

Service for Confirmation



God rights our wrongs, not with the power of the rushing wind nor with the fury of the pelting rain nor with fire or lightning. The Creator does not stretch out a hand to rend and twist and tear the divine will from a submissive earth; God simply creates a child and waits.

A child — white or black or yellow or brown—is a new covenant, a rainbow renewal assuring us that grace is possible; for each child brings the message that God is not discouraged with us but is still expecting to become incarnate in each human life.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

INTRODUCTION OF THE CONFIRMAND

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing the covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ. As God embraces you within the covenant, I ask you to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

Friend, who is your Lord and Savior?

JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S SON, IS MY LORD AND SAVIOR.

Do you trust Him?

I DO.

Do you intend to be His disciple, to obey His word, and to show His love?

I DO.

Do you accept God's grace and forgiveness for your self-centered condition?

I DO.

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be?

I WILL.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONFIRMATION and WELCOME

By publicly professing your faith you have expressed your intention to continue in the covenant God has made with you. Go then to love and serve the Lord and your neighbor.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's Church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLE

Meet Our Confirmation Class 2024

Eli Stone is finishing his freshman year at Cedar Shoals where he's especially enjoying Model United Nations and Robotics Club. He is also a Life Scout working towards his Eagle Scout badge. Eli enjoys cooking, traveling, and exploring historic sites. Eli and his Covenant partner, Phil Hale, plan to work together to provide a "**Hale Fire and Brim Stone**" BBQ luncheon in the fall to honor Covenant's volunteers.