

Meet Our Confirmands

These are the six students who are proclaiming their faith and reaffirming their baptismal covenants today. Included is an excerpt from their Statements of Faith.

Catherine “Emery” Considine | Eighth Grader at Pulaski Academy

Parents, Neal and Abby Considine

“Church is where God’s people congregate to talk, grow, worship, and build a community centered around God.”

Olivia “Livi” Reynolds Dickinson | Ninth Grader at Pulaski Academy

Parents, Jason and Laura Dickinson

“I believe that God loves everyone, even if you make mistakes he forgives you. Not everyone is perfect.”

Charles “Deckard” Griffin | Eighth Grader at The Anthony School

Parents, Cody and Amber Griffin

“I believe that God comes in many forms, whether it be in his son Jesus, who loves us unconditionally and died for our sins, or as the Holy Spirit that encompasses the world in his presence.”

Caroline Lee Hankins | Eighth Grader at Pinnacle View Middle School

Parents, Ed and Christin Hankins

“The holy spirit is present to remind us that God is always with us. I feel the most connected to the holy spirit when I am at the Lake and watching the sunsets.”

Raylee Kapri Weglewski | Eighth Grader at Pinnacle View Middle School

Parents, Nicole Tiedeman and Greg Weglewski

“I think God exists because of all the amazing things that are present in the world. I believe God is angelic, holy, eternal, peaceful, and a protector of all.”

John “Graham” Yancey | Eighth Grader at Pinnacle View Middle School

Parents, Joseph and Amara Yancey

“I believe that music comes from God. Love is music, and as God is love, it follows that God is music. His love encompasses all creation, and I should work to mirror that love.”

Worship Leaders

Elizabeth Cahoon, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Rev. Dr. Benjamin E.E. Kane

Dr. Bevan Keating, Director of Music and the Arts

Adam Savacool, organist

Clint Brockway, Interpreter

Liturgists: (8:30am) Carol Young

Elder of the Day (11:00) Alicia Byrd

May Usher Captains

8:30am (5/12 & 5/19) LB Vaught

11:00am (5/12 & 5/19) Zachary Ward

Are You New to Second Pres?

If you are a guest, we are grateful you have joined us in worship and we hope you are well taken care of and feel at home. Feel free to stop by the Welcome Center in the narthex or say hello to a staff member or greeter. Check out the bulletin insert for more on Second Pres and things that may be of interest to you. We’re glad you’re here.

Joys & Prayer Requests

Please notify the church office of hospitalizations, joys and concerns. For a full listing of prayer concerns, please call the Care and Concern line at (501) 227-6117.

Statement of Welcome & Inclusiveness

As one part of the church of Jesus Christ, we are inspired and guided by Christ’s vision of God’s realm—one that includes all who seek to love God and neighbor.

Second Presbyterian Church welcomes all people.

As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), we invite those who respond in trust and obedience to God’s grace in Jesus Christ to become part of the membership and ministry of the church.

We would be pleased to have you join us in our journey of faith, regard-less of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic or family status, ethnic background, mental or physical abilities.

Giving to Second Pres

Your generosity is a meaningful expression of your faith in God and your commitment to Christ’s work in the world. Contributions can be made to the Annual Budget, Memorial Gifts and the Birthday Fund.



OFFERING PLATE

You may place your offering in the offering plate



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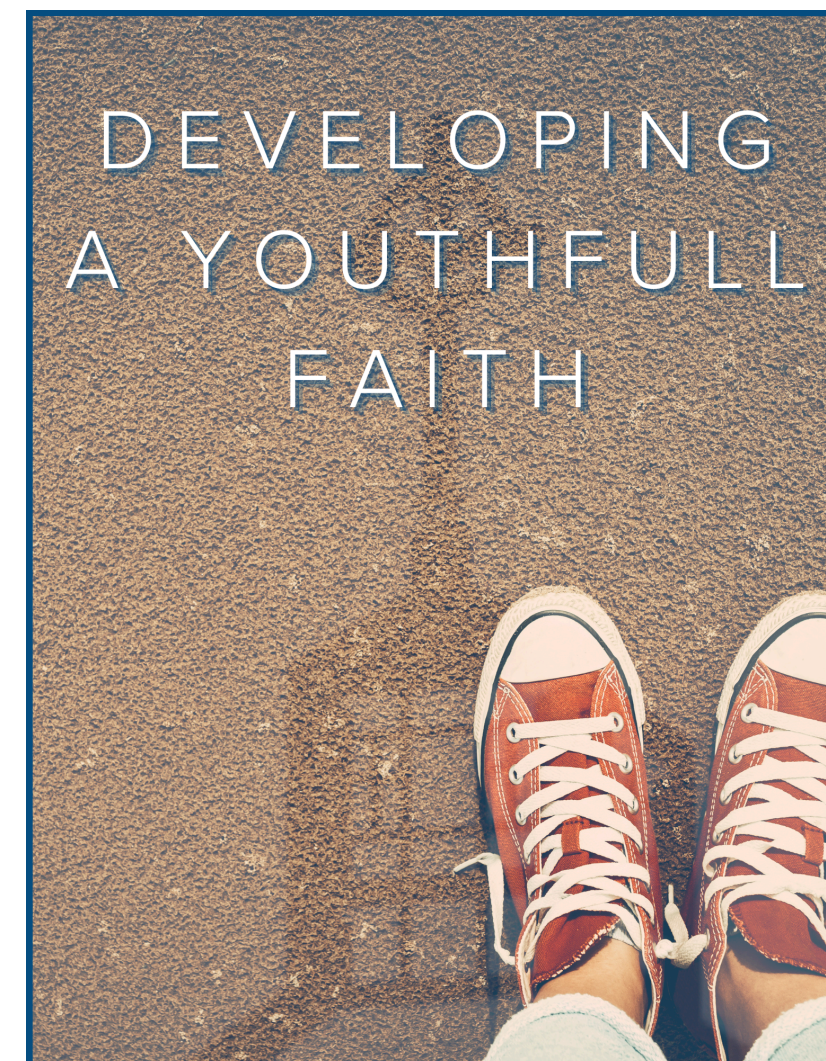
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Welcome TO WORSHIP



