



confirmation

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“I am the vine; you are the branches.
If you remain in me and I in you,
you will bear much fruit;
apart from me you can do nothing.”

John 15:5

Hello Confirmation Class of 2021!

Welcome from Pastor Chris

I am so excited for you. This is going to be a great semester in which you get to learn more about God, meet new people, make awesome friends, and commit yourself to being a disciple of Jesus Christ. If you don't know what it means to be a disciple of Christ, don't worry! That's the point of this class! I hope that at the end of this journey you will have a deeper understanding of your faith, you will have made some good friends, and that you will have had the time of your life.

I want to encourage you to invite your friends to be a part of confirmation. This is an exciting time in your life, why not share it with others? If you have friends that are not going to church, then invite them to come along with you! Friends are always welcome to participate in our activities.

Finally, if you need anything this year, please contact me, Deidre, or Peyton. We are here for you, and we will do what we can to make this year the best that it can be. We are praying for you and we cannot wait to see where the Lord leads you!

In Christ,



Rev. Chris Rickwartz
Associate Pastor, Director of Youth Ministries

Welcome from Deidre

We are so excited for this semester of confirmation that is ahead of us! This is a special time in the life of your youth. Confirmation is a rite of passage for students to own their faith in Jesus Christ for themselves and to proclaim this faith to their church family. Students will be confronted with the Gospel, challenged in who THEY say Jesus is, and learn about Christ's intention for the Body of Christ. The emphasis of these classes is what students choose to do AFTER Confirmation Day is over... just as Jesus called the disciples and they followed (still having questions, failing miserably at times, but following nonetheless), we are called to follow Jesus on this life-long journey... even if we still have questions, and even if we fail. These students will be confronted with who THEY say Jesus is and if they want to follow Him and claim the name Christian and walk with the Christian community.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. We are looking forward to getting to know your families better through this process!

Blessings,



Deidre Imthurn
Director of Confirmation, Associate Director of Youth Ministries

Get to Know Your Youth Ministries Staff

Chris, Deidre, and Peyton are here to assist you in any way. Deidre will be responsible for the bulk of the weekly programming of Confirmation, and will be providing support to our volunteers who make this class happen (teachers, project leaders, etc.). You will receive communication from all three of us during this year.

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Welcome to Confirmation!

Whether you realize it or not, something big is happening in your life! You're starting a new and exciting journey of faith called ***Confirmation***. If you have no idea what that means, don't worry – pretty soon, you'll be an expert! You're going to learn all about the Christian faith, how the Church came to be, what it means to follow Christ, and more! We are *excited* for you because we know you're going to have a lot of fun and grow in your faith. You will be surrounded by friends and great adults and every week, you'll play games, hang out, grow in your faith... the list goes on! Most of all, you'll learn what it means to be a child of God and a member of God's Church. At the end of Confirmation, we hope you'll want to say "Yes!" to Christ and grow in a relationship with him.

As you go through these weeks, know that lots of people are thinking about you and praying for you! Your Confirmation teachers, church leaders, parents, "Faith Partners," pastors, and friends are behind you 100%. The entire congregation of First United Methodist Church McKinney is behind you 100%. Finally, God is behind you 100%. God wants to be in a relationship with you and lead you to a full and whole life, and God will be with you every step of your Confirmation journey.

We challenge you to take these next few months seriously because making the decision to follow Christ is a big one. Do your "homework," build relationships, listen to your teachers... most of all, enjoy God's presence and guidance throughout Confirmation. This is ***your*** Confirmation, so make the very best of it!

Your Name: _____

2021 Confirmation Schedule

Sunday, January 24 @ 4-6pm	Confirmation Orientation (followed by Comedy Show)
Sunday, January 31 @ 4:30-5:30pm	Welcome & Information
Sunday, February 7 @ 3:30-4:30pm	LESSON 1 - Super Bowl Sunday (early meeting time)
Sunday, February 14 @ 4:30-5:30pm	Valentine Event - MISD Holiday (2/15)
Sunday, February 21 @ 4:30-5:30pm	LESSON 2
Sunday, February 28 @ 4:30-5:30pm	LESSON 3
Sunday, March 7	NO CLASS – Spring Break
March 6-11	Spring Break Mission Week
Sunday, March 14 @ 4:30-5:30pm	LESSON 4
Sunday, March 21 @ 4:30-5:30pm	LESSON 5
Sunday, March 28 @ 4:30-5:30pm	LESSON 6
Sunday, April 4	NO CLASS – Easter!
Sunday, April 11 @ 4:30-5:30pm	LESSON 7
Sunday, April 18 @ 4:30-5:30pm	LESSON 8
Sunday, April 25 @ 4:30-5:30pm	LESSON 9
Sunday, May 2, 12:30 – 5:30 pm	Confirmation Spring Retreat/Confirmation Rehearsal
Friday/Saturday, May 7/8	<u>YOUR BIG DAY – Confirmation Service!</u>

