



THE  
EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH

WELCOMES YOU

*especially Holy Trinity in  
Dickinson!*

Full Participation  
in the  
Episcopal Church:  
*a “Trinity” of  
Possibilities*



# 1. CONFIRMATION

## *Prerequisites*

- A. Baptism
- B. The desire to make a formal affirmation of your Christian faith
- C. The desire to grow in your faith journey as part of the Episcopal Church family

CONFIRMATION in the Episcopal Church is **for baptized persons who desire to make a mature, public affirmation of their faith.**

Confirmation is not required for church membership, but it is a significant way to affirm your connection to the church. With confirmation comes the possibility of serving on vestry and at the councils of the wider Episcopal church.

At confirmation the bishop prays that that the Lord will *“empower you for ... service and sustain you all the days of your life.”*

Members of the church who were baptized as *infants* may choose to affirm their faith as adults through the Rite of Confirmation which is always administered by a bishop. In so doing you say for yourself what others said for you at your baptism.

## 2. RECEPTION

### *Prerequisites*

- A. Baptism
- B. Confirmation by a bishop in the apostolic succession in another denomination (i.e. Roman Catholic, ELCA)
- C. The desire to grow in your faith journey as part of the Episcopal Church family

RECEPTION is for **those who have already been confirmed in another denomination by a bishop in the apostolic succession**

(Roman Catholic, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, or Eastern Orthodox). You would be “received” into the Episcopal Church by our bishop.

You are presented to the bishop who acknowledges your prior confirmation. (S)he receives you into the Episcopal Church with these words: *“We recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion.”*

With Reception comes the possibility of serving on vestry and at the councils of the wider Episcopal church.

### 3. REAFFIRMATION

#### *Prerequisites*

- A. Baptism
- B. Confirmation by a bishop in the Episcopal Church or Anglican Communion
- C. The desire to publicly “renew your commitment to Jesus Christ” before your bishop and church family

REAFFIRMATION is for those who have been baptized by a bishop or confirmed in the Episcopal Church (or any member church in the Anglican Communion) and wish to **recommit themselves to their life of faith.**

These individuals are presented to the bishop who prays that “*the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, may direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom.*”

