



Dear Parents,

You have a son or daughter that is currently in or passed 8th grade. At Holy Trinity, this affords them the opportunity to publicly affirm and confirm their faith this Spring in a worship service. Confirmation is about three C's: Confession, Commitment, and Commissioning. They confess the apostolic faith, they commit to following in the way of Jesus, and they are commissioned for the work of ministry and kingdom living. This has the strong potential to be a deeply profound and personal milestone!

Since this is about a personal confession, commitment, and commissioning, Matt Desmarais and I desire that your son or daughter truly want this for themselves. I've talked with many parents who have been told that confirmation is a mandatory spiritual rite of passage. I tell everyone who asks that confirmation is not required in our journey with God; rather it functions as a milestone/touchstone-- something that a person can look back upon and say: "Yes! I made this commitment. I want to follow Jesus! This faith is my own and I want others to know it." We have functioned on an every other year rotation so if your child would rather wait, there will be another chance for them!

The 2023 Spring confirmation class, in preparation for this public moment, will take place in between the worship services (10:15am-10:55am). This class capstones with a mandatory overnight retreat at Chestnut Ridge Camp and Retreat Center (55 mins away) where your son or daughter will share some of their spiritual journey with the whole group as well as their commitment to the good news of Jesus. Since this class is optional and it's only 6 classes, we ask that students only miss one class, that they attend the retreat, and attend the confirmation service. The dates for the classes are February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19 and the retreat will take place on Friday, March 24 to Saturday, March 25 until the early afternoon. The confirmation service will take place during Sunday morning worship on May 7 with Bishop Steve Wood.

Please save those dates if you know your son or daughter is interested! We'll get sign-ups towards the end of this year.

In the Family,

Caleb