

### Sermon notes

Students will be encouraged to take notes of four sermons throughout the class. They can be any of the Pastor's sermon notes. They can also be notes from the Pipe Worship gathering or notes from a sermon podcast. They will be asked to turn them in by the end of the confirmation class.

### Personal Statement of Faith

The statement of faith is an opportunity for the confirmants to articulate in his/her own words what he/she has learned through the confirmation class and what he/she believes. It is a personal faith statement. The statement should be worked on throughout the confirmation class, and will be the focus of attention during the confirmation. The students will read them when they meet with members of session.

### Memory Work

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you" Psalm 119:11 Students will be given scripture to memorize for the class. It is a great opportunity to hide God's word in our heart.



### Attendance

Students are encouraged to attend all of the classes. We have two wrap up weeks at the end of the class to make up for missed classes and discuss parts of the class that might have been misunderstood. If you cannot make a class, please contact us so that we may help you with any of the work.

### Parental Involvement

Your guidance during this time of growing in faith is extremely important. Please take this special time of faith exploration to share your faith with your youth. Talk about your journey of faith, share your questions, and ask your youth what he or she is thinking.

If anyone has more questions and would like to meet, please feel free to contact me or e-mail me any questions. We desire to be available to help each individual navigate through his/her questions of faith. All confirmation homework is available for download on our website ([www.fpcf.org](http://www.fpcf.org)) under the Youth Ministry page.



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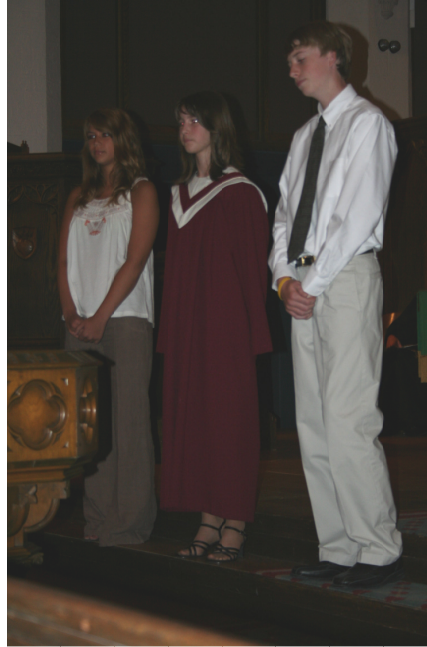
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# So you think you can Pipe?

## What is confirmation?

Confirmation is a rite where baptized individuals recognize the work of God's grace as well as an embrace of being a disciple. It is the first public affirmation of the grace of God in one's Baptism and the acknowledgment of one's acceptance of that grace by faith. It often occurs when youth enter their junior high school years, but it may occur during the early high school years.



**Teachers:**  
Jim Pope  
and a few  
friends who will drop in and teach on certain subjects.

## Purposes of Confirmation Class

- To be a place where youth can actively explore their faith, wrestle with questions and learn from adults and peers.
  - To be a class where youth can connect with each other, building bonds through sharing their faith with each other.
- To encourage discussions between youth and parents.

## Dates for confirmation class

November 15th—Welcome and Introduction  
November 22nd—Creation  
November 29th—No class Thanksgiving weekend  
December 6th—The Fall  
December 13th—Abraham and the Covenant  
January 10th—Moses and the Ten Commandments  
January 17th—No class/MLK Weekend  
January 24th—The History of Israel  
January 31st—Our Lord and Savior  
February 7th—The Sermon on the Mount  
February 14th—No class/Presidents weekend  
February 21st—Acts and the apostles creed  
February 28th—Holy Spirit  
March 7th—Worship  
March 14th—The Sacraments  
March 21st—What does it mean to be Presbyterian?  
March 28th—Wrap Up  
April 4th—Wrap Up  
April 10th—Meet with Session  
April 11th—Confirmation Sunday Celebration

All classes will take place in the Pipe on Sunday mornings from 11:00am – noon!

The first week each student will be given a packet with all of the lessons, work and information about the class. It is detailed and self explanatory. Take time to look through the packet and call us if you have any questions.

## Reflection work

Each week youth will be given a sheet to take home to reflect on what was learned in class. There will be a few questions to answer. Youth also will need to spend some time with parents discussing what is being learned and sharing. There are questions for parents to answer as well. Our goal is to encourage discussions about faith in your home. Students will be asked to turn in his or her reflection sheets to Jim.