

**he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Reception into the United Methodist Church

As a member of Christ's universal church,
will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church,
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.

Reception into the Local Congregation

As a member of this congregation,
will you faithfully participate in its ministries
by your prayers, your presence,
your gifts, your service and your witness?

I will.

Commendation and Welcome

Members of the household of God,
I commend Jacob, Jackson, Colin and Colin to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase their faith,
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**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, our service, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

Service of Confirmation

Sunday, May 16, 2021

First United Methodist Church
Lexington, NC



confirm

YOUR FAITH / YOUR COMMITMENT / GOD'S CALL

Service of Confirmation

Introduction to the Service

Presentation of the Candidates

Jacob Ellis

Son of Trean and Asher Ellis
Prayer Partners, Suzanne and Mike Niver

Jackson David Hedrick

Son of Jane and Bradley Hedrick
Prayer Partners, Betty and Mike Frick

Colin Patrick O'Connell

Son of Elizabeth and Charlie O'Connell
Prayer Partners, Kathy and Greg Oliver

Colin Samuel Weeks

Son of Christa and Jonathan Weeks
Prayer Partners, Judy and Frank Stoner

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Questions for the Confirmands

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?
I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves?
I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races?
I do.

According to the grace given to you,
will you remain a faithful member of Christ's holy church
and serve as Christ's representative in the world?
I will.

Question for Parents and Prayer Partners

Will you who sponsor Jacob, Jackson, Colin and Colin support
and encourage them in their Christian life?
We will.

Questions for the Congregation

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection
of sin and your commitment to Christ?
We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life
and include Jacob, Jackson, Colin and Colin now before you
in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live
according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround these persons
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their trust of God,
and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them,
that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Questions for Everyone

Do you believe in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
**I believe 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, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;**