

2026-2027 HBUMC Confirmation



Everything You Need to Know

For Confirmands, Families, & Mentors

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Welcome to Confirmation!

We are delighted to welcome you to the 2026-2027 Confirmation cohort at HBUMC!

Confirmation is a meaningful step in the faith journey of young people in the United Methodist tradition. Through this process, students are invited to explore, claim, and confirm their own faith, not simply to conform to expectations or family tradition.

Throughout this year, confirmands will grow in their understanding of Scripture, theology, worship, service, and Christian community through study, mentorship, worship participation, and hands-on faith formation.

We are grateful to walk alongside you in this important season of discipleship!

Purpose of Confirmation

The goal of Confirmation is for students to:

- Explore the Christian faith in greater depth
- Claim their faith as their own
- Deepen their relationship with God
- Grow in connection to the church community
- Prepare to profess their faith publicly in worship

While there are many requirements associated with Confirmation, this process is not ultimately about completing a checklist. Rather, Confirmation is about engaging thoughtfully and prayerfully in the work of spiritual formation. Each expectation has been intentionally designed to help confirmands experience the fullness of church life and Christian discipleship as they discern both church membership and how they will claim and live out their faith for themselves.

Program Overview

Program Dates: September 13, 2026 - April 11, 2027

Meeting Time: Sundays at 10:00am during JOY Class hour

Curriculum: Resurrection UMC CONFIRM Curriculum

Confirmation Sunday: April 11, 2027 (9am or 11am services)

The Confirmation year includes:

- Weekly Confirmation sessions
- Mentor relationships
- Worship participation
- Youth ministry engagement
- Service opportunities
- Confirmation stole creation
- Confirmation retreat and rehearsal
- Confirmation Sunday participation

Important Dates

Date	Event
September 13, 2026	Confirmation Kick-Off (confirmands, mentors, and parents should attend)
February 21, 2027	Worship Field Trip (confirmands and mentors should attend; families invited)
April 9-10, 2027	Confirmation Retreat & Rehearsal
April 11, 2027	Confirmation Sunday

Weekly Schedule & Curriculum

DATE	LESSON/TOPIC
13-Sep	1. Parent, Student, & Mentor Meetings
20-Sep	2. Crucifer & Acolyte Training I
27-Sep	3. Welcome: Apostles' Creed (Unit 1, Session 2)
4-Oct	4. Meet Your Bible (Unit 1, Session 3)
11-Oct	5. The OT (Unit 2, Session 1)
18-Oct	6. The Story of God (Unit 2, Session 2)

25-Oct	7. Relationship Broken (Unit 2, Session 3)
1-Nov	8. Prayer (Unit 2, Session 4)
8-Nov	9. The New Testament (Unit 3, Session 1)
15-Nov	No Confirmation (Pilgrimage)
22-Nov	10. Jesus: God With Us (Unit 3, Session 2)
29-Nov	Combined w/ JOY Class - Day for Others Prep
6-Dec	Combined w/ JOY Class - Day for Others
13-Dec	11. Advent & Christmas (Unit 4, Seasonal Lesson)
20-Dec	Combined w/ JOY Class - Advent/Luminaries
27-Dec	No Confirmation (One Combined Church Service)
3-Jan	12. Crucifer & Acolyte Training II
10-Jan	13. Relationship Restored (Unit 3, Session 3)
17-Jan	No Confirmation (HS Retreat/Holiday Weekend)
24-Jan	14. Resurrection (Unit 3, Sessions 3 & 4)
31-Jan	15. The Trinity (Unit 4, Session 1)
7-Feb	16. God's Mission (Unit 4, Session 2)
14-Feb	17. The Church/UMC (Unit 5, Sessions 1-2)
21-Feb	18. Worship Field Trip (Unit 5, Session 4)
28-Feb	19. John Wesley (Unit 5, Sessions 5-6)
7-Mar	20. Lent & The Church Calendar (Unit 5, Seasonal Lesson)
14-Mar	21. Abrahamic Faiths & Christian Denominations (Unit 5, Session 7)
21-Mar	No Confirmation (Beach Retreat)
28-Mar	No Confirmation (Easter)
4-Apr	22. What's Next? (Unit 6, Session 3)
9-Apr 10-Apr	Confirmation Celebration, Retreat & Rehearsal
11-Apr	Confirmation Sunday!

