# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CONFIRMATION CLASS CALENDAR

Welcome to Confirmation!
Our Confirmation Calendar
is categorized into three
types of gatherings:
community gatherings,
special events, and mentor
check-ins. You'll find
descriptions of these to the
right and the official
calendar on the back.

# Community Gathering

These gatherings are for confirmands (and occassionally mentors) to gather for the sake of community building, sharing experiences of the class, and diving deeper into class topics. These include planned meals and monthly gatherings typically on the 1st Sunday of the month.



## Special Event

Special events include one time experiences for confirmands to engage in their learning and faith formation alongside their mentors and peers.

These include our kickoff retreat, Confirmation Sunday, and Pay It Forward project presentations.

## Monthly Check-ins

Confirmands and adult mentors will meet with one another 1x a month to more deeply explore the faith concepts and practices they are engaging with in the curriculum. Confirmands and mentors will be responsible for planning their check-ins as best fits their schedules.



# September

20 - Opening Retreat 9:30am-3:30pm @WPC

28 - Confirmation Sunday @ 9:00am/10:30am

### October

5 - Community Gathering @ 9:30am

Oct. mentor check-in

### **November**

2 - Community Gathering @ 9:30am

Nov. mentor check-in

### December

7 - Community Gathering @ 9:30am

Dec. mentor check-in

# **January**

4 - Community Gathering @ 9:30am

Jan. mentor check-in

# **February**

1 - Community Gathering @ 9:30am

Feb. mentor check-in

## March

1 - Community Gathering @ 9:30am

March mentor check-in

# **April**

12 - Community Gathering @ 9:30am

25 - Gratitude Dinner @ 6:00pm

26 - Pay It Forward Sunday @ 9:00am/10:30am

April mentor check-in

#### **Confirmation Retreat**

We kickoff the class with a Saturday retreat where confirmands and mentors engage in worship, play, creativity and reflection to prepare for their year together. Throughout the day they will learn more about the meaning of confirmation and what kinds of conversations and practices they will be engaging with together.

**Confirmation Sunday** 

Confirmands are confirmed in the worship service of their choosing (9:00am or 10:30am) the weekend after the opening retreat. As part of the morning liturgy, they are confirmed for the journey they are about to take with their confirmation mentor.

#### Pay It Forward Ministry Project

The culmination of the confirmation class will be the Pay It Forward Group Project. Confirmands will be assigned in groups to write a grant proposal to receive \$500 for their group from WPC to support an organization, ministry, or cause of their choosing which exemplifies the values of Christian faith they've explored and practiced in the class. On April 27 confirmands will help lead the Sunday morning worship services to highlight their projects to the congregation. Each confirmand will also write a personal reflection on their confirmation journey including their group project experience, their sense of belonging and calling within the church community, and their relationship with God.

#### **Gratitude Dinner**

Confirmands and mentors gather over a final meal to celebrate the year, share stories of what they did and learned, and engage in a gratitude practice together around the table. Elders of the church will gather with us as confirmands also make their decision as to whether or not they are choosing to join the church in membership.