



# Confirmation 2012

## Primary Goals of Confirmation

- Enable confirmands to be a part of and experience Christian community
- Guide confirmands to develop and strengthen a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- To encourage deeper thinking about what they believe as Christians

## Components of Confirmation

- Our History and Presbyterian Heritage
- Exploring What We Believe (the Trinity, the Word, worship, sacraments, prayer, ...)
- Following His Example (outreach, Cross Mission to Charlotte, Pilgrimage to DC, ...)
- The Journey Never Ends (spiritual gifts, faith statements, beyond Confirmation, ...)

In addition to class, confirmands and their families are encouraged to be involved in church wide activities to emphasize each confirmand's sense of belonging to the community and to the Body of Christ. (*Confirmation is not just 11-12 Sunday mornings.*)

- Worship is an integral part of any faith life, and confirmands are encouraged to attend worship regularly. Confirmands can sit together or with their families.
- There will be planned outreach projects which confirmands will participate in, ie: Weaver House Breakfast, Crop Walk, 30-hr famine, Mission Week-end, and more.
- Confirmands are encouraged to participate in Youth Fellowship as role models for the 6th and 7th Graders. (Middle School Youth Fellowship is Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:30 PM beginning September 14<sup>th</sup>)

Each confirmand is asked to be open to receiving guidance from adult leaders, sr. high, parents and mentors.

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## Normal Sunday Morning Schedule

- 9:30AM Attend Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:30AM Fellowship at the Youth House
- 11:00 AM – 12:00PM Confirmation Classes at the Youth House

## Key Confirmation Dates for 2011-2012

- September 11<sup>th</sup> First day of class
- September 30<sup>th</sup>–October 2<sup>nd</sup> Fall Retreat to CROSS Missions in Charlotte, NC
- January 27<sup>th</sup>–29<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Pilgrimage to Washington, DC
- May 12<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Saturday

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# CONFIRMATION

## The Decision is Yours

- This year you are invited to respond to God's call to be a disciple. During this time you will experience God in many new ways through fellowship, study, prayer and service. Through these experiences, you will be challenged and encouraged to develop a close and personal relationship with Christ. In May, you will be given the opportunity to decide for yourself about taking another step within your faith journey – being Confirmed.
- The decision to be Confirmed is a very personal one. The adult leaders, mentors and your parents will be available to guide you, but the decision is yours alone. If you choose to wait, that decision will be received with love. Choosing not to be Confirmed does not effect your ability to participate in any youth activities that Westminster offers.
- If you choose to be Confirmed, you will become a professing full adult member of Westminster Presbyterian Church.
- If you have been baptized, we affirm your Baptism. At Westminster, we believe that Baptism is a symbol of God's gift to us. God's gift does not have to be repeated. No matter what church you were baptized in, no matter how you were baptized or whether you remember being baptized, we affirm the Baptism you have had as God's gift to you. If you have not been baptized, you will be given the opportunity to be baptized during the Confirmation Service by one of our ministers.
- Confirmation is not the end. It is a part of your life long faith development process. Confirmation will build on all that has "gone before" – what your parents have taught you and what you have learned in church. It will "open the door" to a continuing faith journey that will go far beyond High School and College... one that will progress throughout the rest of your life.
- We ask that you take this year seriously. Everything is important in Confirmation! We know that it will be a struggle to participate in each class, activity and service project. But we strongly encourage you to enter into this year making your Confirmation experience a very high priority in your life.
- As with any program or activity at Westminster Church, confidential scholarships are always available. So we encourage you to not let anything hinder your participation. Please feel free to contact Lucy Jefferies or Marti Reed Hazelrigg if you have any questions or need scholarship information.

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# CONFIRMATION 2012

## Declaration of Commitment

I promise to fulfill my responsibilities as part of this *Confirmation* process.

### As a Confirmand,

I promise to regularly attend worship, class and other activities, to meet with my mentor on a regular basis, and to complete to the best of my ability all requirements in order that I might grow into a life of discipleship. At the end of the program when the learning activities are completed, I will meet with one of my advisors and decide if I am ready to be confirmed by the church.

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(Signature of the Confirmand)

### As a Mentor,

I promise to meet regularly with my Confirmand, to participate in planned class events that include the Mentors, to pray for him or her, and to help them complete to the best of their ability all requirements in order that they might grow into a life of discipleship.

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(Signature of the mentor)

### As Parent or Guardian,

I promise to support my Confirmand in this process by seeing that they regularly attend worship, class and other activities, by encouraging regular meetings with their mentor, by praying for them, and by encouraging them to complete to the best of their ability all requirements in order that they might grow into life of discipleship.

