



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CONFIRMATION 2018-2019



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 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: Christina & Harold Yi, Whitney & Neil Weiner and Cheryl Brodnax.



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 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!



8 pm Friday, August 17,  
to 8 am Saturday, August 18,  
2018 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.)



9.30 am Sunday, October 28, 2018

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 are invited to attend.



**4) 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](http://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 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 18-20, 2019

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 19, 2019 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.



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

August 12

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

August 17-18

Confirmation Lock In, 8 pm

August 19

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

August 26

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

September 2

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 9

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

September 16

Genesis 22  
The Horror: Sacrifice of Isaac

September 23

Exodus 3  
God Hears: The Call of Moses

September 30

Exodus 12  
God Acts: The Passover and Exodus

October 7

Exodus 19  
God Speaks: The Ten Commandments

October 14

Exodus 32  
We Forget: The Golden Calf

October 21

Deuteronomy 6  
The Purpose of All These Words

October 28 No Class!

9.30 am Breakfast with Your Elder  
10.30 am Kirkin of the Tartan





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

November 4

Psalm 23

The LORD is My Shepherd

November 11

Jeremiah 31

The New Covenant

November 18

Isaiah 53

The Suffering Servant

**Story Set 4: Looking Forward**  
**to the Savior**

**Memory Passage - John 1: 1-5, 14**

November 25

Luke 1: 24-56

The Story of Mary

December 2

Matthew 1: 18-25

Joseph's Story

December 9

Luke 2: 1-20

The Story of Christmas

December 16

Christmas Party in Class

December 23

No Class

December 30

No Class

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

January 6

John 1: 1-14

The Mystery and the Mystical

January 13

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

Baptism and Temptation of Jesus

January 18-20

No Class!

**POLAR THANG MANDATORY**  
**RETREAT**

January 27

Luke 5:1-11

Calling Disciples

February 3

John 3: 1-18

Nic at Night



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

March 24

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

The Roman Road of Salvation

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

February 10

Luke 7: 1-17; 34-50

Three Remarkable Healings

February 17

Luke 15: 11-32

The Prodigal Son

February 24

Luke 10: 25-37

The Good Samaritan

March 3

Mark 8: 27-38

Who Do You Say that I Am?

March 10

Matthew 26: 17-29

The Lord's Supper

March 17

Luke 24: 13-35

The Road to Emmaus

March 31

John 10: 1-30

The Good Shepherd

April 7

Ephesians 2: 4-10; Colossians 2: 6-15

Saved By Grace Through Faith

April 14

No Class - Palm Sunday

April 21

Acts 2: 1-41

Pentecost

April 28

I John 4: 7-12

God is Love

May 5

Philippians 4: 6-9

Rejoice and Know Peace

May 12

The Questions of Membership

May 19

End of Year Class Meeting

Confirmation Service, 4 pm

## **2018-2019 Elders Listing**

Will Adams  
Gerry Arnold  
Chuck Barber  
Scott Bardwell  
Kyle Beall  
Pat Canfield  
Jane Cooper  
DJ Davis  
Ryan Dickerson  
Mike Dorman  
Brett Furr  
Linda Glisson  
Ross Henry  
Joe Juban  
Pat Kerr  
Chat Kleinpeter  
Laurie Lemoine  
Jason Lewis  
Bill McDonald  
Judy McGimsey  
Sue Miley  
Hank Mills  
Hans Othmer  
Mike Salassi  
Tom Sawyer  
James Slaton  
Graham Thompson  
Dale Weiner  
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Dan Zito



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