**Confirmation 2022-2023**

**The Presbyterian Church in Westfield**

**Course Expectations**

We are so excited that you are a part of this class! You can expect that as confirmation leaders, we will do our best to create a safe place where you can explore your faith and what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

Confirmation class will meet the **1st and 3rd Sundays of the month beginning Oct. 2nd**, unless noted otherwise on the calendar. (Please see reverse for calendar of dates) Class begins with dinner at 5:30pm with the rest of HS Fellowship and ends at 7:30pm. We expect you will be on time. If you are unable to make a class, please let your small group leader AND Pastor Sara know ***before class meets***.

You are expected to actively participate in class every week. This means taking notes on the discussion topic (we will go over why this important), asking questions, answering questions, and participating in Small Group Discussions. If you have to miss a class, you need to talk to someone else in class (or your small group leader or Pastor Sara) about what was discussed prior to the next class.

You are expected to attend High School Fellowship at least once each month

You are expected to attend the Faith Statement retreat (This date is a non-negotiable, so please mark it on your calendar now!)

* Sat-Sun, April 29th-30th

You are expected to attend church (either in person or online) on a regular basis. You will need to complete 5 service experience forms (review of what this will take place during our first class)

There will be 3 times during the year where the Confirmation Class will go somewhere other than PCW to experience worship. You are expected to attend at least 2 of them. Dates are on the calendar.

You will have a member of the church as a mentor. You will be expected to meet with them at least three times for a minimum of one hour each time before you are confirmed, although you can meet with them more if you want! You will meet your mentor in November, and can definitely do group hangouts with other confirmands and their mentors!

You are expected to spend time volunteering and learning about different ministry areas of the church, and doing 1 write-up about each different area of experience (4 write-ups total). You can spread this out over the course of the year so it doesn’t strain your schedule. This includes the following:

* Attend Agape at least twice (Wednesday afternoons)
* Help with Children’s Sunday School at least twice (Sunday mornings from 10am-11am)
* Usher or serve as a greeter at one of each of the church services (Traditional and Wired) at least twice
* Participate in 1 other church event of your choosing (outside of youth group, Confirmation Class, or other Youth Events)

You will also have a meeting with your small group leader and a meeting with Sara sometime in January or February to talk about how Confirmation is going for you, what questions you still have, and to begin thinking about what you’d like to be in your faith statement.

You are expected to write a Faith Statement and attend the Confirmation Examination on **April 29-30, 2023**