Kick-Off Meeting

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Attendance Required For:

- Confirmands
- Parents/Guardians
- Mentors

During the Kick-Off Meeting We Will:

- Introduce mentors & confirmands
- Allow time for introductions and exchange of contact information
- Review the Confirmation calendar
- Explain program expectations
- Review service project and stole requirements
- Answer questions from students, mentors, and families

Confirmand Expectations

To be confirmed, students are expected to complete the following requirements:

1. Confirmation Session Attendance

- Attend **at least 11 of 22 Confirmation sessions**
- Sessions meet Sundays at 10:00am
- Students are responsible for tracking their own attendance. We will have sticker charts for them to keep track of things in our confirmation classroom!

2. Mentor Relationship

Each confirmand will be paired with a mentor who serves as a spiritual companion throughout the year.

Confirmands and mentors must:

- Meet at least once during each of the following months:

- September
- October
- November
- January
- February
- March
- Attend worship together at least once
- Complete a shared service project
- Work together on the confirmand's stole (stole provided by HBUMC)

3. Worship Participation & Attendance

Students must:

- Serve as an **acolyte and/or crucifer at least twice** during the year (can be during either the **8:30am or 11:00am service**)
- Attend at least one of the provided trainings:
 - September 20, 2026
 - January 3, 2027
- Attend worship with their mentor at least once.

4. UMYF Participation

Students must:

- Attend **at least 4 UMYF gatherings**
- UMYF meets Sundays from **5:00-7:00pm**

If regular attendance is not possible, families should contact Claire to discuss alternative ways to remain connected to HBUMC.

5. Service Project

Each confirmand/mentor pair must complete **one shared service project** during the Confirmation year. The purpose of this project is to help confirmands practice living out their faith through service and discipleship. See page 10 for more information.

6. Confirmation Retreat

Attendance is required for our **Confirmation Retreat**, April 9-10, 2027. Friday night we will go out for a fun activity together, and then we'll gather back at the church on Saturday morning for rehearsal, stole presentations, and a final celebration lunch.

7. Confirmation Sunday

Students and mentors must participate in **Confirmation Sunday Worship to be confirmed!** This will take place on April 11, 2027. You may choose to be confirmed at the 9am or the 11am service. Students who have not been baptized will have the opportunity to be baptized as they are confirmed as well!

Mentor Expectations

Mentors play a vital role in the Confirmation journey by offering encouragement, spiritual guidance, and Christian friendship.

Mentors are expected to:

- Attend the Kick-Off Meeting (September 13 @ 10am)
- Be present regularly in confirmation classes (Sundays 10am)
- Meet monthly with their confirmand
- Attend worship with their confirmand at least once
- Complete the shared service project with their confirmand
- Assist confirmand with stole creation
- Attend the Worship Field Trip with their confirmand (Feb 21)
- Attend Confirmation Retreat/Rehearsal (April 9-10)
- Attend Confirmation Sunday (April 11)

Additionally, mentors are asked to support the broader youth ministry by volunteering **at least once per semester** in one of the following:

- JOY Class
- UMYF
- Youth outings/trips
- Day for Others
- Fundraisers

- Other youth ministry opportunities

Email Pastor Claire (cwatson@hbumc.org) for dates and to get signed up!

Tracking Requirements

Students are ultimately responsible for tracking their own progress throughout the year.

Tracking charts will be posted in the Confirmation room for students to update.

Students will track:

- Confirmation attendance
- UMYF attendance
- Acolyte/crucifer participation
- Mentor meetings
- Service project completion
- Worship attendance with mentor

While mentors, parents, and staff may assist, responsibility belongs to the confirmand – this is their journey!

Confirmation Stoles

Each confirmand will create a personal Confirmation stole with their mentor throughout the year.

Why a Stole?

A stole symbolizes servanthood and ministry in the Christian faith.

It represents the confirmand's call to follow Jesus and live out their faith in the world.

On Confirmation Sunday, each student will wear their stole as a visible expression of their faith journey.

