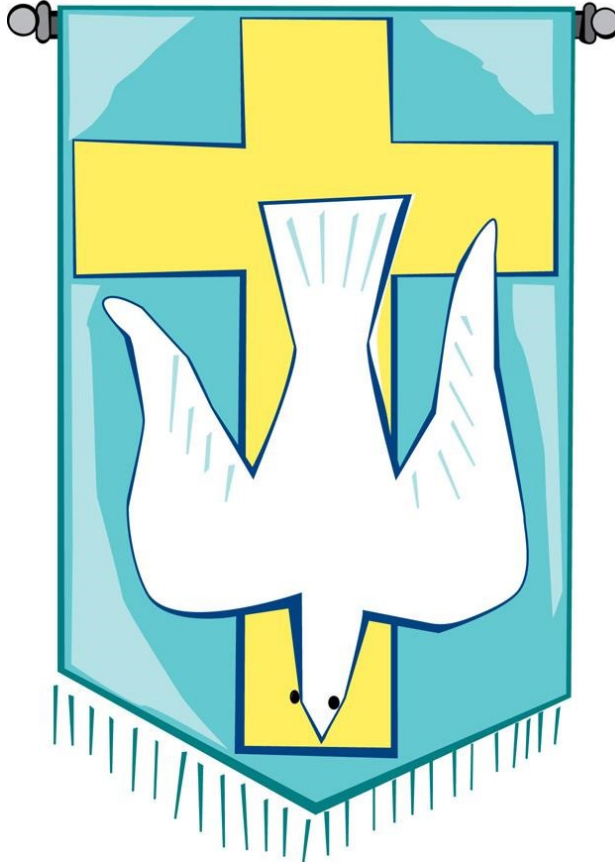


Confirmation



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 12, 2019 9:30 AM

First Presbyterian Church

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THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Almighty God, who sent Jesus, the good shepherd, to gather us together: may we not wander from his flock, but follow where he leads us, knowing his voice and staying near him, until we are safely in your fold, to live with you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE *Prelude and Fugue in F Major* Fischer

INTROIT *Jesus, Lamb of God* McLin
Chancel Choir

#*CALL TO WORSHIP *Elder Stacey McAdams*

One: Open the gate! The Shepherd is coming!

ALL: *We hear his glad voice! O, call us by name! Lead us, O Shepherd, into the green pastures!*

One: Lowly in labor, despised by the world, this shepherd is trusted only by his own.

ALL: *No strange voice will we follow; we will flee from the sound.*

One: We follow that Shepherd who brings home His sheep.

ALL: *One door, one flock; one fold, one Shepherd!
Open the gate! The Good Shepherd comes!*

TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

#*HYMN OF PRAISE: 182 *(Please stand at the introduction to the hymns)*
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

CALL TO CONFESSION *Elder Stacey McAdams*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

*O God, you command us to follow in Jesus' steps. You say his wounds have healed us. O Shepherd and Guardian of our souls, though the way be difficult, we believe! Forgive us our sins and increase our faith. Lend your presence to us now, that we might see your will. We long to follow faithfully. If we do good and our works are applauded, let us accept the praise humbly, mindful of your grace. And if we do good and our works are denounced, let us bear the ridicule patiently, assured of your support. Be our Vision, our Wisdom, and our Guide. You only can we truly trust, who justly judges and surely saves!
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.*

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Elder Stacey McAdams

One: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon those who love and follow Him.

ALL: *Thanks be to God, for His loving kindness has freed us from our sins! "Once we were no people, but now we are God's people!" Alleluia! Amen!*

**** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** *(Hymn: 620)*

LAUDA ANIMA

*Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven; to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.*

RECEPTION OF CONFIRMATION CLASS

CONFIRMATION AND COMMISSIONING *(see insert)*

Ava Beller

Reaffirmation of Faith

Stella Crenshaw

Profession of Faith

Callum Donnell

Profession of Faith

Catey Beth Donnell

Profession of Faith

James Howell

Profession of Faith

Annika Jerge

Profession of Faith

Lara McCaslin

Profession of Faith

*Rev. John White,
Elder James Harris,
Elder Jan Crossett*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Lara Marie McCaslin

Profession of Faith

Rev. John White

TO GIVE THANKS, PETITION AND INTERCESSION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Libby Smith

(After the Time with Children, our young friends ages 4-2ND grade are invited to the Children's Church in the Education Building. An adult will escort the children. After church the children will be escorted to their appropriate Sunday School rooms. Grades 3-5 are invited to remain in the Sanctuary for worship.)

***HYMN: 288** *(sing 2x)*

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *(p. 35 in front of hymnal)*

ANTHEM

*A Joyful Song
Chancel Choir*

Leaf

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Stacey McAdams

EPISTLE READING

Revelation 7:9-17 (pg. 249-250)

GOSPEL READING

John 10:22-30 (pg. 104)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

"I Am the One"

Rev. John H. White

(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center isle on each pew, sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERING

ORGAN

Prelude on HE LEADETH ME

Martin

OFFERTORY

Dr. Terry McRoberts, organist

*Doxology (Tune: 607)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Dedicatory Prayer

Elder Stacey McAdams

TO GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION: 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYD Y NOS

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION:

We Go in Peace

Christopher

Chancel Choir

*ORGAN POSTLUDE

Prelude on O QUANTA QUALIA

Matthews

Service of Confirmation

Presentation

Elder James Harris

The Session of First Presbyterian Church presents Ava Beller, Stella Crenshaw, Callum Donnell, Catey Beth Donnell, James Howell, Annika Jerge, and Lara McCaslin who completed the confirmation class and desire to make their public profession of faith, and reaffirm the baptismal covenant into which they were baptized. Will the confirmands please come forward?

Will the covenant sponsors, Lynn East, Ann Mayo, Robert Reeves, Stephannie Williams, Randy Jones, Nelda Evans and Kim Dunnivant, please come forward and stand with your confirmand?

Opening Scripture

Elder James Harris

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.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Three Questions of Profession

Rev. John White

Baptism of Lara Marie McCaslin

Rev. John White

Question to Congregation

Elder James Harris

Do you, as a member of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Ava Beller, Stella Crenshaw, Callum Donnell, Catey Beth Donnell, James Howell, Annika Jerge, and Lara McCaslin by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of their church?

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Elder Jan Crossett

Apostle's Creed: (in unison)

Elder James Harris

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended
into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he
shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy
catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of
the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Presentation of Gifts

Elder Jan Crossett

Welcome

Rev. John White

One: Ava Beller, Stella Crenshaw, Callum Donnell, Catey Beth Donnell, James Howell, Annika Jerge, and Lara McCaslin have been received into the one holy catholic and First Presbyterian Church to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome our newest members.

Congregation: *With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry for we are all one in Christ.*

Song: *A Hymn of Thanksgiving for our Confirmands* (see insert, all stanzas) HYFRYDOL