Second
PRESBYTERIAN LITTLE ROCK

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Today in Worship

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The Congregation will speak aloud the **bold print readings**.

✠ Please rise in body or spirit

GATHERING

Worship begins with God. God takes the initiative and calls the Church into being. In the name of Christ, we heed God's call and gather as the community of faith.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsive)*

As the Creator and the Savior are one,
may we all be one.

So that the world may see Christ,

may we all be one.

So that the nations will know the love of God for them,

may we all be one.

As the body of Christ for the sake of the world,

may we all be one.

✠ **HYMN 65** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us draw near to God with sincerity of heart and full assurance of faith, our guilty hearts sprinkled clean, our bodies washed with pure water. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Responsive)*

Creator God, by your design we are whole people, yet we deny this gift of wholeness when

we have been willing to be entertained but not changed;

We have allowed our insights to harden into clichés;

We have seen our youth as “the future of the church,” but not as

valuable members of the church today;

We have called on you only to hear the sound of our own voices;

Forgiving God, who makes community from the raw materials of our

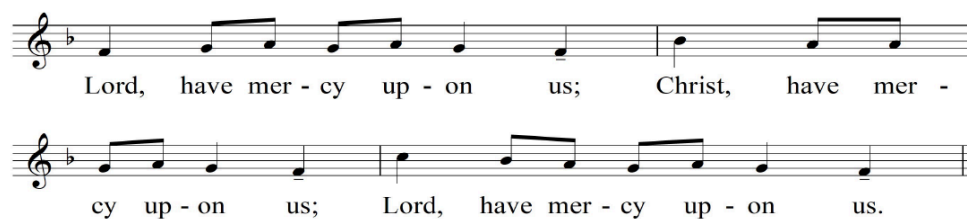
lives, teach us the humility to learn from those who know a true

rejoicing. Restore to us wholeness through the oneness we have in

your Son, our risen Savior, Christ Jesus.

(Time for silent confession.)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Responsive)*

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

PASSING OF THE PEACE *(Responsive)*

God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ. Peace be with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to stand and greet one another with a handshake, fist-bump, hug, or wave — all of which remind us that Christ's peace is for each of us.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Gathered in God's name, we now open ourselves to God's life-giving Word.

While the children come forward for the Time with Children, you are invited to sing the first verse of Jesus Loves Me, a reminder that God's love is for each of us.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Doug Barr

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 1:26-28 p. 1

ANTHEM *Gloria from Mass of the Children* J. Rutter SPC Adult Choir

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 7:7-12* p. 7

SERMON *Knock, Knock. Who's There?* Elizabeth Cahoon

Following the sermon, there will be a time for meditation to consider what God might be saying to you after hearing God's word read and proclaimed.

✠ **HYMN 329** *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength* TOULON

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

The proclamation of God's Word invites responses of faith.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Unison)*

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.

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMATION CLASS (11:00 a.m.)

Catherine Emery Considine (Marge Anna Luttrell)
Olivia Reynolds Dickinson (Kathryn McMillan)
Charles Deckard Griffin (Ryan Holder)
Caroline Lee Hankins (Maggie Kirchner)
Raylee Kapri Weglewski ((Alex Honeycutt)
John Graham Yancey (Preston McCormack)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00 AM)

John Graham Yancey will receive the Sacrament this morning.

PRESENTATION

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(Unison)*

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.

THE BAPTISM

WELCOMING

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Jesus Loves Me* Hymn No. 188, St. 1

QUESTIONS OF CONFIRMANDS

LAYING ON OF HANDS

PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

✠ **OFFERTORY**

DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

✠ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SENDING

The God who calls us together in worship now sends us out in service.

✠ **INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

✠ **HYMN 298** *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* ABBOT'S LEIGH
Verses, 1, 2 and 5

✠ **BENEDICTION**

✠ **CHORAL BENEDICTION** *The Lord Bless You* J. Rutter

✠ **POSTLUDE**