Stole Creation Process

Throughout the year, confirmands will add to their stole in stages as they reflect on their faith formation.

Monthly themes include:

- **October:** Who does God say you are?
- **November:** Who has shaped your faith?
- **January:** Who is God?
- **February:** What does God's Word mean to you?
- **March:** How will you live out your faith?

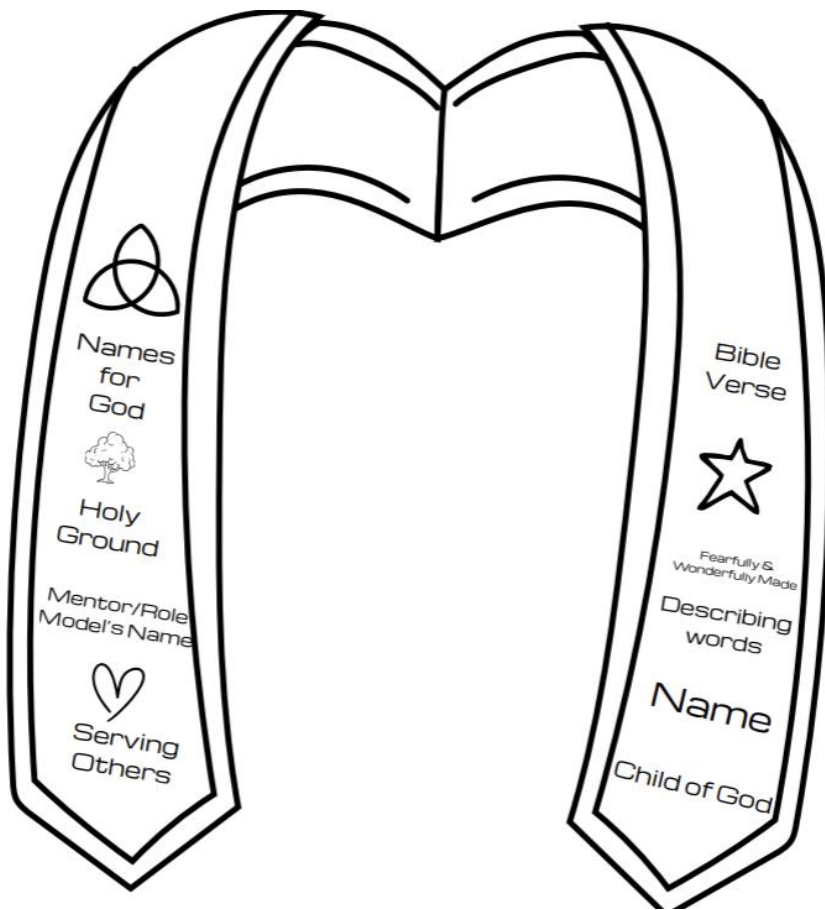
Stole Responsibilities

Confirmands and mentors are responsible for:

- Completing the stole before rehearsal
- Bringing the stole to rehearsal on April 10.
- Taking the stole home after rehearsal if needed
- Bringing the stole back on Confirmation Sunday (April 11)

Each monthly meeting guide (pg 14-25) contains suggestions for working on your stole. Please take advantage of this guide and *do not wait* until the last minute to discuss the stole or work on it!

Here is a reference for where each element of the stole will go, based on the directions in the monthly meeting guide:



Service Project

Each confirmand/mentor pair will complete a shared service project during the Confirmation year.

The purpose of this project is to help confirmands practice living out their faith through service and discipleship.

Service Project Expectations

- Must be completed together by mentor and confirmand
- Should involve direct service whenever possible
- Should include some reflection/discussion afterward

Service Project Ideas

- Serving Opportunities at HBUMC:

