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## Confirmation Handout for Workshop Three

Sunday, Nov. 14, 2021, from 11:30am to 2:00pm in Youth Lounge and Fellowship Hall

**Theme: Kingdom of God, Methodist Traditions, Church with a big C**

- A. Brown Bag Lunch or snacks provided if you don't have a lunch – All
- B. Casual Conversation, Youth Room Games, Attendance, Prayer – Rick and Denise
- C. Games with thematic lesson (*Shuffle/Fingers*) - Sarah
- D. Light Candle/Prayer Routine/Place Rocks – Denise
- E. Theology Talk (Short videos followed by group discussions) - Sarah
  - 1. Kingdom of God <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OryrBeltFUU>
  - 2. Methodist Traditions
    - a. History: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79Zx7xVw14I>
    - b. Bible: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Maju4cqTIP8>
  - 3. Church with a big C <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3-98SNafMMQ>
- F. Bathroom Break
- G. Hands on experience (Roll Playing, Readers Theater, Art, Other) – Rick hand out new bibles
- H. General Review, Bible Overview, and Practice Finding Verses (Print and Online) – Sarah
- I. Songs of Praise with Journal Time – Sarah
  - The Pittsburgh Blessing | Virtual Church Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kdxMgmN9NpA>
  - Amazing Grace ALL OVER the WORLD <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BA7pdABvpnc>
- J. Record prayer requests down in our little prayer book – Rick or Ken

K. Pray over student requests and for church, class, families, friends, world – Sarah

L. Closing Game in Fellowship Hall

### Home Reflection:

**Review and/or rewatch the material by reading summary or clicking links from this handout on Confirmation webpage at <https://www.stjohnsivyland.com/confirmation>. Record questions or thoughts in your private journal. 1 journal page done at home each session, minimum, (words, drawings or cut out and tape stuff in). Consider emailing a mentor or Mrs. Floyd to discuss thoughts. Consider sharing what you are learning with another. Consider looking up our scriptures or praying.**

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### Summary of Theme: Kingdom of God, Methodist Traditions, Church with a big C

(Compiled and edited from various locations on <https://www.umc.org/>)

**Kingdom of God** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OryrBeltFUU>

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-what-is-the-kingdom-of-god>

The kingdom of God is a way of describing the reign of God. United Methodists, with other Christians, recognize that the reign of God is both a present and future reality. John Wesley recognized both of these aspects of God's reign: "The kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God are but two phrases for the same thing. They mean, not barely a future happy state, in heaven, but a state to be enjoyed on earth. ... In some places of Scripture, the phrase more particularly denotes the state of it on earth: in others, it signifies only the state of glory: but it generally includes both." We believe that wherever God's will is done, the kingdom or reign of God is present. It was present in Jesus' ministry, and it also is present in our world whenever persons and communities experience reconciliation, restoration and healing. Jesus spoke of the kingdom of God when he taught the disciples to pray, "Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." (Matt. 6:10) Early Christians anticipated the fulfillment of the kingdom when Jesus returned. (Revelation 11:15)

### Methodist Traditions

History: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79Zx7xVw14I>

Bible: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Maju4cqTIP8>

<https://www.umc.org/en/what-we-believe>

The United Methodist Church is a global denomination that opens hearts, opens minds and opens doors through active engagement with our world. The mission of The United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. John Wesley and the early Methodists placed primary emphasis on Christian living, on putting faith and love into action. Wesley referred to "practical divinity" and also coined the phrase "agree to disagree." As Methodists, we put our faith in action and also sometimes disagree in love with each other about how to practice our faith. Click the link above to read about our rich theological heritage.

**Church with a big C** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3-98SNafMMQ>

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-why-do-we-say-we-believe-in-the-holy-catholic-church-in-the-aptostles-creed>

When people say "I am talking about Church with a big C" they are describing the Church worldwide or all Christians regardless of denomination or even time in history. The Apostles' Creed is a statement of core Christian beliefs that developed initially as part of the baptismal rites in the early church. The term "catholic" (with a lower case "c") does not refer to any specific denomination or group of Christians. The term comes from two Greek words that together mean "throughout the whole." This single word, "catholic," means throughout all time and places and also points to the essential unity or wholeness of the church in Christ. No one English term captures that dual sense of this ancient Greek term quite as well as "catholic." So, when the creed states, "I believe in the holy catholic church," it refers to the wholeness of the whole Church in all times and places rather than to any specific branch of Christianity. So catholic and Church both mean church universal.

These two songs are done by the Church with a big C:

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Amazing Grace ALL OVER the WORLD <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BA7pdABvpnc>