



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CONFIRMATION 2017-2018

Dear Parents of Confirmation-Aged Students,

We have a great **tradition** here at First Presbyterian in our Confirmation class. This is the class that prepares students for making a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ and thereby joining our church. Of course, most importantly, this is the year we explore what it means to have a personal relationship with Christ.

Once again, our students will be studying and learning key passages from the Bible. Our program is entitled “Top 35 Bible Passages: The Verses You Can’t Live Without!” We’ll be studying the essential content of the Scriptures with a particular focus on how to know God **through** Jesus Christ as he is revealed in his Word. Every lesson will be jam-packed with important material. Indeed, of all the things your children study and do this year, none will be as important as confirmation class. I can make such a bold claim not because we at the church are so great (ha-ha!). But because God’s Word is the truth that leads to everlasting life. We want your children to have the knowledge that leads to salvation and an eternal loving relationship with God.

We have a wonderful **team** of teachers and youth advisors leading your class: Trey Birch, Christina & Harold Yi and Whitney & Neil Weiner.



Gerrit S. Dawson
Senior Pastor

The **DESIRE** of the First Presbyterian Student Ministry is to:

- create a place where students can **BELONG** to Christ and to one another.
- create a place where every student has a youth leader.
- encourage our students to live beyond themselves.

We are excited about your student joining the Student Ministry here at First Presbyterian. We want them to feel comfortable to jump in fully. We have **WEEKLY** opportunities for them to join a small group Bible study where they can grow in Christ with one another and with an incredible Godly leader. **MONTHLY** we will gather all of our small groups at church for a big night of fellowship and fun. **YEARLY** we enjoy mission trips, retreats, campouts and summer camps as an opportunity to journey together in our faith.

Our **TRADITION** at First Presbyterian is a vigorous one. We work hard! We get the real deal about Christ. This fall, confirmation will meet from 10.15 to 11 am in the confirmation classroom below the Sanctuary.

As usual, there are some class **REQUIREMENTS** which you will see on the following pages. At first, they may seem overwhelming. But the course is designed so that 95% of everything required can be fulfilled simply by attending worship and confirmation class each week—a church going habit you probably already have!



8 pm Friday, August 25,
to 8 am Saturday, August 26 at
First Presbyterian.

A great night of fun, games,
movies, food and maybe even a
little sleep. Meet your teachers
early in the evening and then
rock through the night with our
great middle school leaders
team.



Every confirmation student is
matched with an elder from the
church. The elders are there
to encourage and nurture our
students. They will check-in
with your student throughout
the year and spend time
outside of class getting to know
them. Let us know if you have a
request for an elder. (See last
page for elder listing.)



**3) WORSHIP
ATTENDANCE
& SERMON
NOTES**

At least 10 Sundays each semester: 20 total

Regular worship is a critical component of Confirmation class. Students should be worshipping with their families as well as attending class. Any of our three Sunday services qualifies. Of course we hope you'll be there all 40 Sundays, but for half of those Sundays (10 each semester), we ask for students to fill out and turn in a "Sermon Notes" sheet. Our students find that this actually makes hearing a sermon easier! The note forms are available in class or online at fpcbr.org.



**4) MEMORY
VERSES**

We'll have seven key memory verses, all from Scripture. They go along with what we're studying:

- 1) Psalm 8: 3-6
- 2) Psalm 23 (KJV)
- 3) Deuteronomy 6: 6-8
- 4) John 1: 1-5, 14
- 5) John 3: 16-17
- 6) Romans 3: 23, 6: 23
- 7) Romans 10: 9

In addition, it is expected that by the end of the year each student will know the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed and how to quickly find the 66 books of the Bible.



January 12-14, 2018

This retreat is a mandatory part of confirmation so please get these dates on your calendar!



35 of the 39 classes are required. Missed classes can be made up by filling out a worksheet available in the classroom or online.



A personal 15-minute meeting with a pastor in March or April.



May 20, 2018 at 4 pm

Please put these important dates on your calendars now and alert sports teams and arts groups that you have these prior commitments—our experience is that they are very happy to accommodate the spiritual needs of students. If you have not already done so, please return your registration form and fee as soon as possible.

