



Guidelines for Confirmation Service

Date: September 13th, 2020
At 8:15 am in Central-Grantsburg
At 10:00 am in Atlas

Dress Code of Candidates: White (Required wearing a mask)
All guests: Required wearing a mask

2020 SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

**The Upper St. Croix Parish UMC:
Atlas, Central-Grantsburg and St. Croix falls
September 13th, 2020**

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

It is my privilege as pastor to present to this Church the 2020 Confirmation Class for graduation. Through confirmation, and through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

(Class will come to the Altar steps).

Olivia McNally (Central-Grantsburg)

Taryn Gaffey (Atlas)

Cole Steffen (Atlas)

Renee Tooze (Atlas)

ADDRESS TO THE CONGREGATION:

Dear family members in Jesus Christ, this should be a time of joy and thanksgiving that these young people have confirmed their faith.

As they have arrived, after years of education, the understanding where they may confirm their earlier Christian dedication and baptism and take upon themselves the vows of Christian commitment, let us earnestly invoke on their behalf the blessing of Almighty God.

ADDRESS TO THE CONFIRMATION CLASS:

Dearly beloved, throughout your lives you will be called to make earnest decisions. The decision you seal this hour is one of the most sacred you will ever be called upon to declare. By it you confess your Christian faith, and make precious and sacred promises to God. You have learned that God, by His Holy Word, and Jesus Christ, by His life and teachings, have expressly given to everyone who believes, a place in His Kingdom.

As your Confirmation Statement, please join with me in saying the Apostles Creed.

The Apostles' 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 life everlasting." Amen.

ADDRESS TO THE PARENTS /MENTORS (GODPARENTS) OF THE CLASS: *(parents/mentors/godparents stand)*

Dear Parents (mentors/godparents), this ought to be for you a day of rejoicing and thanksgiving, in that these who are your own have also entered into the spiritual family of God through faith in Jesus Christ. While the church will continue to share with you the duty and privilege of bringing up these young people in the knowledge and counsel of the Lord, it renews

its solemn injunction to you, with God's help, to teach faithfully by precept and example these whom God has entrusted to your care. Will you accept this duty, in the fear and favor of God, and will you in the presence of Almighty God and the members of this congregation, renew the vows made by you in the baptism of your children? If so, answer, **“YES, BY THE HELP OF GOD WE WILL.”**

CONFIRMATION VOWS:

1. Do you here, in the presence of God, and of this congregation, renew the solemn promise and vow that you made, or that was made in your name at your Baptism? If so, answer, **“I DO.”**

2. Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and pledge your allegiance to His Kingdom? If so, say, **“YES.”**

3. Do you receive and profess the Christian faith as found in the Old and New Testament? If so, say, **“I DO.”**

4. Do you promise to continue to read God's Word and to allow His teachings to live in you? If so, answer, **“I PROMISE WITH GOD'S HELP.”**

5. Do you promise according to the grace given you, to live a Christian life and always remain a faithful member of Christ's Holy Church? If so, say, **“I DO”.**

PRAYERS OF THE CONFIRMANDS:

(When the Confirmand comes forward, parents and mentors are invited to lay hands on the Confirmand. All friends and other family members should stand as a sign of support.)

May the Lord Jesus Christ defend you with his heavenly grace, and by the Holy Spirit confirm you in the faith and fellowship of all true disciples of Jesus Christ! **Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES:

Olivia McNally (Central-Grantsburg)

Taryn Gaffey (Atlas)

Cole Steffen (Atlas)

Renee Tooze (Atlas)

PERSONAL STATEMENT OF FAITH

Dear family members in Jesus Christ, I commend to your love and care **(Olivia McNally (Central), Taryn Gaffey, Cole Steffen, Renee Tooze (Atlas))** whom we this day receive into the membership of *(Central/Atlas)* United Methodist Church. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

THE WELCOME OF CONGREGATION

(Congregation may stand)

We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy Church, and welcome you to *(Central/Atlas)* United Methodist Church.

As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

THE TIME FOR GIFTS TO THE CONFIRMAND(S)

Distributing Cup Cakes (Individual package) for celebrating them.

THE BLESSING

“Remember your baptism and be thankful. Amen!”

*The Confirmands will be in a receiving line in the foyer of the church after the service. Please make a point of greeting them. (We will have time for photos after the service.)