

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Youth Confirmation experience for students in grade 9 and above

Key dates and registration

Details & Requirements

- Confirmation is available to students in 9th grade and older.
- There are six classes; each student can miss one session.
 - Classes meet in person each month from October through April
 - Each session focuses on the assigned chapter from *My Faith, My Life* by Jenifer Gamber. Each student needs a copy of the book. Books are available at many online booksellers.
- Required Confirmation retreat on May 2, 2026
- Required parent meeting in September
- Each student must meet with a mentor of their choosing at least once each month.
- Required participation in at least one church ministry:
 - Ministries include acolyte service, adult ushering, Sunday supper prep, youth reader, farmer's market volunteer, or another commitment that is approved by the family ministry staff.
- Active attendance and participation in youth group and youth events are *expected* of confirmation students.

Important Dates for 2025–2026 Confirmation

- Required information session (*youth and parents must attend at least one of the sessions*)
 - Wednesday, September 10, 6:30 p.m. in the Small Fellowship Hall
 - Wednesday, September 17, 6:30 p.m. in the Small Fellowship Hall
- The six sessions take place in the Small Fellowship Hall from 6:30 to 8 p.m., each beginning with supper:
 - Session 1: Sunday, October 12
 - Session 2: Sunday, November 9
 - Session 3: Sunday, December 7
 - Session 4: Sunday, January 11
 - Session 5: Sunday, February 1
 - Session 6: Sunday, March 1.
- Required Confirmation Retreat: Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 - The retreat location is TBD.
 - The cost of \$50 per confirmand includes lunch and facility use. More details and registration to come.

Registration for 2025–2026 Confirmation

Registration opens August 2 and closes September 17.

StstephensRVA.org/registration

Community Covenant

Our community covenant ensures that we can create a safe and nurturing environment for everyone.

Our Community Covenant

Your Story Stays Here

Listen to Who is Speaking

Give Grace to all

Help to Create a Safe/Brave Space

Don't Steal the Air

Treat People with Kindness

Think Before You Speak

Respect: Yourself and Others

Leave a Place Better Than You Found It

Create a Judgment-Free Zone

Every Question is a Good Question

Cooperate & Compromise

Welcome All New Friends Warmly

I understand the expectations and requirements of this process and I pledge to do my best to fulfill them. I also acknowledge and affirm these principles of the community covenant and pledge to follow them.

Youth Signature:_____

Parent Signature:_____