faith formation alongside their mentors and peers. These include our kickoff retreat, Confirmation Sunday, and Pay It Forward project presentations.

Monthly Check-ins

Confirmands and adult mentors will meet with one another 2x a month to more deeply explore the faith concepts and practices they are engaging with in the curriculum. Confirmands and mentors will be responsible for planning their check-ins as best fits their schedules.

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September

17 - Opening Lunch

30 - Confirmation Retreat

October

- 1 Confirmation Sunday
- Oct. Check-ins (2x)

November

12 - Community Gathering

Nov. Check-ins (2x)

December

10 - Community Gathering Dec. Check-ins (2x)

January

14 - Community Gathering Jan. Check-ins (2x)

February

11 - Community Gathering Feb. Check-in (2x)

March

10 - Community Gathering March Check-in (2x)

April

14 - Community Gathering 28 - Pay It Forward project presentations April Check-ins (2x)

May

4 - Gratitude Dinner

<u>Opening Lunch</u>

Mentors and confirmands will gather together for a lunch at Westminster. Through a meal and some ice breaker activities they will get to know each other before the class kicks off.

Confirmation Retreat

We kickoff the class with a Saturday retreat where confirmands and mentors engage in worship, play, creativity and reflection to prepare for their year together. Throughout the day they will learn more about the meaning of confirmation and what kinds of conversations and practices they will be engaging with together.

Confirmation Sunday

Confirmands are confirmed in the 9:30 worship service on the Sunday after the retreat day. As part of the morning liturgy, they are confirmed for the journey they are about to take with their confirmation mentor.

Pay It Forward Project Presentation

The culmination of the class for each confirmand will be the Pay It Forward Project. Confirmands will write a grant proposal to receive \$150 from WPC for supporting an organization, ministry, or cause of their choosing which exemplifies the values of Christian faith they explored and practiced in the class. On April 28 confirmands will help lead the Sunday morning worship services to highlight their projects to the congregation.

**more detailed instructions on this project will be given in January

<u>Gratitude Dinner</u>

Confirmands and mentors gather over a final meal to celebrate the year, share stories of what they did and learned, and engage in a gratitude practice together around the table.