

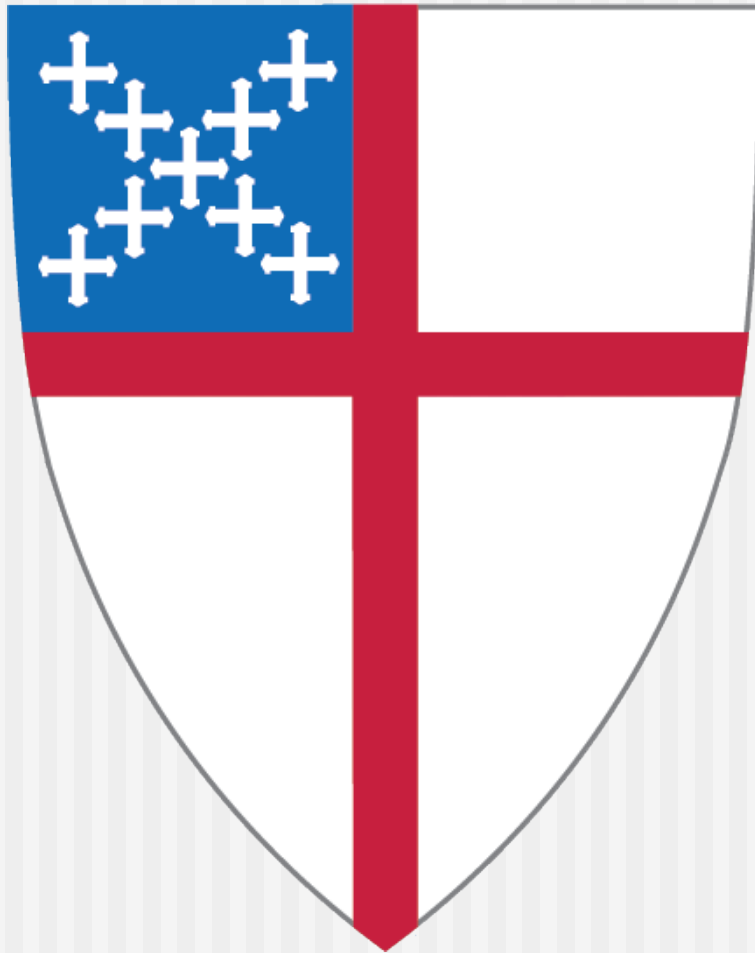
Making a Commitment to Christ



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Confirmation is . . .



...the reaffirmation of one's baptismal promises that had been made on behalf of them at the time of their baptism.

It follows a time of preparation and mature discernment leading to a personal commitment to follow Christ.

What was your Confirmation experience?

How old were you?

Where were you living?

What church/denomination?

What was the preparation?

How did your experience prepare you to
renew your commitment to Christ?

In retrospect, what could have been
different?

What is the purpose of Confirmation?

- What do you believe the effects of Confirmation are, if any?
- What is the view of Confirmation in your congregation?
 - Parents
 - Young people
 - Congregation in general

The Confirmation Prayer

There are two prayer “options” (BCP p. 309) to be said at the laying on of hands:

- *Strengthen, O Lord . . .*
- *Defend, O Lord . . .*

If either, which do you prefer, and why?

Would you describe
Confirmation as a sealing or
strengthening?

In the course of their Christian development . . .

- What do you believe is meant by “duly prepared”?
- What do you believe is meant by “mature” affirmation?

Preparation

- What elements should be part of a substantive faith formation experience in preparation for Confirmation?
 - For youth?
 - For adults?

A rite of . . .

- If describing Confirmation as a specific type of rite, would you describe it as one of:
 - Intensification?
 - Community?
 - Transition?
 - Initiation?
 - Other?

And why?

What questions do you have?

Here is an outline of our Confirmation Program:
