

First (Scots) Confirmation Class 2021-2022

Class Sessions

The Confirmation Class will meet each Sunday from 10-11am from September 19 through May 1 (except for December 26) and use the *Big God, Big Questions* curriculum by the Presbyterian Church (USA). Most classes will be held in the confirmation classroom on the second floor of the Kirk House (62 King Street), but other spaces at the church will be utilized as well.

Service Projects (along with our middle school youth group; choose 3 or more to participate in)

- Sunday, October 31 – Fall Festival for Children of the Church, 3-5pm
- Sunday, November 7 – Care Packages for College and Boarding School Students, 5-7pm
- Sunday, December 5 – Angel Tree Project, 5-7pm
- Sunday, February 27 – Thornwell Home for Children, 5-7pm
- Sunday, March 13 – Ice Cream Social for Congregation, 5-7pm
- Sunday, March 20 – Meals on Wheels, 5-7pm

Retreats

Fall Day Retreat, Saturday, October 23 – James Island County Park, 8:45am-1:30pm

Spring Retreat, April 22-24, Folly Beach, 6pm Friday-12:15pm Sunday (ends at church)

Confirmation Stoles

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has lovingly prepared stoles for the Confirmation Class to wear at their Confirmation Worship Service. The class will have three opportunities to decorate their stoles with visual expressions of faith: November 14, December 19, and January 16 from 10-11am. As the decorating can sometimes get messy, we encourage class members to use provided paint smocks and shirts or wear older clothes to class on those days.

Confirmation Bible Presentation

On Sunday, April 24 during the 11:15am worship service, class members will be presented a copy of *The New Interpreter's Study Bible* (New Revised Standard Version with the Apocrypha). If you prefer a different version of the Bible, please let James know by October 1. Each youth should invite a person who has been an important part of his or her faith journey (family member, Sunday school teacher, youth advisor, confirmation guide, elder, etc.) to present their Bible.

Session Meeting

The Confirmation Class will meet with the church session on Monday, April 25 from 6-7pm.

Confirmation Worship Service

The Confirmation Class will be welcomed as adult members of First (Scots) on Sunday, May 1 during the 11:15am worship service.

Attendance Expectations

Confirmands are expected to participate in three of the service projects, attend the fall and spring retreats, and limit Sunday morning class absences to eight or less for the year. Youth with unusual circumstances and schedules are asked to contact James as soon as possible to discuss possible options. Please know that we will work to provide attendance options to meet every person's comfort level regarding virtual and in person meetings.

Permission Forms

- tinyurl.com/FSYouthPermission
- tinyurl.com/CCPRCPermission

COVID-19 Protocol

We'll follow our church's protocol and adapt the program as needed.

Confirmation Leaders

James Rogers, Associate Pastor for Youth (jrogers@first-scots.org or 843-722-8882)

John McNeill, Confirmation Class Assistant Leader (john.mcneill62@gmail.com)

Confirmation Mentors

Each youth needs to ask an adult to serve as his or her personal Confirmation Mentor this year. Confirmation Mentors should:

- be a member of First (Scots) Presbyterian Church.
- be accessible once every two weeks by phone or in person.
- plan to attend as many of the of the following 10am Sunday morning classes as possible:
 - September 19
 - September 26
 - October 31
 - November 7
 - January 23
 - January 30
 - March 20
 - March 27
- ordinarily not be a member of the youth's family.
- be willing to offer love and grace.
- pass a background check and agree to follow our church's Adult and Minor Protection Policy.

To Sign Up for Confirmation:

Please complete the Confirmation Class of 2022 Jotform ([tinyurl.com/FSCconfirm22](https://www.tinyurl.com/FSCconfirm22)) by September 1.