

First (Scots) Confirmation Class 2026-2027

Class Sessions

The Confirmation Class will meet most Sundays from 10-11am from September 20 through May 2 and use the *Big God, Big Questions* curriculum by the Presbyterian Church (USA). Most classes will be held in the confirmation classroom on the second floor of the Kirk House (62 King Street). On the days when mentors attend, the class will meet in room 227/228 in the Massie Building. Class topics include:

- What is Confirmation? (September 20 and 27) with mentors
- How Do We Know and Trust God? (October 4 and 11)
- What is Sin and How Do We Turn from It? (October 18 and 25)
- Who is Your Lord? (November 1 and 8) with mentors
- Who is Your Savior? (November 29 and December 6)
- What Does It Mean to Be a Disciple of Jesus? (December 13 and 20)
- What Does It Mean to Show Christ's Love? (January 10 and 24)
- Will You Devote Yourself to the Church's Teaching? (January 31 and February 7) with mentors
- Will You Devote Yourself to the Church's Fellowship? (February 21 and 28)
- Will You Devote Yourself to the Breaking of Bread? (March 7 and 14)
- Will You Devote Yourself to the Prayers? (March 21 and April 11)
- Are You Ready to Cross Over? (April 18 and 25) with mentors
- Confirmation Celebration (May 2)

Confirmation Class will not meet on the following dates. Class members are welcome to attend the middle school Sunday school class (Kirk House second floor) on:

- November 15 (Bethelwoods Middle School Youth Retreat Weekend)
- November 22 (Thanksgiving Break)
- December 27 (Christmas Break)
- January 3 (Christmas Break)
- January 17 (Youth Winter Retreat Weekend)
- February 14 (Presidents' Day Weekend)
- March 28 (Spring Break)
- April 4 (Spring Break)

Service Projects (along with our middle school youth group; choose three or more to participate in)

- Sunday, October 25 – Fall Festival (3:30-5:30pm)
- Sunday, November 8 – Pet Helpers (12:15-3:15pm)
- Sunday, December 13 – Hot Dog Ministry (4:30-6pm; meet at Second Presbyterian Church)
- Sunday, February 28 – Care Packages for Those Experiencing Homelessness (5-7pm)
- Sunday, March 14 – Bingo & Ice Cream Social (5-7pm)
- Sunday, April 11 – Lunch for Oldest Members of the Church (12:15-2pm)

Retreats

Fall Day Retreat, Saturday, October 3, James Island County Park, 8:45am-1:30pm

Spring Retreat, April 16-18, Folly Beach, 6pm Friday-12:15pm Sunday (ends at church)

Confirmation Bookmarks

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry lovingly prepares tartan bookmarks for the Confirmation Class to decorate. The class will prepare their bookmarks during the Spring Retreat.

Confirmation Bible Presentation

On April 18 during the Sunday 11:15am worship service, class members will be presented a Bible to celebrate their participation in the Confirmation class. Each youth should invite a person who has been an important part of his or her faith journey (family member, Sunday school teacher, youth advisor, confirmation guide, elder, etc.) to present their Bible.

Session Meeting

The Confirmation Class will meet with the church session on Monday, April 26 from 6-7pm.

Confirmation Worship Service

The Confirmation Class will be welcomed as adult members of First (Scots) on Sunday, May 2 during the 11:15am worship service.

Attendance Expectations

Confirmants are expected to participate in three of the service projects, attend the fall and spring retreats, and limit Sunday morning class absences to six or less for the year. Youth with unusual circumstances and schedules are asked to contact James as soon as possible to discuss possible options.

Permission Forms

- tinyurl.com/FSYouthPermission
- Charleston County Park Permission Form (link to be provided)

Confirmation Leaders

James Rogers, Associate Pastor for Youth (jrogers@first-scots.org or 843-722-8882)

John McNeill, elder (john.mcneill62@gmail.com)

Emily Topham, deacon (ebtopham@gmail.com)

Confirmation Mentors

Each youth needs to ask an adult to serve as his or her personal Confirmation Mentor this year. Confirmation Mentors should:

- be a member of First (Scots) Presbyterian Church.
- be accessible once every two weeks by phone or in person.
- plan to attend eight of the 10am Sunday morning classes
 - September 20
 - September 27
 - November 1
 - November 8
 - January 31
 - February 7
 - April 18
 - April 25
- ordinarily not be the parent of the mentee.
- be willing to offer love and grace.
- pass a background check and agree to follow our church's Adult and Minor Protection Policy.