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(Signature of parents or guardians)

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# 2011-2012 WESTMINSTER YOUTH MINISTRY REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION FORM

## YOUTH INFORMATION

Child's Name	Date of Birth	M F Gender
School Attending	Current Grade	
Email (if applicable)	Phone	
Cell Phone (if applicable)		

## PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent's/Guardian's Name	Parent's/Guardian's Name
( )	( )
Relationship	Relationship
Home Phone	Home Phone
( )	( )
Cell Phone	Cell Phone
Work Phone	Work Phone
Email Address (check <input type="checkbox"/> if receiving Youth eNews)	Email Address (check <input type="checkbox"/> if receiving Youth eNews)
Address	Address
City, ST ZIP Code	City, ST ZIP Code

## ALTERNATIVE EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Primary Emergency Contact	Secondary Emergency Contact
( )	( )
Home Phone	Home Phone
Work Phone	Work Phone
Address	Address
City, ST ZIP Code	City, ST ZIP Code

## PHOTO RELEASE

I hereby grant permission to Westminster Presbyterian Church to use my child's photograph on their website, multimedia, or in other official organization printed publications. I also acknowledge that Westminster Presbyterian Church may choose not to use my child's photo at this time, but may do so at its own discretion at a later date. I understand that the names and personal information of my child will not be published online with the photograph.

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Parent's/Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## MEDICAL INFORMATION

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Insurance Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Policy/Group Number

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Insurance Company Address

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Insurance Company Phone Number

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Policy Holder Name

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Work Phone Number

**Liability Release:** I give permission for my child/children to participate in Westminster Youth Ministry program(s). Every activity sponsored by WPC is carefully planned and adequately supervised by mature adults. However, even with the best of planning and precaution, unforeseen events can occur. By signing this form, the parent or guardian agrees to assume and accept all risks and hazard inherent in church related activities. They also agree not to hold this church, its employees, or volunteers liable for damages, losses or injuries to the person or property of the student or the undersigned.

**Medical Release:** In case of emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact the parents, guardians, or alternate contact of the registered child. In the event that I cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to the physician or dentist selected by church leadership to hospitalize, secure proper treatment, and/or order an injection, anesthesia or surgery for my child. I understand that I am financially responsible for any expense for medical care or transportation incurred on my child's behalf. I hereby release Westminster Presbyterian Church, its employees, and volunteers from any responsibility for injuries or illness occurring as a result of or coincidental to my child's participation in these programs.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's/Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT WE SHOULD KNOW? (ALLERGIES, LEARNING DIFFERENCES, ETC.)**

Participation in out-of-town field trips, mission trips and retreats will require completion of an additional, trip-specific form.

## Westminster Confirmation 2011 Schedule

### September

- 12 Who Wrote the Bible?
- 18-19 Fall Retreat
- 26 Why are there so many versions of the Bible?

### October

- 3 Can it be proven that God exists?
- 10 Is God male?
- 17 How can God be "three in one"?
- 24 Meet with Mentors-class 9:30/worship 11:00
- 31 Does God still create stuff today?

### November

- 7 Is the Holy Spirit a person or wind or fire or what?
- 14 Why do we say we believe in "the holy catholic church" if we're not catholic?
- 21 Why should I follow Jesus, can't I just say I believe in him?
- 28 Why should I pray when God doesn't answer all my prayers?

### December

- 5 Why should I say the Lord's Prayer?-class 9:30/worship 11:00
- 12 Can someone lose their salvation?
- 19 Can I be a Christian without going to church?
- 26 No Class

### January 2011

- 2 No Class
- 9 Was Jesus of Nazareth God?
- 16 Did Jesus know he was god?
- 23 If Jesus was God why did he have to die?
- 30 Meet with Mentors- class 9:30/worship 11:00

### February

- 6 What it means to be Presbyterian?
- 13 Do I have to believe Jesus performed miracles in order to be a Christian?
- 18-20 Outreach Weekend
- 27 Why did Jesus have to get baptized?

### March

- 6 Is believing in Jesus really the only way to get to heaven?
- 13 If there is only one God, why are there so many different religions?
- 20 Why do Christians believe that Christianity is the best religion? –class 9:30/worship 11:00
- 27 Why are there so many different Christian churches?

### April

- 3 How to write a statement of faith?
- 10 What if my friends aren't Christian?
- 17 Serving at Westminster and beyond
- 24 No Class/ Easter

May

1 Class wrap up/Staying Connected at Westminster  
7 Confirmation SATURDAY