



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CONFIRMATION 2021-2022

Dear Parents of Confirmation-Age 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 study and learn key passages from the Bible. Our program is entitled “Top 35 Bible Passages: The Verses You Can’t Live Without!” We’ll study 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, 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.



Gerrit S. Dawson
Senior Pastor

The **DESIRE** of 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 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. We gather on Sunday nights for middle school youth group in the gym. **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 10.55 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!



Join the youth team for great food and awesome games planned by the amazing Paula Walker!

Friday, August 13:

8 pm Drop off at the Church
9-11 pm All Star Lanes for pizza, bowling and mini-golf
11 pm Coffee Call

Saturday, August 14:

8 am Parents pick up kids at the church



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.)



Sunday, October 31 at 9.30 am

Come join your sponsoring elder for a delicious breakfast and time of fellowship before the annual Kirkin' O the Tartan 10.30 am worship service. Parents and siblings are invited to attend.



**4) WORSHIP
ATTENDANCE
& SERMON
NOTES**

At least ten 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 qualify. Of course we hope you'll be there all 40 Sundays, but for half of those Sundays (ten 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.



**5) MEMORY
VERSES**

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

1. Psalm 139: 13-14
2. Deuteronomy 6: 4-6
3. Psalm 23
4. John 1: 1-5
5. John 3: 16
6. Romans 3: 23
7. Romans 5: 8
8. Romans 6: 23
9. 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.



**6) POLAR
THANG
RETREAT**

January 14-16, 2022

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



**7) CLASS
ATTENDANCE**

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



**8) PASTORAL
MEETING**

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



**9) CONFIR-
MATION
SUNDAY**

May 1, 2022 at 4 pm

Please put these important dates on your calendar 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.



August 8

Students and Parents Meet with
Confirmation Team

August 13

Confirmation Lock-In
8 pm

Story Set 1: In the Beginning

Memory Passage:

Psalms 139: 13-14

August 15

God Made the World
Genesis 1: 1, 25-28, 31

August 22

God Made You on Purpose
Genesis 2: 5-9; 15-25

August 29

We Messed Up
Genesis 3: 1-24

September 5

No Class
Labor Day Weekend

September 12

Abraham and Sarah
Genesis 12: 1-4; Genesis 15: 1-6

September 19

Laughter and Horror
Genesis 21: 1-7; 22: 1-18

Story Set 2: Radical Salvation

Memory Passage:

Deuteronomy 6: 4-6

September 26

God Hears! The Call of Moses
Exodus 1: 22-2: 15; 3: 1-17

October 3

Passover and Exodus
Exodus 11: 4-10; 12: 21-28; 14: 19-31

October 10

God Speaks: The Ten Commandments
Exodus 19: 1-6; 20: 1-17

October 17

The Golden Calf
Exodus 32: 1-20

October 24

The Purpose of All These Words
Deuteronomy 6: 4-25

October 31

Elder Breakfast
9.30 am



Story Set 3: The Promised Messiah
Memory Passage:
Psalm 23

November 7
Our Shepherd God
Psalm 23

November 14
Mary and Joseph
Luke 1: 26-38, Matthew 1: 18-25

November 21
The Story of Christmas
Luke 2:1-20

November 28
No Class
Thanksgiving Weekend

December 5
The Mystery and the Mystical
John 1: 1-14

Story Set 4: Jesus' Ministry
Memory Passage:
John 1: 1-5, John 3: 16

December 12
Baptism and Temptation of Jesus
Matthew 3: 13-4: 11

December 19
Calling Disciples
Luke 5: 1-11

December 26
No Class
Christmas Holiday

January 2
Sneaking Out to See Jesus
John 3: 1-18

January 9
Two Different Brothers
Luke 15: 11-32

January 14-16
Polar Thang Retreat

January 23
The Good Samaritan
Luke 10: 25-37

January 30
The Last Man In
Luke 19: 1-10



Story Set 5: Jesus' Passion

Memory Passage:

Romans 3: 23, 5: 8; 6: 23; 10: 9

February 6

The Questions of Membership

February 13

The Last Supper

Matthew 26: 17-29

February 20

The Garden and the Arrest

Matthew 26: 36-46

February 27

No Class

Spring Break

March 6

The Crucifixion

Matthew 27: 27-50

March 13

Resurrection Evidence

Matthew 27: 62-28: 15

March 20

The Walk to Emmaus

Luke 24: 13-35

March 27

Ascension and Pentecost

Acts 1: 1-11; 2: 1-6

April 3

Year-End Review

April 10

No Class

Palm Sunday

April 17

No Class

Easter Sunday

April 24

Potential Make Up Class

May 1

Potential Make Up Class

Confirmation Service

4 pm

2021-2022 Elders Listing

Jamy Comeaux

Jane Cooper

Lynn Courtney

DJ Davis

Ryan Dickerson

Mike Dorman

Katie Forsthoff

Brett Furr

Linda Glisson

Joe Juban

Chat Kleinpeter

David Kozan

Laurie Lemoine

Bill McDonald

Judy McGimsey

Sue Miley

Hank Mills

Keith Morris

Rick Naqvi

Hans Othmer

Bill Peters

Mike Salassi

Tom Sawyer

Richard Setliff

James Slaton

Jerry Stovall

Hardy Swyers

Suzie Thompson

Dale Weiner

Jim Wood



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