

MENTOR REFLECTIONS

Norah Mack

Mentoring Norah has not only strengthened our relationship on a religious level, but it has also brought us closer overall. It's easy to assume that age brings wisdom and that I would be more knowledgeable, but my time with Norah showed me that isn't always the case. Our conversations introduced me to new ways of thinking that I hadn't considered before. I was inspired by her enthusiasm to learn, and over time, she began sharing her own insights, which helped me grow in my faith as well. Some of our deepest conversations grew out of reflecting on our values, how they mirror the teachings of Jesus, and how we recognize them in our daily lives. As her older sister, I hope I've made a positive impact on her faith journey, and I look forward to continuing our occasional Bible studies, or simply finding more excuses to go on coffee runs together. Through our conversations, it's clear that Norah takes her faith seriously, and I'm incredibly proud of her for taking this next step.

–Ellie Mack

Philomena Odonkor

Philomena is.....

Curious, courageous, caring

Observant, open-minded

Nonjudgmental, noteworthy, nice

Faithful & fair

Imaginative, inquisitive, intuitive

Respectful, reserved, real

Mindful, modest, mature

Admirable, attentive, agile

Truthful, thoughtful, tangible

Independent, intelligent, influential

Open, optimistic

Notable, nuanced, nimble

It has been an absolute joy to be a part of Philomena's confirmation journey. I can't wait to see all of the blessings and growth God will bestow on her as she continues her development into an amazing young woman. I can't wait to say "I knew her when...."

–Montez Morey



May 3, 2026 *CONFIRMATION SUNDAY*

I believe God is powerful and loving because he created the heavens & the earth. God is welcoming, because he accepts each and every person, and gave His only Son for us to "get us back" so we can be saved.

I believe Jesus is our savior and protector sent from God to cleanse our sins, heals everyone and gives them someone to lean on when there is no one else. He is the Word and God's only Son, a messenger of God's love. Jesus is kind because he died on the cross for our sins.

I believe the Holy Spirit is God's messenger, who leads us to the power and righteousness of God, a loving reminder that God is everywhere because it guides our thoughts and prayers.

I believe the Church is a "holy house," a loving, supportive community of believers gathered together where they provide support, give guidance, remind each other of His teachings, and love anyone that needs it.

CONFIRMATION LITURGY

PD: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

CONGREGATION: WE DO.

PD: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

ALL: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.
We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others.
We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

PD: As a living, loving and growing congregation, let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

ALL:
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

CONFIRMATION LITURGY—Continued

PC: As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?

CONFIRMANDS: WE WILL.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

PD: Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

ALL: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love.
As members together with you in the body of Christ, and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to faithfully participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our services, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Please join us in welcoming our confirmands as new members today:

*Philomena Odonkor
Norah Mack*

