

CONFIRMATION

When an individual is baptized, she/he enters the family of Christ. The rite of confirmation is a reaffirmation of baptism. Whether one was baptized as an infant/child or chose to be baptized at some later date (as a teen or adult), the church offers this rite as a formal way of reaffirming that baptism, as a way of allowing the individual to proclaim publicly that she/he is choosing to be a disciple of Jesus.

In preparation for the rite of confirmation, from time to time Niles Discovery Church offers a “confirmation class,” and requires all people to attend the class before receiving the rite of confirmation. The lead teacher of this class is one of the pastors. Anyone can choose to be part of the class, baptized or not, but she/he does need to be baptized before the rite of confirmation is celebrated (because that rite is a reaffirmation of baptism).

The rite of confirmation does not make an individual a member of Niles Discovery Church. Any baptized individual, regardless of age, may unite in active membership with the Church through affirmation of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or letter of transfer (as noted in the church bylaws). In the case of one being confirmed who wishes to become an active member, she/he would do so by affirmation of faith.

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