

THE SAINT TIM'S TIMES



Reflections on Confirmation Classes

In the fall of 2025, 13 St. Tim's people embarked on a journey together to learn more about their faith in community. The group was diverse in many ways: baptismal stories, age, time in the Episcopal Church, previous experience with Confirmation, and more.

Confirmation is a sacramental rite (aka not quite a sacrament but up there in terms of importance!) in which the candidates "express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop" (BCP, p. 860). In each of our four classes, we learned through an Episcopal lens about God, scripture, worship, and our call into the world.

What follows are reflections from some of our class participants about their time together. At this point, they are discerning after their preparations if they feel ready to be confirmed. If they so choose, that rite will take place during worship when Bishop Skirving visits on Sunday, April 26th.

I was originally confirmed when I was in the 6th grade. The thing I remember are having to memorize the 10 commandments and the Nicene Creed. Taking this class this time has been thought provoking and has strengthened my journey in the church.

We liked learning from John and Martha, and it was cool that people of all ages could learn together about our faith and how our church works.

This time around for confirmation class was very different from when I took it as a teenager. This series of classes was more free thinking and exploring of ideas and how I felt about it where I am with religion compared to the book learning I did so many years ago. I enjoyed the opportunity to take the class with my son.

Confirmation class was such an experience, I don't know what I was expecting from it, but it was not what I got. I learned a lot of history and origins of bibles and religions through this class, stuff I did not know before but really enjoyed learning. I can't wait for the next part of my journey within this church and I thank Father John and Mrs. Martha.

We would like to start off by saying how much we enjoyed the class, especially learning about the Episcopal faith specifically.

We both looked forward to hearing Father John and Martha speak on various topics and the hands on activities and thoughtful conversations that were had.

My son is excited about his faith journey and growing in Christ as am I.