

Confirmation Homework (2024-2025)

Fall

- **Read** pages 1-24 of Why Jesus? by Nicky Gumbel
- **Watch** the following videos:
 - “What is the Bible” by BibleProject
 - “The Satan and Demons” by BibleProject
 - “Holy Spirit” by BibleProject
- **Attend one St. George’s worship service other than Sunday morning** (Compline, Morning Eucharist, Evensong, etc.)
- **Complete Three Service Questionnaires** – Fill out the service questionnaire form (see below) for three Sunday services throughout the semester and turn them in to either Phil or your Sunday small group leader (There is always a stack of these in the Confirmation Room, so whenever you attend worship just run up and grab one and fill it out during the service).
- **Request mentor by the end of November** – Your mentor should be an adult member of St. George’s who will walk alongside you in the process of joining the church. We will help you if you’re not sure of who to ask!
- **Fall Mission Reflection** – Engage in some sort of missional activity, whether through St. George’s or some other ministry organization. Write a brief reflection answering what you did and what you thought about and learned from the experience.
- **Read Mark 2:1-12**
- **Recite one of the assigned Bible verses** to Phil or a small group leader by December 8th.
 - 2 Corinthians 5:21
 - Romans 1:16
 - Ephesians 2:8-9
 - Romans 5:6,8

Spring

- **Watch** the video “Church History in Ten Minutes” from TrueTube
- **Read** John 1:19-34 and John 14:25-27 about baptism
- **Read** “What is Confirmation” from Anglican Compass
- **Read from the Book of Common Prayer:** Presentation and Examination of the Candidates, The Baptismal Covenant, Prayers for the Candidates (pages 415-418)
- **Write down your own examples of prayers** of:
1. Adoration 2. Confession 3. Thanksgiving 4. Supplication (see page 23 in Why Jesus?); one of each on a notecard
- **Have your first conversation with your mentor** about their faith story. You can ask them how they became a Christian, how they got to St. George’s, why they apply their faith in their daily lives, and/or how they’ve seen God work throughout their lives.
- **Attend Ash Wednesday** service with your mentor on March 5th.
- **Choose** one Spiritual Discipline to practice for the week of Feb 24th.
- **Read** Luke 22:7-29
- **Memorize** the Apostles’ Creed
- **Attend Holy Week services:** Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday
- **Spring Mission Reflection** – (See notes for Fall Mission Reflection)
- **Complete 3 Service Questionnaires** – (See notes for Fall Service Questionnaires)
- **Final Confirmation Reflection Paper** – This is the very last assignment that the confirmand will complete. They must email a copy of it to Phil (phil.gaines@stgeorgesnashville.org) and share it with their mentor. The paper itself must include:
 - 400-500 words (about 1 page double-spaced 12 pt font)
 - 1 Bible verse
 - The paper must answer one of the three prompts below:
 - The catechism tells us that creeds are “statements of our basic beliefs about God.” Write your own personal creed. This doesn’t replace the historic creeds of the church like the Apostles and Nicene Creed, but this is an opportunity for you to express your belief in God and how he calls us to live as Christians. Usually creeds begin with “I believe...” Look at page 851 in the BCP to see more about the Creeds. You might also look at the Psalms, which tells us a lot about who God is.
 - Let’s say a friend of yours who doesn’t go to church asks you to tell them about why you go to church and what being a Christian is all about. How would you answer your friend? What are the essentials of our faith in Christ and the way we are called to live it out? You might look at the baptismal covenant for some clues (BCP, page 304).
 - The catechism tells us that confirmation is the time when we “express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop.” Write about what being confirmed means to you. Why do you want to take on the promises that your parents made on your behalf at your baptism? (See BCP page 302-305 to review those promises).