

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Youth Confirmation for youth
Key dates and registration

Track One, Fall 2026: 9th Grade and above

Details & Requirements

- In 2027, **youth in grades 8 and up may be confirmed**, a change from recent practice. This year will be a bridge year with two tracks. Track One runs in the fall for youth in grades 9 and above. Track Two runs in the spring.
- Each Track has five sessions; each student can miss one session.
 - Classes meet in person each month from October through December
 - Each session focuses on assigned chapters from *Faith Confirmed: Preparing for Confirmation* by Forward Movement
- Required Confirmation retreat for Track One on Saturday, January 9, 2027 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)
- 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.
- Cost is \$100. This includes the confirmation book, retreat fees, and dinners. Scholarships provided for any family needing assistance (please talk to Caroline Harris if needed).
- Both classes will be confirmed May 23, 2027

Important Dates for 2026 Confirmation

- Required information sessions (*youth and parents must attend at least one of the sessions*)
 - Sunday, September 13, 2026 from 10:10 to 11 a.m.
 - Sunday, September 27, 2026 from 10:10 to 11 a.m.
- The five sessions take place in the Small Fellowship Hall from 6:00 to 8 p.m., each beginning with supper:
 - Session 1: Sunday, October 18
 - Session 2: Sunday, October 25
 - Session 3: Sunday, November 8
 - Session 4: Sunday, November 22
 - Session 5: Sunday, December 13
- Required Confirmation Retreat: Saturday, January 9, 2027, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - The retreat location is TBD.

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Track Two, Spring 2027: 8th Grade

Details & Requirements

- In 2027, **youth in grades 8 and up may be confirmed**, a change from recent practice. This year will be a bridge year with two tracks. Track One runs in the fall for youth in grades 9 and above. Track Two runs in the spring.
- Each track has five sessions; each student can miss one session.
 - Classes meet in person each month from October through December
 - Each session focuses on assigned chapters from *Faith Confirmed: Preparing for Confirmation* by Forward Movement
- A required Confirmation retreat for Track Two takes place Saturday, April 24, 2027 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)
- Required parent meeting, dates TBA
- 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.
- Cost is \$100. This includes the confirmation book, retreat fees, and dinners. Scholarships provided for any family needing assistance (please talk to Caroline Harris if needed).
- Both classes will be confirmed May 23, 2027

Important Dates for 2027 Confirmation

- Required information sessions (*youth and parents must attend at least one of the sessions*)
 - These dates will be announced later in the Fall
- The five sessions take place in the Small Fellowship Hall from 6:00 to 8 p.m., each beginning with supper:
 - Session 1: Sunday, February 7
 - Session 2: Sunday, February 21
 - Session 3: Sunday, March 7
 - Session 4: Sunday, March 21
 - Session 5: Sunday, April 11
- Required Confirmation Retreat: Saturday, April 24, 2027, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - The retreat location is TBD.

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:_____ Date:_____

Parent Signature:_____ Date:_____