

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

August 30, 2026

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Jesus Shall Reign”

Arr.: Benton Price

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leila Hall, Liturgist

Leader: We gather today to celebrate the faith of our youth and the faithfulness of our God.

People: The God who called our ancestors is calling a new generation.

Leader: We invite the presence of the Holy Spirit, who moves among us and claims us by grace.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, kindle the fire of faith in our hearts.

Leader: To those making their confirmation today, God says: "You are my beloved child."

People: We are here, ready to listen, remember, and renew our own vows.

Leader: Let us worship the God of wisdom, strength, and unending love.

People: Praise be to God, now and forevermore!

*HYMN #449 *(see bulletin)*

“Take My Life”

Havergal/Malan

*CALL TO CONFESSION

From generation to generation, and at every age, we encounter God. We meet the One who fills every moment with the sacred. We confess our sins, in trust that we can turn aside and notice God welcoming us with forgiveness and hope. Let us therefore come before God with courage and repentant hearts as we confess our sin. Let us pray...

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious and merciful God, you call us by name and claim us as your own. We confess that we often wander from your love. You give us light, but we stumble in the shadows of our own making. You offer us abundant grace, but we hold back our trust and our service. We fail to love our neighbors as ourselves, and we quiet the voice of your Spirit within our hearts. Forgive us, Lord. Renew our spirits and cleanse our lives. As these confirmands stand before you and your church to affirm their faith, reignite the flame of your Holy Spirit in all of us. Give us courage to live out the promises we make, to resist evil, and to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior... Our prayers continue in silence...

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: In our love for others, we discover God's love for us. In our forgiving of others, we learn once more how deeply God has forgiven us. Friends, this is the good news offered to us!

People: We are God's children, called to be different, called to live as new people, and through the waters of our baptism, forgiven children of God! Alleluia! Amen!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Share the peace of Christ with one another.

*HYMN #378 *(see bulletin)*

“Be Thou My Vision”

Byrne/Hull/Johnson

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Holy Spirit”

Arr.: Lyndell Leatherman

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Divine Light, shine on these pages that the stories may speak again to us today. Shine on our hearts that we might know how to respond. Amen.

FIRST READING:

Psalm 139:1-3,13-18

ANTHEM

“Know My Heart”

Harlan

SECOND READING:

Romans 12:1-2

HOMILY

“Holy and Acceptable to God”

Rev. Rick Douylliez

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

***HYMN #488** (*see bulletin*)

“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

John C. Yivisaker

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (see back page)

William Vernon Bius

Allegra Dawn Porteus

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND CONFIRMATION (see back page)

David Quentin “Ford” Bates, IV

William Vernon Bius

Sadie-Laurel Cato

Allegra Dawn Porteus

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Nachspiel”

Anton Bruckner

(*) *We stand as we are able*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today were placed to the Glory of God
and in honor of our confirmands*

From Brett Johnson, Marie’s Flower and Gift Shoppe.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elders of the Month: Laura Hall & Aileen McNair

Monday, August 31 at 7 a.m. Biscuits & Blessings

Monday, August 31 at 10 a.m. Presbyterian Women Executive Board

Tuesday, September 1 at 9 a.m. Shalom Bible Study

Sunday, September 6 at 5 p.m. THRIVE *board games & dinner for youth 5th grade & up*

Monday, September 7 ---Labor Day ---office closed

Finance Meeting still to be scheduled

Wed. & Thurs., September 9 & 10 -Preschool Fall Pictures

Thursday, September 10 at 11 a.m. Cornerstones Lunch on the Road

Sunday, September 13 at 3:30 p.m. Resonance Service

Monday, September 14 at 7 a.m. Biscuits & Blessings

Monday, September 14 at 10 a.m. Christian Service

Sunday, September 20 at Noon - Missions Dinner

Monday, September 21 at 7 a.m. Biscuits & Blessings

Monday, September 21 at 9 a.m. Tidy Team

Monday, September 21 at 12:30 p.m. Cornerstones Meeting

SESSION TO BE SCHEDULED

Saturday, September 26 at Noon OUR TIME -lunch & games for kids pre-K – 5th grade

Sunday, September 27 at 12:15 p.m. Cornerstones theatre trip

Monday, September 28 at 7 a.m. Biscuits & Blessings

Tuesday, September 29 at 1 p.m. Christmas Wreath workshop – Cornerstones

MISSIONS DINNER: SEPTEMBER 20TH

This year's Missions Dinner to benefit the Fellowship for Disadvantaged Peoples in Bangladesh will be held at noon **Sunday, September 20th.** Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Patty June or the office. The menu for eat-in or take-out meals is Fried Chicken, Creamed Corn, Green Beans, Roll and Peach Cobbler.

LOVE OFFERING FOR FRANCIS KEY

Our longtime nursery and kitchen staffer, Francis Key, lost her husband, Johnny Robinson, August 22. Session voted to accept love offering donations to help Francis and her family during this difficult time. If you would like to contribute, please make out a separate check to FPC and put "love offering" in the memo line.

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES CONTINUE

The first study is at Shalom on Tuesday mornings. We are reading *Second Thoughts About Hell* which explores all the ways Christians have thought about eternal judgment. The second study is our Wednesday night study and we are doing *Appreciate These Things: 8 Ways of Cultivating Compassion*. **We will continue our Wednesday night studies/programs even though suppers will be undergoing a transition at the end of the month.**

Both books are \$10 each. **Contact Austin to get your books: dcefirstpresmoultrie@gmail.com**

Baptism and Profession of Faith

PRESENTATION

Matthew 28:18-20

Ephesians 4:4-6

Galatians 3:27,28

Presenting the Candidates for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Questions for the Candidates

Questions for the Congregation

Presenting the Candidates for Making a Public Profession of Faith

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Questions for the Confirmands

Prayer

THE BAPTISM

William Vernon Bius, Allegra Dawn Porteus

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANNOINTING

Parents, family members, mentors, and ordained elders and deacons are welcome to come forward to participate in the apostolic tradition symbolizing the sending of the Holy Spirit.

WELCOME

SENDING

Congregational Prayer (unison)

Holy God, thank you for calling us to be your people and joining us to Christ's body the Church.

We thank you for the blessing of these young disciples and for the incredible love you have poured out on them. We thank you for their family, mentors, and community who have nurtured their faith.

Defend them, O Lord, with your heavenly grace, that they may continue yours forever.

May they know your love each day, know that they are never alone, and seek your will earnestly.

Empower them by your Spirit to be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love to all the world. Amen!