

Adult Confirmation, Reception, and Re-Affirmation

Winter & Spring 2018

Overview

In *the Catechism*, The Book of Common Prayer states that “sufficient instruction in the Christian faith” is needed in order for us to express a “mature commitment to Christ” (BCP 860). This class will explore various topics of our Christian faith specifically through the lenses of the Episcopal Church. By diving into the history, meaning, and purpose of who we are and what we do, we begin to better understand and appreciate our identity as Episcopalians and as Christians and in so doing, prepare ourselves to encounter the living God in more deeply transformative ways.

Expectations

Our class meets from 6:30 – 8:00 pm on Wednesday evenings. Please eat dinner before your arrival at each class. Café Kairos will be serving food in our St. Mark’s Kitchen each Wednesday night beginning at 5:00pm for \$8/person and offers a salad bar along with entrees, sides and desserts. You can even check the menu each week on the St. Mark’s website. Coffee, water, and tea will be available for us each week in Gish Hall.

Each class will build on the previous classes, so we ask that you attend every session. If you would like to be Confirmed or Received, your attendance at each class as well as the Retreat are pre-requisites. Participants are allowed to miss one class provided they arrange for a make-up session.

Questions are **always** encouraged. I’ll do my best to answer if I’m able, and when I’m not able, will offer some guidance about where you might find some answers.

If you have a Book of Common Prayer (1979), bring it. Jot notes in it as we go. It won’t hurt the book, I promise. Who knows? Your notes might speak to you on some upcoming Sunday morning in the middle of worship. The church will also be purchasing one for you as a gift for participating in this process.

There is no required reading for this class. However, I’ve provided a recommended reading list of books and resources that I will reference throughout the class. If you’d like to read them, that would be swell and will most likely add to your learning.

Class Schedule

Class One | January 17
Introduction & Group Covenant

Class Two | January 31
Smells & Bells: Signs, Symbols,
and Rituals

Class Three | February 21
Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi:
We are Always Being Formed

Class Four | February 28
Tools of the Trade: The Book of
Common Prayer

Class Five | March 7
Time and Space: The Liturgical
Year and Sacred Architecture

Class Six | March 21
Initiation Rites: Baptism as Full
Inclusion

Class Seven | April 11
Eucharist: Feast of Thanksgiving,
Remembering and Sending

Class Eight | April 18
History and Tour of St. Mark’s
Confirmation Rehearsal

Retreat | April 14 | 9a-2p
at the Bishop Jones Center
111 Torcido Dr., SATX 78209
Being Connected: The Anglican
Communion, The Episcopal
Church, and The Diocese of
West Texas

resource texts

The Book of Common Prayer 1979

The Church Hymnal Corporation and the Seabury Press © 1977

ISBN: 978-0898690811

Alternative Worship: Resources from and for the Emerging Church

by Jonny Baker & Doug Gay with Jenny Brown, Baker Books ©2003

ISBN: 978-0801091704

Curating Worship

by Jonny Baker, Seabury Books, New York ©2010

ISBN: 978-1596271371

Leading From the Table

by Paul Galbreath, The Alban Institute ©2008

ISBN: 978-1566993623

Beyond Smells and Bells: The Wonder and Power of Christian Liturgy

by Mark Galli, Paraclete Press ©2008

ISBN: 978-1557255211

Re-Pitching the Tent: Reordering the Church Building for Worship and Mission

by Richard Giles, Liturgical Press ©1997

ISBN: 978-0814627099

Creating Uncommon Worship: Transforming the Liturgy of the Eucharist

by Richard Giles, Liturgical Press ©2004

ISBN: 978-0814615188

The Book of Sacramental Basics

by Tad Guzie, Paulist Press, New York ©1981

ISBN: 978-0809124114

The Episcopal Handbook

Morehouse Publishing ©2008

ISBN: 978-0819223296