

## Confirmation Class and Bishop's Visitation 2012



**CONFIRMATION/RECEPTION CLASS OF 2012** ~ (from left to right)  
Julie Sherwood, received, Sophia Mosher, confirmed. Bishop Steven A. Miller, and  
Shannon Kuhn, confirmed at St. Mark's Episcopal Church on Sunday, January 22, 2012

Confirmation is the one of the seven sacraments which does not appear specifically in the Bible. Because many of us are baptized as babies, it is recognized that there needs to be a special rite when we claim the responsibilities for our Christian life and faith for ourselves. Confirmation is a reaffirmation of the vows our parents and godparents made on our behalf when we were too small to make them for ourselves. Reception is for persons who have been baptized and confirmed in another church, but desire to be received into the Episcopal Church. All candidates attend a series of meetings with the rector to ask questions and learn about the Episcopal faith. Baptism, we believe, makes us Christians; confirmation/reception makes us Episcopalians. ~ written by Joann Ellis

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