

## THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

**L:** Are all the confirmands who wish to affirm their baptismal vow by the Rite of Confirmation accounted for? Ben Winter, Daniel Winter, Emily O'Hara, Erica O'Hara and Marcus Metz

**Leader of Confirmands:** They have been accounted for and are present.

**L:** Friends in Christ, we are all received into the church through the sacrament of Baptism. These individuals found nurture and support in the midst of the family of Christ. Through prayer and study, they have been led by the Holy Spirit to affirm their baptismal vow, and to claim in your presence their covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of the church. They are here for service to Jesus Christ, using the gifts which the Holy Spirit bestows.

**Congregation:** You are no longer a stranger and sojourner. You are now equal citizens and members, with all the saints, of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets. Christ Jesus alone being the cornerstone in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in Christ. You reside in Christ, just as God in the spirit, resides in you.

**L:** Do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

**Candidates:** I do.

**L:** Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of a new life in Christ?

**Candidates:** I do.

**L:** Do you receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

**Candidates:** I do.

**L:** Do you receive the Holy Spirit in his fullness?

**Candidate:** I do.

**L:** Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be a Christ disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as you are able?

**Candidates:** I promise with the help of the Holy Spirit.

**L:** Do you promise, according to the grace given to you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering the kingdom of God?

**Candidates:** I promise with the help of the Holy Spirit.

The Confirmation Class and Leaders would like to thank...

- Al Gress for teaching the history of Paradise UCC
- Don & Lori Miller for purchasing the new Bibles for the confirmands
- Dick Sluss for making their individual wooden keepsake crosses
- Janny Jackson for arranging the visit to the Catholic Church
- Tiffany O'Hara for arranging the visit to the Messianic Synagogue
- Pastor Scott Carney for his guidance, instruction, teaching and doughnuts

Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

The confirmands were asked to choose a Bible verse that is special to each of them. Here is the verse each confirmand chose:

Ben Winter – 1 Peter 5:7 "...casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you."

Dan Winter - John 3:3 “Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Emily O’Hara - Phillippians 4:13 “I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.”

Erica O’Hara - Proverbs 3:5 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.”

Marcus Metz - Phillippians 1:28 “...and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.”

**L:** Pastoral Prayer

**L:** Almighty God, in the grace of Jesus Christ, you have accepted these saints through the waters of baptism. Anoint them in the power of the Holy Spirit, that they may serve you all the days of their lives. Empower them to be faithful and to keep their vows that they affirm on this day. Protect them from the enemy and preserve them to the very end. Finally, bring them peace with all the saints in glory everlasting. Let all God’s people say.

**All:** Halleluiah and Amen!

**Head Elder:** Let us, the members of Paradise Church, express our welcome and affirm our support in your walk with Christ.

**L:** Confirmand’s Communion

**L:** Declaration Psalm 91

**Leaders of Confirmands:** Presentation of Certificates & Bibles

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10:00 a.m. Worship Service

CONFIRMATION TEACHING TEAM  
Donna Edwards, Bob & Lori Meadows, Mark Sigler,  
Denny Carper and Pastor Scott Carney