- Volunteer together on a Wednesday night (Contact Jason Trice to sign up jtrice@hbumc.org)
- Collect food, wash the vans, or support other WeeCare needs (Contact Laurie Harrell - lagharrell@gmail.com)
- Volunteer at the Bazaar! (November 17-18)
- Participate in Generous Helping (December 2)
- Participate in JOY Class Day for Others (December 6)
- Visit an HBUMC InCrowd member. Some might need yard work done as well. Contact Pastor Sarah (sswandell@hbumc.org) to get connected with someone.
- Participate in Scattered to Serve together (Spring 2027 – date TBD)
- Serving Opportunities in our Community:
 - Sign up to sort clothing at Note in the Pocket: <https://noteinthepocket.org/volunteer/>
 - Volunteer with Open Table UMC's Food Pantry
 - <https://opentableumc.org/missions/the-open-market>
 - Contact: office@opentableumc.org. Or call 919-832-1390
 - Serve food at Oak City Cares (HBUMC serves breakfast every 5th Saturday)
 - <https://oakcitycares.galaxydigital.com/need/>
 - Contact person Janet Gruchacz
 - Sign up to sort diapers/wipes at Diaper Train
 - <https://diapertrain.org/volunteer/>
 - Contact: Peyton Stokley
 - Help in the garden at Alliance Medical Ministry: <https://www.alliancemedicalministry.org/volunteer>
 - Sort donations at the Women's Center: <https://thewomenscenter.org/volunteer/>

Contact our Director of Outreach, Jason Trice (jtrice@hbumc.org) if you would like more ideas!

Confirmation Rehearsal & Stole Presentations

Saturday, April 11 | 9am-1pm

Attendance is mandatory for:

- Confirmands
- Mentors
- At least one parent/guardian

Schedule

9am-11am: Confirmation Rehearsal

11am-12pm: Stole Presentations - *confirmands, be prepared to share 1-2 things that are most important to you and/or unique about your stole.*

12pm-1pm: Celebration Lunch

Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, April 11, 2027

On Confirmation Sunday, students will publicly profess their faith before the congregation and be confirmed as members of Hayes Barton United Methodist Church.

During Worship:

- Mentors will present their confirmands
- Mentors will place the stole on the confirmand
- Confirmands will kneel for confirmation and/or baptism
- Families will come forward during the liturgy and lay hands on their confirmand

Additional logistical details will be provided at rehearsal.

Frequently Asked Questions

What if my student cannot complete all requirements this year?

Confirmation should be undertaken when a student is able to engage fully in the process.

If it seems that a good number of requirements cannot reasonably be met this year, families are encouraged to prayerfully consider participating in a future year. If there are certain requirements that are prohibitive to your child's participation, please speak with Pastor Claire about possible accommodations.

What if my student misses Confirmation sessions?

Students may still complete Confirmation if they attend *at least* 11 sessions and fulfill all other requirements.

Who teaches confirmation?

Confirmation classes are taught by members of our HBUMC clergy team - David, Sarah, Matt, Lindsey, and Claire (and sometimes guest pastors, like Rev. Sally Bates!) - who rotate teaching throughout the year. Because Confirmation explores a wide range of theological concepts, church polity, and other tender spiritual topics, we believe it is important for each session to include both pastoral presence and theological training. Our clergy team brings the depth of knowledge, spiritual care, and pastoral leadership needed to guide confirmands through these important conversations.

Can mentor meetings be casual?

Of course! Meetings may include:

- Sharing a meal together
- Walking the dogs
- Playing pickleball
- Going fishing
- Attending worship together
- Working on stoles
- Service projects

Intentional spiritual conversation can and should remain part of each meeting. See the monthly meeting guide for resources.

What if we need help finding service opportunities?

Service opportunities abound! Please see the section on service project ideas which includes information and contacts for HBUMC opportunities as well as other churches & community organizations.

Who should I contact with questions?

For questions about mentors – Contact Laurie Harrell (lagharrell@gmail.com). All other questions, needs, & support – Contact Claire Watson (cwatson@hbumc.org)

Mentor Monthly Meeting Guide

This guide is designed to help mentors and confirmands structure their monthly one-on-one meetings in a meaningful, relational, and flexible way. It is not intended to be a scripted curriculum, but rather a conversation guide that complements what students are learning in Confirmation classes.

Suggested Monthly Meeting Flow:

- Each meeting may follow this basic rhythm:
 - Opening Prayer
 - Recite the Apostles' Creed together
 - Thematic Discussion
 - Work on Confirmation Stole (see separate guide for instructions)
 - Closing Prayer

Meetings can last anywhere from 45-90 minutes depending on schedules and conversation flow.

