



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CONFIRMATION 2023-2024



Sunday, August 13 at 10.10 am
Parents and Students meet with
the Confirmation Team

Friday, August 18, 6-11 pm
Confirmation Kick Off Party

Sunday, September 3
No Class

Sunday, October 29, 9.30 am
Elder Breakfast

Sunday, November 26
No Class

Sunday, December 24
No Class

Sunday, December 31
No Class

January 12-14
Polar Thang Retreat

Sunday, February 18
No Class

Sunday, February 25
Questions of Membership

Sunday, March 24
No Class

Sunday, March 31
No Class

Sunday, April 28
Make Up Class

Sunday, May 5 at 4 pm
Confirmation Service

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 18
6-11 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.

Sunday, October 29 at 9.30 am



**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 12-14, 2024

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 5, 2024 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 20

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

August 27

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

September 3

No Class
Labor Day Weekend

September 10

We Messed Up
Genesis 3: 1-24

September 17

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

September 24

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

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

October 1

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

October 8

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

October 15

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

October 22

The Golden Calf
Exodus 32: 1-20

October 29

Elder Breakfast
9.30 am

August 13
Students and
Parents Meet with
Confirmation
Team

August 18
Confirmation
Party
5-11 pm



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

November 5
The Purpose of All These Words
Deuteronomy 6: 4-25

November 12
Our Shepherd God
Psalm 23

November 19
Mary and Joseph
Luke 1: 26-38, Matthew 1: 18-25

November 26
No Class
Thanksgiving Weekend

December 3
The Story of Christmas
Luke 2:1-20

December 10
The Mystery and the Mystical
John 1: 1-14

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

December 17
Baptism and Temptation of Jesus
Matthew 3: 13-4: 11

December 24
No Class
Christmas Holiday

December 31
No Class
Christmas Holiday

January 7
Calling Disciples
Luke 5: 1-11

January 12-14
Polar Thang Retreat

January 21
Sneaking Out to See Jesus
John 3: 1-18

January 28
Two Different Brothers
Luke 15: 11-32



February 4

The Good Samaritan
Luke 10: 25-37

February 11

No Class
Winter Break

February 18

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 25

The Questions of Membership

March 3

The Last Supper
Matthew 26: 17-29

March 10

The Garden and the Arrest
Matthew 26: 36-46

March 17

The Crucifixion
Matthew 27: 27-50

March 24

No Class
Palm Sunday

March 31

No Class
Easter

April 7

Resurrection Evidence
Matthew 27: 62-28: 15

April 14

The Walk to Emmaus
Luke 24: 13-35

April 21

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

April 28

Potential Make Up Class

May 5

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



ELDERS LISTING

Will Adams
Gerry Arnold
Chuck Barber
Nan Boydston
Cheryl Brodnax
Jamy Comeaux
Lynn Courtney
D.J. Davis
Mike Dorman
Linda Glisson
Charles Goebel
Chris Haskew
Ross Henry
Martha Juban
Pat Kerr

Chat Kleinpeter
David Kozan
Laurie Lemoine
Jason Lewis
Kevin McCarter
Judy McGimsey
Keith Morris
Rick Naqvi
Bill Peters
Jerry Stovall
Suzie Thompson
Benn Vincent
Jake Wood
Eric Zartman
Dan Zito



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