



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CONFIRMATION 2024-2025



Sunday, August 11 at 10.10 am
Parents and Students meet with
the Confirmation Team

Friday, August 16
Confirmation Lock-In

Sunday, September 1
No Class

Sunday, October 27, 9.30 am
Elder Breakfast

Sunday, November 24
No Class

Sunday, December 22
No Class

Sunday, December 29
No Class

January 17–19
Polar Thang Retreat

Sunday, February 16
Questions of Membership

Sunday, March 2
No Class

Sunday, April 13
No Class

Sunday, April 20
No Class

Sunday, May 4 at 4 pm
Confirmation Service
Arrive at 3.30 pm for photos on
Sanctuary steps

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!



1) Lock-In

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

Friday, August 16
More information to come
Drop off in the church Gym



2) ELDER SPONSOR

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) BREAK-FAST WITH YOUR ELDER

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.

Sunday, October 27 at 9.30 am in the Reception Room



**4) WORSHIP
ATTENDANCE
& SERMON
NOTES**

At least ten Sundays each semester:
20 total for the year.

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, we ask 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 nine 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.



January 17–19, 2025

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



24 of the 27 classes are required. Jaci Gaspard will mail make up lessons each Monday to those students who missed Sunday's class.



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



May 4, 2025 at 4 pm
Meet on the Sanctuary front steps at 3.30 pm for photos

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. We 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 139:13–14

August 18

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

August 25

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

September 8

We Messed Up
Genesis 3:1–24

September 15

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

September 22

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

Story Set 2: Radical Salvation
Memory Passage:
Deuteronomy 6:4–6

September 29

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

October 6

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

October 13

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

October 20

The Golden Calf
Exodus 32:1–20



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

November 3
The Purpose of All These Words
Deuteronomy 6:4–25

November 10
Our Shepherd God
Psalm 23

November 17
Mary and Joseph
Luke 1:26–38, Matthew 1:18–25

December 1
The Story of Christmas
Luke 2:1–20

December 8
The Mystery and the Mystical
John 1:1–14

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

December 15
Baptism and Temptation of Jesus
Matthew 3:13–4:11

January 5
Calling Disciples
Luke 5:1–11

January 12
Sneaking Out to See Jesus
John 3:1–18

January 17–19
Polar Thang Retreat

January 26
Two Different Brothers
Luke 15:11–32

February 2
The Good Samaritan
Luke 10:25–37

February 9
The Last Man In
Luke 19:1–10



Story Set 5: Jesus' Passion

Memory Passage:

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

April 6

Ascension and Pentecost

Acts 1:1–11; 2:1–6

February 16

The Questions of Membership

May 4

Confirmation Service

4 pm (arrive at 3.30 pm)

February 23

The Last Supper

Matthew 26:17–29

March 9

The Garden and the Arrest

Matthew 26:36–46

March 16

The Crucifixion

Matthew 27:27–50

March 23

Resurrection Evidence

Matthew 27:62–28:15

March 30

The Walk to Emmaus

Luke 24:13–35



ELDERS LISTING

Will Adams
Gerry Arnold
Chuck Barber
Cheryl Brodnax
Jamy Comeaux
Lynn Courtney
Ryan Dickerson
Brett Furr
Charles Goebel
Ross Henry
Martha Juban
Pat Kerr
David Kozan

Laurie Lemoine
Jason Lewis
Kevin McCarter
Hank Mills
Keith Morris
Hans Othmer
Bill Peters
Jerry Stovall
Suzie Thompson
Jake Wood
Eric Zartman
Dan Zito



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