September: The Apostles' Creed

Focus

Helping confirmands understand the Apostles' Creed as a summary of Christian belief and an anchor for the Confirmation journey. The curriculum emphasizes that the Creed connects Christians across time and place and introduces the Trinity.

The Apostle's Creed:

*I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,*

*suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty;
from thence, he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the Life everlasting. Amen.*

Possible Conversation Topics:

- What is a creed, and why does the church use one?
- Which line of the Creed feels meaningful? Confusing?
- What does it mean to say “I believe”?
- How can faith include both belief and questions?
- What do students hope to gain from Confirmation?

Scripture Suggestions

- Matthew 28:19–20
- Romans 10:9–10
- Hebrews 11:1

Mentor Notes

Encourage curiosity rather than perfect answers. Students may not fully understand every phrase yet, and that is okay. This month is about creating trust and introducing the language of faith.

October: The Bible

Focus

Understanding the Bible as God’s story told through human authors. The curriculum emphasizes that Scripture points us toward God and helps guide our lives.

Possible Conversation Topics

- What has your experience with the Bible been?
- Favorite Bible stories or verses?
- Why can the Bible feel difficult or intimidating?
- What kinds of books are in the Bible?
- How can Scripture help shape everyday life?

Scripture Suggestions

- 2 Timothy 3:14–17
- Psalm 139
- Hebrews 4:12

Activity Ideas

- Practice looking up verses together
- Share a “life verse”
- Try a short Lectio Divina exercise together

Stole Progress:

1. Lay out your stole as if it were draped over your shoulders, then place it on a flat surface to work on.
2. On the bottom right corner (as it faces you), write your name.
3. Under your name, write: “Child of God.”
4. Above your name, write three roles you play in life (student, sibling, musician, athlete, etc.).
5. Above those, write: “Fearfully and wonderfully made.”
6. Draw a symbol or picture of yourself above your roles.

7. Discuss with your mentor: How does adding “fearfully and wonderfully made” in front of your name or roles change the way you live them out? What does it mean to be “fearfully and wonderfully made?”

Mentor Notes

Students may have very different levels of biblical familiarity. Focus more on helping them feel comfortable engaging Scripture than on mastering information.

November: Prayer & Advent

Focus

Prayer as conversation and relationship with God. Advent as a season of waiting, hope, and preparation. Lessons this month the Lord’s Prayer as a model Jesus gave the disciples and emphasizes prayer as part of ongoing relationship with God.

Possible Conversation Topics

- What does prayer mean to you?
- When is prayer easy? Hard?
- Have you ever felt close to God in prayer?
- What does it mean to wait for God?
- How does Advent prepare us for Christmas?

Scripture Suggestions

- Matthew 6:9–13
- Philippians 4:6–7
- Isaiah 9:2–7
- Luke 1:26–38

Activity Ideas

- Pray different styles of prayer:
 - o silent prayer

- written prayer
- gratitude prayer
- conversational prayer
- Create an Advent reflection or devotional plan

Stole Progress:

1. On the bottom left section, write the name of a Christian role model or mentor (someone who helped you grow in your faith).
2. Next to it, draw a symbol, picture, or word that reminds you of that person.
3. Discuss with your mentor: Who is this person to you, and what have they taught you about following Jesus? Who are these people to your mentor, and what have they taught them?

Mentor Notes

Normalize that prayer can sometimes feel awkward or difficult. Encourage honesty with God rather than “perfect” prayers.

January: Resurrection & The Trinity

Focus

The resurrection as the center of Christian hope and the Trinity as God revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The curriculum frames the Trinity as understanding God in three persons and emphasizes resurrection as part of God’s ongoing story of restoration and hope.

Possible Conversation Topics

- Why does the resurrection matter?
- What would Christianity be without Easter?
- What questions do you have about life after death?
- What does the Trinity teach us about God’s nature?
- How can God be “three in one”?

