March 24, 2010

Prayer and reverent silence is an appropriate way to prepare for worship.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Lord When I Come Into This Life”
Charles Callahan

ASSEMBLING OF THE SESSION

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number brothers and sisters in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

HYMN No. 522

“Lord, When I Came Into This Life”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SOLO

“O Jesus, I Have Promised to Serve You to the End”
Michael Larkin
Lindsey Prather, Soloist

EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP

Members of this year’s confirmation class will offer their personal statements of faith as part of their examinations for church membership. (Insert)

SESSIONAL RESOLUTION

Resolved: That each of these young adults be admitted to full church membership upon their public professions of faith.

PROFESSIONS OF FAITH

* APOSTLES CREED

PRAYER

CHARGE TO THE NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Grant

HYMN (on back)  “I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”
Ylvisaker

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

L: The Lord be with you.
P: And also with you.
L: Lift up your hearts.
P: We lift them to the Lord.
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
L: Eternal God, holy and mighty . . .

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION

The Communion trays contain both wine and grape juice. The non-alcoholic grape juice is in the outer ring. Please place empty cups in designated baskets at end of service. Please see an usher to receive a wafer for those allergic to gluten, wheat, dairy & corn.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN No. 525

“Here I Am, Lord”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Improvisation”
Steve Henley

The newly confirmed members may be greeted at the chancel.

The Class of 2010

Michael Barrett  Bailey Holland  Maddie Negaard
Becky Ogburn  Coleman Paz  Alli Smilek
Dustin Smilek  Kate Wood

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CONFIRMATION

The Rev. R. Charles Grant, D.Min, Pastor
The Rev. Shawn Thomas Smith, Associate Pastor
Stephen E. Henley, Director of Music
Brenda M. Norton, Office Manager
Jean M. Oswald, Preschool Director
Rhonda Dunbar, Specialist in Education and Youth
The Rev. Tae Hee Kwak, Pastoral Assistant
Richard E. Brice, Sexton

Sunday Worship Services at 8:30 and 11:00 AM (Nursery provided)
Evening Worship at 6:00 PM ~1st Sunday of the Month Sept-June
Church School for all ages from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM
Extended Session for Children below 1st grade during 11:00 Service
TESTAMENT

The Personal Faith Statements
of
The Confirmation Class of 2010
Bon Air Presbyterian Church
Richmond, Virginia
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“Keep on doing the things
that you have learned and received and heard and seen,
and the God of peace will be with you.”
Philippians 4:9
I believe God is the creator of the universe. He receives our prayers whenever we call up to him. If you are truly sorry he will forgive your sins.

I believe Jesus Christ is the son of God and the Lord and Savior. He was a great teacher and shared the word of God. Anyone who believes in him will have eternal life.

I believe the Holy Spirit is God’s presence is among us.

I believe the Bible is the word of God through Scripture. It is a guide telling how God would want us to live our lives and treat others.

I believe the Church is a group of people who share common beliefs about the Lord’s teachings. People who work together to spread God’s word.

A Christian I believe is someone who believes that Jesus Christ is the son of God. A person who uses the Bible as a guide for how to live his/her life. A person who recognizes his sinfulness and asks God for forgiveness. Also, I believe a Christian is a person who believes in eternal life.

Michael Barrett

Through confirmation I expected to learn things about God and Jesus; I think that’s what most people expect. I was surprised, however. I discovered my beliefs and learned about my peers. I learned about the church I have grown up in and been a member of since I was born. The experience covered more than the material that can actually be taught.

God is my rock. Parents and friends always say “I’m here for you whenever.” But how can a human being really always be there for you at all times? When everyone else fails me, He comforts me and because I know I can rely on Him, I want to repay Him in my faith, for that is the only way I can thank Him enough.

Jesus Christ is what I strive to equal: his friendship, his forgiveness, his sacrifice, his faith, his leadership, his modest confidence. In every area Jesus Christ is supreme and in every area, I should try to be like him.

The Holy Spirit is what makes me want to be like Jesus Christ. It motivates my soul to strengthen my faith as a Christian. It is the voice telling me “no” when I long for sins. The Holy Spirit is my motivator.

The Bible teaches us, as naïve humans, how to live like Christ. Without it we would be endeavoring to equal what? God? But would we even know what God was? We wouldn’t know how to live our lives or what to live them for.

The Church is a place where you’re bound to find a loving adult to help and guide you through life’s troubles. However, the Church ought to be a place where you could walk in and any adult is ready, willing, and wanting to help. The Church is a welcoming environment but it should be even more welcoming.

A Christian will set aside his or her activities and devote his or her life to being a better person. And through simply trying to be a better person and worshipping God, he or she will live more and more like Christ.

Before confirmation I knew most of that information but I didn’t really believe it. Now, with one hundred percent of my soul, I believe it all.

