



Confirmation 2023-24

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Schedule

SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday, Sept 17 • 10:30am: Session 1

Sunday, Sept 24 • 10:30am: Session 2

OCTOBER 2023

Sunday, Oct 8 • 10:30am: Session 3

Sunday, Oct 22 • 10:30am: Session 4

Friday, Oct 27: Tour of Faith

NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday, Nov 5 • 10:30am: Session 5

Sunday, Nov 12 • 10:30am: Session 6

DECEMBER 2023

Sunday, Dec 3 • 10:30am: Session 7

JANUARY 2024

Sunday, Jan 7 • 10:30am: Session 8

Sunday, Jan 28 • 10:30am: Session 9

FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday, Feb 4 • 10:30am: Session 10

Sunday, Feb 25 • 10:30am: Session 11

MARCH 2024

With Spring break, Youth Group Pie Auction, and Holy Week/Easter, we will not meet in March.

APRIL 2024

Sunday, April 7 • 10:30am: Session 12

Sunday, April 14: Confirmation Sunday

Welcome to Confirmation!

What is Confirmation?

Confirmation at Polk City United Methodist Church is a journey of faith exploration. It is a time in which we are encouraged to ask big questions and contemplate the answers God places on our hearts. It is an experience in which we are encouraged to name and claim a faith of our own.

Our hope is that through this confirmation experience, we will not merely learn about God but experience God's loving presence. We will not merely learn about Jesus but become more like Jesus in the ways we live our lives and love our neighbors. Throughout Confirmation, our goal will be to grow as disciples of Jesus.

We are all learning and growing! Confirmation is not the end of the road, but an exciting new beginning of a life of faith in Christ, lived out in ways as unique as each individual. We could never learn everything we need to know about faith in 12 weeks of class! Instead, we hope Confirmation will be just the beginning of a lifelong faith journey as disciples of Jesus.

And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. *-Philippians 1:9-11*

What will we do?

We will build relationships.

We will build relationships with each other. We will also invite adults from our congregation to share something about their faith journeys with us so we can get to know others and hear other faith stories.

We will explore questions.

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?

Who is God/Jesus/Holy Spirit?

What is the bible, and how do we read it?

What are the Sacraments?

What is worship?

What is grace?

How does our faith speak to issues of our world?

What are my gifts, and how can I use them to express my faith?

What does it mean to be a member of a church/the Church?

Along with any other questions you may have along the way.

We will reflect.

We will write various short reflections to help us think about service, worship, spiritual practice, etc.

We will practice.

We will learn about a variety of spiritual practices and encourage each other to try them out.

We will learn about our neighbors of different faiths.

On our “Tour of Faith,” we will visit a variety of faith communities in Central Iowa to learn a bit about our neighbors of different faiths and, in the process, learn about our own.

Disciples **belong** in community through

A Life of Worship

- Participate in corporate & personal worship
- Regularly practice means of grace
- Glorify God in all that you do.

A Life of Hospitality

- Connect to church community and participate in church life
- Invite and welcome new people
- Build relationships beyond the church to embody Christ's love

Disciples **become** more like Jesus by

Opening to Jesus

- Read & study scripture
- Develop spiritual disciplines that facilitate awareness of God's presence
- Lead others to become like Jesus

Embracing Jesus

- Commit to grow as a disciple.
- Embody Jesus' example in yours actions, attitudes, and responses to others.
- Care for the least and the lost.



Disciples **bless** all of creation through

A Life of Service

- Devote your time to local church ministry
- Participate in service projects
- Invest your best in service to others

A Life of Generosity

- Give as an act of worship
- Commit to proportional giving with the goal of a tithe
- Create space in your lifestyle that allows you to be responsive to the needs of those God places in your path on a daily basis.

Belong

Faith Share:

Who shared with us today?

What did I learn? What inspired me? What questions do I have?.....

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Become

Getting Started:

What questions do I have?

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What am I excited about? What do I want to learn?

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Bless

How will I bless others this week?

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