

# Service for the Lord's Day

## Service of Confirmation

May 14, 2017

10:30 A.M.

### ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

#### GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with your spirit.**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God.

**It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

**For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

#### \*SONG

*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

Myrin & Redman

**Refrain:** Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning. It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me.

Let me be singing when the evening comes. *[Refrain]*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

*[Refrain]*

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come.

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending ten thousand years and then forevermore.

*[Refrain]*

#### \*HYMN 475

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal and merciful God,  
you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,  
and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake.

**Yet we have strayed from your way;  
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
through what we have done and what we have left undone.**

We remember the lavish gift of your grace symbolized in baptism.

O God, we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again.

**Grant us now, we pray, your enabling grace so that we may die daily  
to sin, and rise daily to new life in Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Peter 2:9–10

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation, God's own people,  
in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts  
of the One who called you out of darkness  
into God's marvelous light.

**Once we were not a people,  
but now we are God's people.  
Once we had not received mercy,  
but now we have received mercy.**

## \*RESPONSE

*Glory to God*

(Hymn 582, Stanza 1, sing twice)

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

*Children age 4 through first grade are invited to be escorted to "Kids' Kirk,"  
an age-appropriate worship and learning opportunity, in Room 32 of the Educational Building.*

## \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION  
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM  
PROFESSION OF FAITH  
BLESSING  
PRAYER

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

Hymnal, p. 35

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Anthem *Psalm 67* Eric Nelson

God be gracious unto us and bless us and cause His face to shine upon us, that Thy way may be known on the earth, Thy salvation among all nations. Let the people praise Thee, O God, let all the people praise Thee. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for Thou wilt judge the people with righteousness, and Thou wilt guide the nations upon the earth. For the earth has yielded its increase, and God, our God shall bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us. Let the people praise Thee, and let the nations be glad and sing for joy! God be gracious unto us and bless us.

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Mark 10:46–52 Pew Bible p. 47

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**MEDITATION** “Leaving It All Behind” Dave Welch

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Concluding with the *Lord's Prayer* (“*debts/ debtors*”)

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory Anthem *Draw the Circle Wide* Mark A. Miller

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.  
Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still. Let this be our song: no one stands alone.

\*Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

# GO IN GOD'S NAME

## \*SONG

*Yes, We All Agree*

Tommy Walker

Leader: Do you all agree . . .

**People:** Yes, we all agree.

*[Chorus]*

**Oh Lord, we agree in the power and strength of unity  
that You're worthy, worthy of our praise.**

**Oh Lord, we agree. With our whole hearts we proclaim to Thee  
that You are the King, the only Lord, the only God who's holy.**

**We all agree that You're worthy of our praise.**

**We all agree that You're worthy of our praise.**

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Step by Step*

Hymn 743

**O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.**

**O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.**

**I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.**

**And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.**

## \*POSTLUDE

*In Thee is Gladness*

J. S. Bach

### CONFIRMATION CLASS 2017

#### **Christian Bolick**

Parents: Chuck & Suzee Bolick

Mentor: Dewey Pendley, Matt Richardson

#### **Brandi McGill - Baptism**

Parents: John & Susan McGill

Mentors: Maria Poteat, Ann Abel

#### **Grayson Phipps**

Parents: Chris & Leigh Beth Phipps

Mentors: Olivia Fox, Kathryn Parker

#### **Jessica Rogers**

Parents: Gary & Brenda Rogers

Mentors: Taylor Connolly, Vicki Fey

#### **Jason Kreiss**

Parents: Dan & Cindy Kreiss

Mentors: John Blair, Stuart Parker

#### **Ginny Osborne - Baptism**

Parents: Ray & Lily Osborne

Mentors: Emily Estes, Linda Welch

#### **Ella Robertson**

Parents: Bradley & Niki Robertson

Mentors: Blakesley Bassett,  
Donna Sikorski

#### **Logan Streetman**

Parents: Regan Streetman

Mentor: Austin Henson, John Vann

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## Worship Notes – Week of May 14, 2017

**Members are invited** to bring with them and donate to the Brazil Mission Team this week: Crayola washable markers (8 or 10 pack). There is a box for donations in the Fellowship Hallway or Narthex.

