

Confirmation 2017-2018

Two years ago, Arborlawn decided to switch confirmation from 6th grade to 8th with the intention of allowing students to be able to better engage with the information discussed. This will be our first class of 8th confirmands. We are excited to begin this new confirmation program as students grow in their faith - engaging with scripture, the church, and Methodist traditions.

We will require each student to attend the following:

Confirmation Class

Once a month, during the Sunday School hour we will have a class to present a confirmation topic. Topics will include the following:

- Scripture – **September 10th**
- Trinity (God) – **October 8th**
- Trinity (Son) – **November 12th**
- Trinity (Holy Spirit) – **December 10th**
- Church – **January 21st**
- John Wesley – **February 18th**
- Quadrilateral – **March 18th**
- Baptism/Communion – **April 22nd**

Every other Sunday we will be building on the topics and talking about tough questions within our faith. We believe it is important for our students to be able to state what they believe and why.

**Dates are subject to change. We will let you know if they do.*

Church Service

Once a month, we ask for each student to attend an Arborlawn service (8:45, 11:00, 11:11). We want students to experience worship within the church as a whole. Reflect upon the liturgy that is read, the songs sung, the scripture presented, and the sermons spoken.

Youth Service

Once a month, we ask for each student to attend The Walk, our youth service Sunday nights at 6pm. We hope students will find this worship experience engaging and hopefully relate to them on a personal level.

As well as:

Turn in Reflections

We ask for our students to reflect upon the Confirmation lesson and the church services they attend. The purpose is not to grade their grammar or criticize their content, but for the students to critically think about the new things they are learning and if they recognize how these things work within our church.

Each essay should answer the following –

What was the topic discussed in confirmation class?

How do you see this topic carried out in the Arborlawn church?

How does this relate to your life?

Reflection will be due at the following confirmation class.

Confirmation Sunday

Towards the end of the spring semester we will have a Sunday morning service where we recognize the confirmands. "Confirmation includes three aspects," *This Is Your Baptismal Liturgy* summarizes. "a) God confirms the divine promise to those who were too young to grasp what God was doing in their baptism, b) they respond by professing their own acceptance of the grace they have received and their own faith in Christ, c) the Church, as represented by this congregation, confirms the commitments they make."