

Your Faith Testimony

But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15

As Christians, we are to be able to give a defense for what we believe and why we believe it. You will demonstrate this through a "Faith Testimony" that will be written and shared in the months leading up to Confirmation Sunday. The goal of this faith testimony is to give you the opportunity to share a public confession of personal faith with your church family.

Each of you will choose your own unique Scripture verse that will be used to bless you on the day of your confirmation. I hope that you will remember this confirmation verse and that it will be a hope and anchor to you throughout your life. This confirmation verse will be used as the foundation of your faith testimony. The most important aspect of your faith testimony is that it explains what you believe and why you believe it. Here are some questions that can help you write your faith testimony:

- Tell your faith story
 - What do you believe about God? Jesus? Why do you believe those things?
 - When did you see God working in your life to change your life? Events & People
 - How have you experienced God's grace and love in your life?
- How does your confirmation verse fit into your story?
 - What does this verse mean according to the Bible?
 - What does this verse mean to you? Why is it important to you?
- Where will you go from here?
 - What does your faith mean to you looking into the future?
 - What encouragement do these verses give you going forward?

This statement of faith should be typed in 12 point type, Times New Romans, double spaced, and be 1-2 pages long. *Your first draft is due no later than November 10th, 2024.* Mr. Matt will review and provide feedback for each faith testimony. If revisions are needed, the final version of your faith testimony will be due on *January 12th, 2025.* After the faith testimony is written, youth can choose to share it with the congregation verbally or visually. You will be able to sign-up for the service at which you wish to share your testimony on a first come, first serve basis.

1. Verbally: Students can choose to read their faith testimony during the offering of worship services throughout the Lenten season.
2. Creatively: Students can create a powerpoint, movie, poster, poem, dance, song, or original piece of art that demonstrates their faith story in a creative way. Their project would be highlighted to the congregation during a Lenten worship service. Mr. Matt must receive your final project one month before your chosen worship service.

Youth: _____

Statement of Faith Verse: _____

PARENTS: I have read through my youth's statement of faith with them and discussed with them what their faith and life in Christ means.

Parent Signature: _____

<Please Attach this Sheet to Your Faith Story>