Kate Wood
I believe in one eternal and personal God, the Creator and the supporter of the universe. I believe in this God as three people, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I believe that Jesus Christ is our GPS throughout life. He guides us, teaches us, and gave up his body for our sins.

I believe the Holy Spirit is a divine person, along with God and Jesus Christ. A person you can’t see, hear, or touch, but a person that’s always near you.

I believe the Bible, the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments, is the word of God. This Scripture reveals the being, nature, and the character of God.

I believe Bon Air Presbyterian Church is the Spiritual body of Jesus Christ. I believe the church is a community of people who believe in God who are neither sinless nor perfect. I believe the church is a place for people to communicate and spend time with God.

I believe a Christian is someone who participates in the belief of Jesus Christ. I believe a Christian should always follow God by his scriptures and his prayers.

Dustin Smilek

About God I believe that God created all. I believe that he sent his son Jesus to us. I believe that.

About Jesus Christ I believe that he is our Savior. I believe that he died to forgive our sins. I believe that he was the son of God.

About the Holy Spirit I believe that the Holy Spirit is a presence of God. Wherever we are the Holy Spirit follows.

I believe the Bible tells the stories of God and Jesus. I believe that it was written to teach us. I believe that the stories in the Bible are a guideline to live our life by.

I believe the Church is a place of worship. The Church is made of people, not defined by a building. I believe that church should be somewhere you can learn about God.

I believe a Christian is someone who should strive to live the life God wants us to lead. A Christian is someone who reads the Bible. I believe a Christian is someone who believes in God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

Bailey Holland
I believe God is the creator of everything. God always loves you and forgives your sins. He’s the light in life’s darkness, and when it seems no one’s there, God is.

I believe Jesus Christ is God in human form. He came at a time in need to teach us about God. He gave us hope and faith when we needed it the most. Jesus died for us and our sins so we could be forgiven and live eternally with him and God in heaven.

I believe the Holy Spirit works through our mind. It tells us right from wrong. The Holy Spirit is always in and around us, we just can’t see it.

I believe the Bible is a way to learn more about God and what he did for us. The Bible is the way of life. It tells us how to live and love.

I believe the Church isn’t a building, but a community of people who have the same beliefs about God. The Church isn’t judgemental but inviting and caring to everyone.

I believe a Christian is someone who doesn’t just believe in God, but someone who lives in him. A person who takes action with her faith by praying, going to worship, following God, and telling the good news about God.

Maddie Negaard

I believe that God is one and only. He is the creator of the heavens and the Earth. He is the navigator of life.

I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior. He came to Earth in human form so that he could die a physical death and take away our sins. I believe Jesus was born by the Virgin Mary.

I believe that the Holy Ghost is a spirit. It’s there, it’s just invisible. I believe it is the third part of the Trinity.

I believe that the Bible is a book made of lessons. It is a source that is very helpful in life. And it consist of two parts, the Old Testament and the New Testament and contains 66 books.

I believe that the Church is a building for public Christian worship. A place to open up to believers and non-believers of God. I believe that the church is like a guidance office and open any time.

I believe a Christian is someone who prays, reads the Bible, and should follow God’s words.

Alli Smilek
About God I believe he is the creator of the world. He is number one. He loves everybody the same way.

About Jesus Christ I believe he died for our sins. He loves everybody the same way too. He was resurrected and still lives.

About the Holy Spirit I believe it is there - you just can’t see it. It might be something in your conscience. It tells you the right thing to do and sometimes the wrong thing.

About the Bible I believe the Bible teaches you lessons about life and how to live life. It inspires people to do the right thing. It also teaches people how to spend their money.

About the Church I believe the church is a place of fellowship. The church is made up of people. Church doesn’t always have to be in a certain building. God uses the church to teach people about him.

I believe a Christian is someone who prays for other people and forgives people. A Christian also wants to follow God. A Christian is someone who is willing to learn different ways about God.

Coleman Paz

About God, I believe he is wonderful, powerful, great, and awesome because God loves us. I pray to God and Jesus. God is nice.

About Jesus Christ, I believe he is my friend, the son of man, woman, boys and girls. Jesus is special because he died on the cross.

About the Holy Spirit, I believe the Holy Spirit brightly shines. It is always with me. We cannot see it, but it is everywhere.

About the Bible, I believe it is about Jesus Christ and God. There are many books in the Bible. The Gospels are Matthew, Luke, Mark, and John. God talks to us in the Bible stories.

About the Church, I believe it is God’s home because we worship him at church. The people in the church are like my family. The church is where we read the Bible. We learn about God and faith and we learn to love each other and take care of each other.

I believe a Christian is someone who likes to read the Bible, pray, and give glory to God. A real Christian is a cheerleader for God. A Christian loves to pray and praise God. I pray to Jesus for people that need help. I thank God for the people in my life.

Becky Ogburn