

# From Darkness to Light

Confirmation 2009

But you are God's chosen and special people. You are a group of royal priests and a holy nation. God has brought you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Now you must tell all the wonderful things that he has done.

**I Peter 2:9**

## **Confirmation = Profession of Faith = Church Membership**

Confirmation is an important step in the Christian Journey. Confirmation allows young people to explore and confirm their faith. It is a loving and gracious welcome for young people as they become members of Christ's church.

*One becomes an active member of the church through faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and acceptance of his Lordship in all of life.*

**Book of Order (G-5.0100a)**

The Confirmation Classes and Retreat will focus on the essential move of turning to Christ and the relationship of believers to Jesus Christ. Participation in confirmation events will be considered a strong indication of the will of the young person to express their faith. *Confirmation events are listed on the back of this flyer.*

## **You'll Never Walk Alone ...**

One of the joys of being a Christian is that you never have to be alone! In addition to your pastor and youth advisors, you will have a Confirmation Sponsor to help guide you through the Confirmation experience. Confirmation Sponsors are ordained Elders or Deacons in the Presbyterian church.

## **Confirmation 2009 Events – tentative dates**

*Confirmation is being offered to all church youth from 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade.*

- **Parent Information Session**
  - Wednesday, January 14 @ 7:00 – 7:30 in the Session Room
- **Sign-up Deadline**
  - Wednesday, January 28
- **Confirmation Kick-off**
  - Wednesday, February 4 @ 5:30 – 7:00 (dinner & activities)
- **Confirmation Educational Classes (tentative dates)**
  - Wednesday nights from 6:00 – 7:00
  - Dates: 2/11, 2/18, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/22
  - Classes will be taught by ordained church elders and deacons
- **Confirmation Retreat (tentative dates)**
  - Friday, May 1 – Sunday, May 3 @ Camp Calvin
- **Review by Session for Membership**
  - Wednesday, May 6, @ 6:45 – 8:00 in Sanctuary
  - Parents are encouraged to be present
- **Presentation to Congregation** - Sunday, May 10 @ 11:00 Worship

# ***Sign Me Up!***

***Sign-up Deadline: January 28, 2009***

There is NO cost to you for any of the confirmation events, but we do need a commitment that you plan to participate in the confirmation events.

- To sign-up for Confirmation 2009 – please fill out the attached form and mail/deliver it to the church office or Emily Parrish
- Use the enclosed envelope to help get the sign-up card to the right place.

**Even if you have already indicated your desire  
to be a part of Confirmation 2009,  
we need your response form to finalize arrangements.**