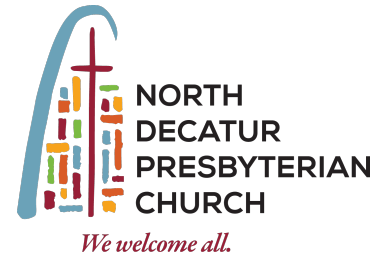


North Decatur Presbyterian Church 2018-2019 Confirmation Schedule



Sunday, September 30th - Session 1: What is Confirmation?

Confirmands, Mentors, Parents

Bible: Joshua 24:1-3, 13-15, 22-25

The biblical concept of covenant loyalty is introduced in relation to the practice of Confirmation. Because God has been loyal/faithful to us, we are called to be loyal/faithful to God. Confirmation calls us to make specific promises to God, ourselves, and the church.

Sunday, October 7th - Session 2: How Do We Know and Trust God?

Confirmands, 2 Long-term Church Members, Mentors

Bible: Psalm 105:1-45; Hebrews 11:1-38

When God calls us to covenant loyalty, God calls us to trust. When we understand how God has acted in the past and promises to act today and tomorrow, we can trust in God's promises even in the face of uncertainty.

Sunday, October 21st - Session 3: What is Sin and How Do We Turn from It?

Confirmands, Mission Chairs

Bible: Genesis 3:1-24; Genesis 4:1-16; Exodus 32:1-10, 34:1-10; 2 Samuel 11:1-27; Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 22:34-40

If we have organized our lives around anything other than God, then our hearts are sinful. We do things that break God's heart, hurt other people, and damage God's creation. We even hurt ourselves. We are called to work in the world against sin and evil to transform society in gratitude for God's grace and mercy.

Sunday, November 11th - Session 4: Who is Your Lord?

Confirmands, Mentors

Bible: Philippians 2:1-13; Exodus 3:13-15; 1 Kings 18:20-39

To claim Jesus Christ as Lord is one way we express trust in the gracious mercy of God. God sent Jesus to human beings to show us how to live in loyalty to Jesus (Jesus is Lord). As Presbyterians we affirm the Lordship of Jesus Christ so that nothing else in the world can claim lordship in our lives.

Sunday, December 9th - Session 5: Who is Your Savior?

Confirmands, Members' Testimonies

Bible: Ephesians 2:1-10; Exodus 3:1-17; Luke 19:1-10; 2 Kings 5:1-15; Mark 2:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35; Luke 15:11-32

Humans are utterly dependent on the triune God for their salvation. Jesus Christ crucified is the only Savior and Lord, and all people everywhere are called to place their faith, hope, and love in him. To claim Jesus Christ as Savior is one way we express trust in the gracious mercy of God.

Sunday, January 13th - Session 6: What Does It Mean to Be a Disciple of Jesus?

Confirmands, Woodworkers (Rick Neale, Bob Leslie), Mentors not on retreat

Bible: Mark 8:27-38; Mark 12:41-44; Matthew 20:22-28; Acts 7:51-60

Jesus Christ is not asking to be a part of your life. He is asking to be your life. Even today the church and the believer are called to answer the question, "How do we faithfully obey Christ's word?"

Sunday, January 27th - Session 7: What Does It Mean to Show Christ's Love?

Confirmands, Missionaries / Volunteers /

Bible: John 21:15-19

Jesus Christ taught his followers that to serve the least in the world was to serve him. We continue to make significant connections between affirming Jesus' love for us and our call to show Jesus' love to our neighbors, near and far.

Friday – Sunday, Feb. 1st – 3rd - Confirmation Retreat at Calvin Center

Confirmands, 4 Chaperones / (Some) Mentors

Sunday, Feb. 10th – Session 8: Will You Devote Yourself to the Church's Teaching?

Confirmands

Bible: 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Hebrews 12:1-2

We devote ourselves to the study of the Scriptures and the teachings of the church (doctrine) as part of the church's ongoing commitment to "faith seeking understanding." In so doing, we come to understand more fully the nature of the faith we profess in baptism and at Confirmation. Study of the Apostles' Creed is a further step toward professing the faith.

Sunday, March 3rd – Session 9: Will You Devote Yourself to the Church's Fellowship?

Confirmands, Congregational Care / VMT

Bible: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; John 13:1-17

As Presbyterians, we know that every person has a place and purpose in the body of Christ. Our different gifts find purpose when we work together in service.

Sunday, March 17th - Session 10: Will you Devote Yourself to the Breaking of Bread?

Confirmands, Engagement, Mentors

Bible: Exodus 12:1-20, 29-36; Luke 22:14-23; Luke 24:13-35; Acts 10:1-48

Jesus shared many meals with his followers, breaking bread to feed the hungry, to welcome the outcast, and to assure the disciples of his abiding presence among them. Table fellowship was at the center of the church's first crisis—how could Jewish and Gentile followers of Jesus sit at a table and eat together?

Sunday, April 7th - Session 11: Will You Devote Yourself to the Prayers?

Confirmands, Prayer List / Dir. Of Music

Bible: Luke 18:1; Colossians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Psalm 51:10, 17; Romans 5:5

Prayer focuses our attention on God and away from ourselves. When that happens, we open our hearts to God to become active in our lives, seeking justice for all humanity.

Sunday, April 28th - Session 12: Are You Ready to Cross Over?

Confirmands, Mentors

Bible: Joshua 3:7—4:7; Romans 6:3-4

The Confirmation class culminates with a water crossing—Joshua and the Jordan, and Jesus and the baptism of his death and resurrection. Crossings are lifted up as important transitions in life and in the life of faith, especially for young people at their Confirmation.

Saturday, May 4th – brunch with Session (Time TBD)

Confirmands, Elders on Session, Mentors

Sunday, May 5th – Recognition in worship?

Confirmands, Congregation, Mentors