It's going to be a great year. I look forward to the times I get to be with your children—this is a life-transforming year.



Story Set 1: In the Beginning
Memory Passage - Psalm 8: 3-6

August 13

Class 1: What's Involved in Confirmation with Gerrit (Parents invited)

August 20

Genesis 2: 4-25
Creation: God Made You on Purpose
Psalm 139

August 25-6

Confirmation Lock In, 8 pm

August 27

Genesis 3: 1-24
The Fall: We Messed Up

September 3

Genesis 6: 9-22; 8: 20-22; 9: 12-17
The Flood: Starting Over

Story Set 2:
Radical Salvation
Memory Passage - Psalm 23 (KJV)

September 10

Genesis 12: 1-3; 17: 1-22
The Promise

September 17

Genesis 22
The Horror: Sacrifice of Isaac

September 24

Exodus 3
God Hears: The Call of Moses

October 1

Exodus 12
God Acts: The Passover and Exodus

October 8

Exodus 19
God Speaks: The Ten Commandments

October 15

Exodus 32
We Forget: The Golden Calf

October 22

Deuteronomy 6
The Purpose of All These Words

October 29 No Class!

Kirkin of the Tartan



Story Set 3: Psalms and Prophets
Memory Passage -
Deuteronomy 6: 6-8

November 5

Psalm 23

The LORD is My Shepherd

November 12

Jeremiah 31

The New Covenant

November 19

Isaiah 53

The Suffering Servant

Story Set 4: Looking Forward
to the Savior
Memory Passage - John 1: 1-5, 14

November 26

Luke 1: 24-56

The Story of Mary

December 3

Matthew 1: 18-25

Joseph's Story

December 10

Luke 2: 1-20

The Story of Christmas

December 17

Christmas Party in Class

December 24

No Class

December 31

No Class

Story Set 5: The Beginning of
Jesus' Ministry
Memory Passage - John 3: 16-17

January 7

John 1: 1-14

The Mystery and the Mystical

January 14

No Class!

POLAR THANG MANDATORY
RETREAT

January 21

Matthew 3: 13-17; 4: 1-11

Baptism and Temptation of Jesus

January 28

Luke 5:1-11

Calling Disciples

February 4

John 3: 1-18

Nic at Night



Story Set 6: Teachings and Healings
Memory Passages - Romans 3: 23,
6: 23

February 11

Luke 7: 1-17; 34-50

Three Remarkable Healings

February 18

Luke 15: 11-32

The Prodigal Son

February 25

Luke 10: 25-37

The Good Samaritan

March 4

Mark 8: 27-38

Who Do You Say that I Am?

March 11

Matthew 26: 17-29

The Lord's Supper

March 18

Luke 24: 13-35

The Road to Emmaus

Story Set 7: Passages of
Salvation
Memory Passage - Romans 10: 9

March 25

No Class - Palm Sunday

April 1

Romans 1: 18, 3: 23, 5: 6-11; 8: 1-4;
10: 9-13

The Roman Road of Salvation

April 8

John 10: 1-30

The Good Shepherd

April 15

Ephesians 2: 4-10; Colossians 2: 6-15
Saved By Grace Through Faith

April 22

Acts 2: 1-41

Pentecost

April 29

I John 4: 7-12

God is Love

May 6

Philippians 4: 6-9

Rejoice and Know Peace

May 13

The Questions of Membership

May 20

Confirmation Service, 4 pm

2017-2018 Elders Listing

Will Adams
Gerry Arnold
Chuck Barber
Scott Bardwell
Nan Boydston
David Bryant
Pat Canfield
Jane Cooper
Ryan Dickerson
Brett Furr
Linda Glisson
Ross Henry
Joe Juban
Pat Kerr
Chat Kleinpeter
Kevin Landreneau
Laurie Lemoine
Jason Lewis
Bill McDonald
Sue Miley
Hank Mills
Hans Othmer
Mike Salassi
Tom Sawyer
Jerry Stovall
Graham Thompson
Benn Vincent
Dale Weiner
Ella Rein Wheeler
Dan Zito



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