

## **Preparation for Confirmation**

Confirmation, according to the Book of Common Prayer, "is the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by the bishop" (p. 860).

The sacrament of Confirmation is open, therefore, to anyone who was baptized as a child but now feels ready to make a mature commitment to Christ, within the tradition of the Episcopal Church, *or* to anyone baptized as an adult but without the laying on of hands by a bishop.

Confirmation preparation for teenagers is offered on an every-year or every-other-year basis for teens who are at least in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. The next confirmation class will take place during the 2019-2020 program year.

Confirmation preparation for adults is offered every year and involves a multi-week commitment to group meetings with the clergy. These meetings cover a wide range of topics but aim to tailor the material to those in the class as well as to provide ample room for questions and discussion.

Any adult who was baptized "in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit," regardless of denomination, is welcome to be Confirmed in the Episcopal Church. Those already confirmed in either the Lutheran or Catholic Churches, but who wish to join the Episcopal Church, are asked to go through the same aforementioned classes in preparation for being "Received" into the Episcopal Church.

Those adults who are already confirmed, but who have fallen away from their faith, may wish to go through this preparation process in order to "re-affirm" their baptismal vows.

Any questions in regards to adult confirmation, reception, or re-affirmation should be directed to the [Rev. Michael Hodges](#).