

## Overall Goals

By the end of the course, participants should be able to:

- Talk about their own faith story and why they want to be confirmed/baptized/received/reaffirmed.
- Understand the promises made in Baptism and Confirmation - and affirm their Baptismal Covenant with enthusiasm and integrity.
- Feel at home in Episcopal worship and understand their Episcopal identity.
- Know the basics of Anglican history and theology.
- Discern how God is calling them to serve.

## Class Outline

- 1. Session 1: People of Common Prayer (September 13th)**
  - a. Get to know one another and the purpose of the class
  - b. Understand what “common prayer” means in Anglican/Episcopal life
  - c. Become familiar with the Book of Common Prayer
  - d. Understand what Confirmation means
  - e. Begin to see Baptism as the foundation of belonging in the Church
- 2. Session 2: The Baptismal Covenant and Christian Life (September 27th)**
  - a. Explore the Baptismal Covenant as a pattern of discipleship
  - b. Examine the Eucharist
  - c. Begin engaging the basic doctrine found in the Catechism
- 3. Session 3: Episcopal Belief and Worship (October 4th)**
  - a. Personal prayer and devotion
  - b. Confirmation service - deep dive into the rite itself
  - c. What we believe: Creeds and Additional Sacraments (Reconciliation of a Penitent, Matrimony, Orders, Unction)

4. **Session 4**: The Episcopal Church and Ministry (**October 18th**)
  - a. Gain a basic overview of Anglican and Episcopal history
  - b. Understand Episcopal polity and ministry
  - c. Reflect on Anglican ways of holding faith and difference
5. **Session 5**: Discipleship living and practicing the Way of Jesus (**October 25th**)
  - a. Connect Christian belief with daily practice
  - b. Reflect on habits of prayer, scripture, service, and stewardship
  - c. Discerning our own vocation and ministry!
6. **November 1st** - If September 27th is the rain date for the lake we will shift all lessons accordingly - BUT we will meet on November 1st to rehearse the service!
7. **November 8th** - Confirmation!

Anything else we should know?

- Formation for people seeking confirmation, reception, reaffirmation, or adult/teen baptism
- Focus is less on information and more on discipleship and personal discernment - no test! No memorizing!
- Shared formation for confirmands, those being received, and reaffirmation

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