Confirmation at Ladue Chapel 2020-2021 Confirmation starts Sunday, Oct. 25, 3:00-4:00 p.m. At Ladue Chapel (weather depending!)

What will confirmation look like this year?

Some things will stay the same. Confirmands will be introduced to the congregation and each confirmand will receive a bible from the church, we will still find ways to meet up as a class and there will be a celebration at the end of confirmation to welcome confirmands as members! Above all, confirmands will be invited to ask questions, explore their faith, hear from leaders within our church and grow in their relationships with God.

While these things will stay the same, how they look will be a little different. Bibles will be delivered to confirmands homes (there will be a care package!) and Confirmands will be introduced via video during our online worship service.

And because we are still working on plans for reopening the church building, we will get creative in how we meet up for class, it could be a combination of:

- Meeting in person; we would meet outside, socially distanced, everyone wearing masks, and meet for under an hour.
- Zoom calls; we would meet for about 30-45 min on Zoom

Would we meet every week?

For the most part, yes—there are a few dates that we will take off. There can be a balance of in person and Zoom calls-we will alternate weeks, one week we meet in person, the next week online, depending on weather.

What will lessons look like?

We will still go through the typical confirmation curriculum—asking questions about who God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are, the history of the Presbyterian Church and what it means to live out our faith today. But there may be more videos to watch and things to read before each confirmation class so that when we get together, we'll have a lot to talk about!

When will confirmation meet? Sunday afternoons 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Who will teach confirmation?

Confirmation will be organized and taught by Rev. Mel Smith. Dieter and our new Pastor/Head of Staff, Rev. Doug, will also lead classes and there will be additional guest speakers who will join us via Zoom.

What about covenant partners?

Covenant partners have typically been members of the congregation who check in with the confirmand, attend classes and can be an extra set of ears to listen when the confirmand has questions or wants to talk more about life and faith. Due to COVID 19, this year, we're

recommending that families work with the Associate Pastor to identify someone in the confirmands family, or friend circle, who is a member of the congregation and who may be willing to be their confirmands covenant partner—this will hopefully allow them to meet up, abiding by social distancing guidelines, and keep everyone safe!

Who should I contact with questions? If you have questions, please contact Mel Smith: msmith@laduechapel.org