

*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please exchange greetings of welcome and peace with your neighbor.

*POSTLUDE

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

† If you are new to our church...**Welcome!** We're glad to have you here. Please ask an usher to direct you to *Visitor packets* at the rear of the church. They can be found on the table near the usher's closet under the balcony stairs. After the 10:00 service today, we hope you will join us for Coffee Hour in Room 120.

†**SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE CONFIRMATION CLASS TO THEIR TEACHERS:** Joe Ball, James Heinegg, Doug Jones, and Donna McGinley; to Director of Youth Ministry, Jaime Staehle; to Pastor Rick Sommers, Pastor Don Brown, Rev. Barbara Piercy, the Confirmation Class parents, and to those members of our congregation who served as mentors.

†Thank you to Wally Brixner for preparing the table for the Lord's Supper. Our Communion servers this week are: Paul Califf, Kris George, Troy Guinn-Bailey, Donna Heun, Nancy McCarthy, Joyce McGrath, Nancy Scarrillo, Laura and Mark Schalles and Stephen Urban.

†The flowers this morning, are given to the glory of God in memory of...
...Edith and Tony DePalma by their daughter, Jeanette and granddaughter, Jessica.

†Your prayers of intercession are requested for those members and friends known to be *currently or recently hospitalized or who continue to need our prayers and support:*

...Harry Copens, Bill Hayden, Edith Jipp, Roger Jones, Marilyn O'Connell, Barbara Piggery, Louise Ritscher, Laura Winter and Clarence and Helena Wispelwey. The church office will be happy to verify their home addresses for you should you wish to send them words of encouragement or get well wishes.

†The white rose on the communion table celebrates the life of First Presbyterian Church member Bill Boales and remembers the promises of the resurrection in his death last weekend. Our sympathy as a Christian Family to his wife, Charlotte Boales.

†The red rose on the communion table celebrates the birth of...
...Benjamin Ryan McAbee to Ryan and Suzanne McAbee on May 28, 2015.



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CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2015

Ten o'clock

GATHERING

REFLECTION

The church nurtures those baptized as children and calls them to make public their personal profession of faith and their acceptance of responsibility in the life of the church. When these persons are ready, they shall be examined by the session. After the session has received them as active members they shall be presented to the congregation during a service of public worship. In that service the church shall confirm them in their baptismal identity. They are commissioned for full participation in the mission and governance of the church, and are welcomed by the congregation. [PC(USA) Book of Order W-4.2003]

PRELUDE

"How Firm a Foundation"

Arr. Noel A. Piercy

Chapel Handbell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bret Elphick

The Lord Jesus was very young.

He was only 12 years old.

But he amazed the scribes in the temple with his knowledge,

And he frightened his parents when they could not find him in their homeward-bound party.

Gracious God of all your children, look with favor on those of us who, at a similar tender age, are about to be confirmed in our baptismal faith.

May you grow in the understanding of your call to be followers of Jesus.

Accept this service of confirmation as a thank offering to you for the gift of life and learning.

And may the privilege and challenge of being followers of Christ be ours forever.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN NO. 157

"I Danced in the Morning"

LORD OF THE DANCE

Lighting the candles this morning is Acolyte Henry Jones.

PROCLAIMING AND RESPONDING

ANTHEM

"Established in Faith"

Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Robin Collura and Kilian McKnight

Please note: *Preschool children, Kindergartners and 1st Graders will head down to Rooms A4 and A5 following the Time with the Children to participate in the Young Children and Worship Program.*

PARISH LIFE

Members, friends and visitors, please sign the Friendship Pad in each pew and pass it to the person next to you. The last person will pass the pad back to the first person, who will then please place the sheet in the offering plate. **Worshipers are invited to use the cards in the pew racks for prayer requests so we may share one another's joys and concerns.** *Please place the cards in the offering plate and the staff will include them with their prayers this week.*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Gloria"

Antonio Vivaldi

Alyssa Endres, Piano

*RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING NO. 300 *"We Are One in the Spirit"*

**We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 16:13-18

Page 17, NT

Caroline Fielding

MEDITATION

"Who Do You Say That I Am?"

Dr. Sommers

*HYMN NO. 69

"Here I Am, Lord" (stanza 1)

HERE I AM

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT (see insert)

*STATEMENT OF FAITH (as prepared by Confirmands — projected on wall)

PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING

*HYMN NO. 69

"Here I Am, Lord" (stanzas 2-3)

HERE I AM

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

"Deep River"

Arr. Mark Hayes

Caitlin Joy, Flute

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GOING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 175 *"Seek Ye First"*

LAFFERTY

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**