

The Arc of Formation

Middle School, ages 11-13, Rite 13

Worship

- Develop a more sophisticated understanding of the worship space
- Describe the layout of the church, specifically mentioning the position and function of the altar, font, lectern, and pulpit.
- Understand the meaning and origins of significant liturgical texts, including the Lord's Prayer, the Sanctus, and the Agnus Dei.
- Serve as acolytes, choristers, or oblation bearers
- Recognize the importance of singing hymns and service music
- Know the opening acclamations and dismissal responses by heart

Formation

- Develop an understanding of Christianity as a whole and how we as individuals are formed in our faith together as the church
- Begin to understand the distinctive nature of the church
- Explore specific areas of faith such as self, society, sexuality, spirituality, and prayer
- Begin to understand and practice the many different facets of prayer
- Learn how to work together with peers and build trust as a group
- Memorize Psalm 139 for the Rite 13 liturgy

Fellowship

- Participate in age appropriate fellowship and worship opportunities to deepen their connection to and comfort with The Redeemer community (peers and elders alike)
 - Attend monthly Sabbath Sundays events
 - Rite 13 Lock-In
 - Participate in Christmas Eve pageant
 - Attend Maundy Thursday Service
 - Schola
 - Acolyte (Crucifer)
 - Confirmation

Outreach

- Participate in Outreach events to begin to recognize that the Church works on behalf of others.
 - Youth Food for Friends
 - St. James Episcopal School

Resources

My Faith, My Life :A Teenagers' Guide to the Episcopal Church by Jenifer Gamber