Scripture Suggestions

- 1 Corinthians 15:12–22
- John 11:25–26
- Matthew 3:16–17
- John 14:15–17

Activity Ideas

- Discuss symbols of the Trinity (how might you incorporate this into your stole?)
- Talk about places students see resurrection or new life in the world

Stole Progress:

1. Lay out your stole again.
2. In the top left section, draw a symbol for the Trinity.
3. Below that, write a few names or titles for Jesus that mean something to you (e.g., Light of the World, Good Shepherd, Redeemer).
4. Underneath that, write: “Holy Ground.”
5. Draw or write a place that feels holy to you (camp, nature, church, etc.).
6. Discuss with your mentor: Which name for Jesus feels most meaningful to you, and why?

Mentor Notes

Students often have many questions here. It is okay to say, “Christians have wrestled with this mystery for centuries.” Faith does not require having every answer.

February: The Church, the UMC, & Wesley

Focus

Understanding the purpose of the church, the United Methodist tradition, and John Wesley’s emphasis on grace, service, and practical faith. The curriculum emphasizes belonging, spiritual growth, service, and living faith in community.

Possible Conversation Topics

- Why does the church exist?
- What makes church meaningful - or difficult?
- What does it mean to belong to the Body of Christ?
- What are the Wesleyan General Rules?
- How do Methodists understand grace?

Scripture Suggestions

- 1 Corinthians 12:12–27
- Acts 2:42–47
- Micah 6:8
- James 2:14–17

Activity Ideas

- Attend worship together if possible
- Talk about spiritual gifts
- Discuss ways to serve in church or community

Stole Progress:

1. Choose a favorite Bible verse or story that means something to you.
2. Find a spot on your stole (top right or middle) and write the reference (e.g., John 3:16) or a short phrase from it.
3. Add a small picture or symbol to go with it.
4. Discuss with your mentor: Why does this scripture speak to you? What verses or Bible stories are meaningful to your mentor, and why?

Mentor Notes

Students may carry wounds or skepticism about church. Allow space for honest conversations while helping them imagine what the church can be at its best.

March: Other Christian Traditions, Other Religions & Baptism

Focus

Learning about the wider Christian family, respecting other faith traditions, and understanding baptism and confirmation within the United Methodist Church. The curriculum encourages understanding other denominations and Abrahamic faiths while remaining grounded in Christian identity.

Possible Conversation Topics

- What similarities and differences exist between Christian denominations?
- What can Christians learn from people of other faiths?
- Why is baptism important? How is it unique to our lives as Christians? As United Methodists?
- What promises are made in baptism?
- What does Confirmation mean personally?

Scripture Suggestions

- Galatians 3:27–28
- Romans 6:3–5
- Matthew 5:9
- Ephesians 4:4–6

Activity Ideas

- Review the UMC baptismal liturgy together (starts on page 24)
- Discuss personal faith statements
- Reflect on Confirmation and its meaning

Stole Progress:

1. Near the bottom or middle of your stole, write a word or phrase about how you want to serve others (e.g., kindness, justice, helping the poor, caring for creation).
2. Draw a small symbol or image to represent this mission.

3. Discuss with your mentor: How have you already been living this out? How has confirmation changed this?

Mentor Notes

Approach conversations about other religions with humility and respect. The goal is not fear or competition, but understanding, compassion, and deeper reflection on one's own faith.

General Mentor Encouragement

Helpful Practices

- Ask open-ended questions
- Listen more than you lecture
- Allow silence and reflection
- Share parts of your own faith story appropriately
- Encourage questions without rushing to answers
- Pray specifically for what students share

Reminders

- Confirmation is not about having perfect faith.
- Students are learning how to claim faith as their own.
- Relationship and presence matter deeply.
- It is okay if conversations wander naturally.

Optional Questions for any month

- Where have you seen God recently?
- What has been difficult lately?
- What gives you hope?
- What questions about faith do you still carry?
- How can I be praying for you?

United Methodist Baptismal Liturgy

Presentation of the Candidate

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Congregational Response

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.

We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God and be found faithful in their service to others.

We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Eternal Father:

When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water.

After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.

When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea.

In the fullness of time, Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan and anointed by your Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and those who receive it, to wash away sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives, that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory.

Amen.

Baptism

Name, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Welcome

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brothers and sisters in Christ.

Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.