



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CONFIRMATION 2022-2023

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 youth team!

Friday, August 19  
5-11 pm  
Drop off in the church gym



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.)



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.

Sunday, October 30 at 9.30 am



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](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 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 13-15, 2023

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



**7) CLASS  
ATTENDANCE**

24 of the 27 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 7, 2023 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. 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 21

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

August 28

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

September 4

No Class  
Labor Day Weekend

September 11

We Messed Up  
Genesis 3: 1-24

September 18

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

September 25

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

**Story Set 2: Radical Salvation**  
**Memory Passage:**  
**Deuteronomy 6: 4-6**

October 2

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

October 9

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

October 16

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

October 23

The Golden Calf  
Exodus 32: 1-20

October 30

Elder Breakfast  
9.30 am

August 14  
Students and  
Parents Meet with  
Confirmation  
Team

August 19  
Confirmation  
Party  
5-11 pm



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

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

November 13  
Our Shepherd God  
Psalm 23

November 20  
Mary and Joseph  
Luke 1: 26-38, Matthew 1: 18-25

November 27  
No Class  
Thanksgiving Weekend

December 4  
The Story of Christmas  
Luke 2:1-20

December 11  
The Mystery and the Mystical  
John 1: 1-14

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

December 18  
Baptism and Temptation of Jesus  
Matthew 3: 13-4: 11

December 25  
No Class  
Christmas Holiday

January 1  
No Class  
Christmas Holiday

January 8  
Calling Disciples  
Luke 5: 1-11

January 13-15  
Polar Thang Retreat

January 22  
Sneaking Out to See Jesus  
John 3: 1-18

January 29  
Two Different Brothers  
Luke 15: 11-32





February 5

The Good Samaritan  
Luke 10: 25-37

February 12

The Last Man In  
Luke 19: 1-10

February 19

No Class  
Winter Break

**Story Set 5: Jesus' Passion**

**Memory Passage:**

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

February 26

The Questions of Membership

March 5

The Last Supper  
Matthew 26: 17-29

March 12

The Garden and the Arrest  
Matthew 26: 36-46

March 19

The Crucifixion  
Matthew 27: 27-50

March 26

Resurrection Evidence  
Matthew 27: 62-28: 15

April 2

No Class  
Palm Sunday

April 9

No Class  
Easter Sunday

April 16

The Walk to Emmaus  
Luke 24: 13-35

April 23

Ascension and Pentecost  
Acts 1: 1-11; 2: 1-6

April 30

Potential Make Up Class

May 7

Potential Make Up Class  
Confirmation Service  
4 pm (arrive at 3.30 pm)



## 2022-2023 ELDERS LISTING

Will Adams  
Gerry Arnold  
Chuck Barber  
Cheryl Brodnax  
Jamy Comeaux  
Jane Cooper  
Lynn Courtney  
DJ Davis  
Ryan Dickerson  
Mike Dorman  
Brett Furr  
Linda Glisson  
Ross Henry  
Pat Kerr  
Chat Kleinpeter

David Kozan  
Jason Lewis  
Kevin McCarter  
Judy McGimsey  
Sue Miley  
Hank Mills  
Keith Morris  
Rick Naqvi  
Hans Othmer  
Bill Peters  
Tom Sawyer  
James Slaton  
Jerry Stovall  
Hardy Swyers  
Suzie Thompson



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