

Confirmation Class Review Series: The Church
Sermon: The Beloved Community
Additional Resources

<https://asermonforeverysunday.com/>
"The Founding of the Church" by Will Willimon (2021). Manuscript
available.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/religion/2021/03/29/church-membership-fallen-below-majority/>

The Presbyterian Outlook presoutlook@pres-outlook.org
This link gives Presbyterian information and study helps for lectionary texts

<https://www.r2hub.org/library/25-traits-of-the-beloved-community>
Twenty-five traits of the Beloved Community/Church

<http://nationalhumanitiescenter.org/tserve/twenty/tkeyinfo/trelww2.htm>
An excellent article giving a historical review of the Church
following World War II – thorough and thoughtful

<https://www.barna.com/research/church-hope-covid/>
This respected institution provides consistent information as to the state
of Church in the United States and beyond

“I will just say that you are here because Jesus put you here. You may have
reservations about Christianity.

There may be lots of things you don’t understand, beliefs that you are
unsure
if you can affirm.

Maybe you have problems with the way the church is organized or led.

May I just remind you that you are here not because of
what you believe, feel, or think about the church and its ministry.

You are here because Jesus put you here.

Some way or another, he found a way to call you.

Just like he called those first disciples.”

Amen.

Bishop William Willimon, United Methodist Church