

Customary for Bishop Traquair

1. Use the readings from the Lectionary for the appropriate Sunday as found in the Revised Common Lectionary. Notify me 2 weeks before if other lessons will be used. When applicable, please let me know if you are using Track 1 or Track 2
 2. Use the liturgical color for the day; if there are Confirmations, Receptions or Reaffirmations then the color will be white or red.
 3. If there is a deacon in your congregation, he or she will be the Chaplain. If you do not have a deacon, a deacon will be assigned for that day as my Chaplain. Please contact my assistant if you have any questions about the deacon being assigned.
 4. I will celebrate and preach at either the main service, or at a combined service.
 5. I prefer to offer a spoken Eucharist at this time.
 6. I will open and lead all of the service for Baptism and Confirmation/Reception and Reaffirmation. The priest-in-charge of the congregation or the assistant (if there is one) may do the actual Baptism if so desired and I am notified.
 7. When there is a Baptism or Confirmation/Reception/Reaffirmation at any service, I prefer that the Baptismal Covenant be used in place of the Creed at all services.
 8. When there is a Confirmation/Reception/Reaffirmation, I prefer that a prie-dieu is used for the person to kneel. If the person being Confirmed/Received/Reaffirmed cannot kneel due to personal reasons, they do not need to kneel.
 9. When candidates are presented (BCP page 303 and 415) they should already be seated at the front of the church, facing the bishop. When it is time for Confirmation/Reception/Reaffirmation the candidates will be called forward. Family and friends will be invited to accompany the candidates, land a hand on their shoulder and pray for that person while I pray aloud in the name of the Church.
 10. I prefer the Second confirmation prayer "Defend, O Lord,..." (BCP page 309)
 11. When there is time, I would very much like the opportunity of spending time with the candidates prior to the service. Please contact me about best ways to schedule this.
- Please prepare in advance individual confirmation certificates that the Bishop will be happy to sign on the day of the visitation. The Office of the Bishop does not supply these certificates.

These may be purchased at: <https://episcopalshoppe.com/confirmation-certificate-210r/>

Reception certificates can be ordered at: <https://episcopalshoppe.com/reception-certificate-270/>

- Please also have the congregational Official Record Book open that the Bishop will be pleased to sign.