**We welcome all visitors to our worship today!** Thank you for choosing to be a part of our service today. Please help us to know you better by providing your name and address in the Fellowship Register, as well as indicating if this is your first visit to our church. We appreciate it very much!

**Children and Worship:** Our church nursery welcomes children from birth through age 3 during worship. It is located in the Education Wing of the church; please ask an usher to guide you there. For children from age 4 through 1st grade, we offer “Kids’ Kirk,” an age-appropriate worship and learning opportunity. Children are escorted from the worship service with their leaders to Room 32 of the Education Wing, where parents pick them up after worship.

**Today’s music:** The Sanctuary Choir anthem, “Psalm 67,” was one of several pieces written for the sesquicentennial celebration service in September of 2008 of First Presbyterian, Bristol. Composer Eric Nelson (b. 1959) has used the King James Version of this beloved Psalm whose well-known refrain is “Let the people praise Thee, O God.” Nelson is the Director of Choral Studies at Emory University and Artistic Director of the Atlanta Master Chorale. Much as the text of the Psalm, the music begins quietly, builds in excitement as the text calls on “the nations [to] be glad and sing for joy,” and returns to the quiet reflective quality of the opening. The Jubilate Youth Choir will sing “Draw the Circle Wide,” a song with text by Gordon Light and music by Mark Miller. Light (b. 1944) is a Canadian Anglican clergyman; Miller has numerous family members who are Methodist clergy, is on the faculty of several theological institutions, and serves as director of Youth and Gospel Choirs at Marble Collegiate Church in New York City. Appropriate for Confirmation Sunday, this anthem calls on us to reach out in love to those about us.

**Large-print hymnals,** hearing assistance devices, and individual pew cushions are available in the narthex. Speakers broadcasting the sanctuary worship service are in the conference room for worshippers needing to leave the sanctuary for any reason. Please ask an usher.

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### Serving During Today’s Worship

#### Ushers

Fred & Heidi Harkleroad  
JB & Cindy Madison

#### Audio

Matt & Erin Kingsley

#### Music Participants

Sanctuary Choir  
8:30 Worship Team  
Jubilate Youth Choir

#### Locking/Unlocking

Kevin Buck

## Birthday Prayer Fellowship

May 14	Blake Bassett, James Phipps, Andrew Smith
May 15	DeeDee Galliher
May 16	Dewey Pendley
May 17	Don Pridemore
May 18	Linsi Phelps
May 19	Shannan Miller
May 20	Jane Crewey, Jim Ratliff

## This Week at FPC

### Sunday, May 14

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. ONE Worship, Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m. Student Fellowship  
6:00 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee,  
Room 117

### Monday, May 15

4:45 p.m. Strategic Initiatives &  
Implementations, Room 117

### Tuesday, May 16

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Group  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 3, Scout Wing

### Wednesday, May 17

7:30 p.m. 8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal

### Thursday, May 18

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Parlor  
12:00 p.m. Noon Bible Study, Room 117

## First Presbyterian Church Ministry Staff

Ministers	All the Members
Interim Pastor	Dr. Stuart Wilson
Minister for Discipleship	Dr. David L. Welch
Director of Music Ministry	Steve Fey
Director of Student Ministries	Katie Arnold
Director of Children's Ministries	Lilly Osborne
Director of Early Worship	Shannan Miller
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Secretary/Receptionist	Diana Mattison
Food Services Coordinator	Scottie Bales
Nursery Coordinator	Debbie Pfeifer
Sexton	Becky Rose
Children's Special Needs Assistants	Vickie Coleman & Darrell Wilson

*Pastor Emeritus, Dr. Richard Ray*