

Profession of Faith Process at HCC

WHY Make Profession of Faith?

- In professing and articulating their faith as best they are able in Jesus Christ publicly before the Church (*saying Yes to God's Yes/response to God's grace and promises*), students are committing to growing and journeying as a disciple among other disciples in this local church (HCC) and global Christian church
- In making profession of faith, students/young adults will also become an official member of the church with voting privileges! The profession of faith process also fosters a number of mentoring relationships as Adult Mentors are needed to walk alongside these students as godly examples committing to support, encourage, help and stand with these students in the profession of faith process and really for the rest of their lives! (Most mentors stay in contact with students even years later!)
- To raise up students who are able to articulate who they believe in (GOD), what they believe about God and why they believe it!

Process:

- Students (**6th grade through young adult**) sign up to make Profession of Faith
- **Each student is paired up with an adult mentor for a 1 on 1 relationship** (in some cases, a student can request someone specific other than family, otherwise we will pair them up based on gender and interests if able)
- Use the *I Believe: Getting Ready to Profess my Faith Student and Mentor Guide* by Faith Alive Christian Resources to facilitate conversation between student and mentor. There are 8 sessions: (Suggested 30-45 minutes each, 1 session per week avg.) Beginnings, I believe in God, I believe in Jesus, I believe in the Holy Spirit, I believe God gives me a new life to live, I believe the Church will help me grow, I believe Holy Habits will keep me growing, I believe I want to Belong to the Body of Christ
- Students will be working on their personal CREED each and every session, as they will be reading the Apostle's Creed and forming what they believe to be true about the topic of the specific session...and can create this in whatever form they'd like (paragraph, bullet point, poem, movie, painting, woodworking, powerpoint, project)

Goals:

- for mentors and the entire church body to affirm each student in their faith in God
- challenge students to grow in their Christian faith, review basic Reformed beliefs about the Trinity, the Sacraments, and church membership
- allow students to express their faith through a written, sung or spoken creed or a visual representation of their Christian faith story

SIGNUP is LIVE here for Students:

<https://hopkinscommunity.churchcenter.com/people/forms/327479>

Adults: if interested in being a mentor, please email Caleb at caleb.hopkinscc@gmail.com

Big Picture Timeline:

(Need a minimum of 9-10 weeks from Meet your Mentor/Mentee to Elder Interview to make sure all 8 sessions have been completed) *Spring Break April 3 - April 10 and Easter Sunday April 17

February 6: Meet your Mentor/Mentee Gathering (Session 0)

- Session 1 February 7-13
- Session 2 February 14-20
- Session 3 February 21-27
- Session 4 February 28 - March 6
- Session 5 March 7 - March 13
- Session 6 March 14 - March 20

**March 20: Sacraments Workshop with all mentors and mentees
(lasts about 1 hour)**

- Session 7 March 21- March 27
- Session 8 March 28 - April 3
- Or April 4 - April 10 (Spring Break)
- Or April 11 - April 17
- April 18 - April 23 Prep meeting/session before elder interview if needed

April 24: Elder Interviews (Groups of 2-4 students presenting their creeds + answering a few questions with 1-2 HCC Elders)

May 8: Profession of Faith Sunday - Church-wide Celebration!