

St. Francis Anglican Church Order for Confirmation

October 7, 2018

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Processional Hymn: *Now thank we all our God*

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The Celebrant says the following:

Bishop: The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,

People: And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.

Bishop: Your old men shall dream dreams,

People: and your young men shall see visions.

Bishop: You shall know that the Lord is in the midst of his people,

People: that he is the Lord and there is none else.

Bishop: And it shall come to pass

People: that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:1-11

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children’s children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. When the Lord your God has brought you into the land that he swore to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—a land with fine, large cities that you did not build, houses filled with all sorts of goods that you did not fill, hewn cisterns that you did not hew, vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant—and when you have eaten your fill.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 34:1-11 *(to be read in unison led by the Crucifer)*

I will bless the Lord at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me,

and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
 and delivered me from all my fears.
 Look to him, and be radiant;
 so your faces shall never be ashamed.
 This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,
 and was saved from every trouble.
 The angel of the Lord encamps
 around those who fear him, and delivers them.
 O taste and see that the Lord is good;
 happy are those who take refuge in him.
 O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,
 for those who fear him have no want.
 The young lions suffer want and hunger,
 but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
 Come, O children, listen to me;
 I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

The Second Reading

2 Peter 1: 1-11

Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have received a faith as precious as ours through the righteousness of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ: May grace and peace be yours in abundance in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has given us everything needed for life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Thus he has given us, through these things, his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of lust, and may become participants in the divine nature. For this very reason, you must make every effort to support your faith with goodness, and goodness with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with endurance, and endurance with godliness, and godliness with mutual affection, and mutual affection with love. For if these things are yours and are increasing among you, they keep you from being ineffective and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For anyone who lacks these things is short-sighted and blind, and is forgetful of the cleansing of past sins. Therefore, brothers and sisters, be all the more eager to confirm your call and election, for if you do this, you will never stumble. For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn *Come, thou fount of every blessing*

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Gospel

Luke 6: 39-45

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

He also told them a parable: 'Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher. Why do you see the speck in your neighbour's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbour, "Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye", when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour's eye. 'No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Music for Worship *African Psalm*

Victor C. Johnson

St. Francis' Singers

Homily

Rt. Rev. Steven Breedlove

The Presentation, Exhortation and Examination

Presenter: Right Reverend Father in God, we present these persons to receive the laying on of hands.

Bishop: Have they been adequately prepared?

Presenter: They have.

Bishop: Dearly beloved, it is essential that those who wish to be Confirmed in this Church must publicly confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior; become his disciple; know and affirm the Nicene Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments; and have received instruction in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and the Catechism of the Church. God's grace is imparted in baptism where we are made God's children by adoption and given the Holy Spirit. Through the power of the Spirit, manifested in gifts and fruit, we are enabled to be God's people for the sake of the world. Now, these candidates here desire publicly to confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and their commitment to follow him as Lord. They also desire the strengthening of grace through the laying on of hands that the Holy Spirit may fill them more and more for their ministry in the Church and in the world.

The Bishop then addresses the candidates

Do you, here in the presence of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises and vows made at your Baptism and commit to keep them?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you renounce the Devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Candidates: I renounce them.

Bishop: Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidates: I renounce them.

Bishop: Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Candidates: I renounce them.

Bishop: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Candidates: I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop then addresses the congregation, first inviting them to stand.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

The Congregation responds

We will.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Prayer and the Laying on of Hands

The Bishop stands and says

Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God, we ask you to strengthen these your servants for witness and ministry, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in them the gift of your grace and the fruit of your Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Confirmation

Each confirmand kneels in front of the Bishop. The Bishop, then laying his hands upon the person's head, shall pray

Defend, O Lord, this your servant N. with your heavenly grace, that *he* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until he comes into the fullness of your everlasting kingdom.

People: Amen.

For Reception

Strengthen, O Lord, with your Holy Spirit, your servant *N.*, whom we recognize as a member of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, and receive into the fellowship of this Communion. Empower *him* for your service, and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life.

People: Amen.

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand be upon these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Holy Word, that they may faithfully serve you in this life, and joyfully dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Announcements

Offertory Anthem *10,000 reasons/Bless the Lord*

Myrin/Redman

St. Francis Junior Choir

Doxology

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.*

"Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty, to thee we sing;
long may our land be bright
with freedom's holy light;
protect us by thy might,
great God, our King."

Offertory Anthem

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The celebrant continues:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer (*the people may kneel*)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and people

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____] and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen.*

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. *Amen.*

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*the people may kneel*)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Blessing

Closing Hymn *Here I am Lord*

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Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Now thank we all our God

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
 who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
 With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
 who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;
 with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ever more.

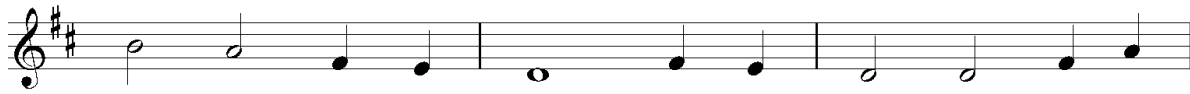
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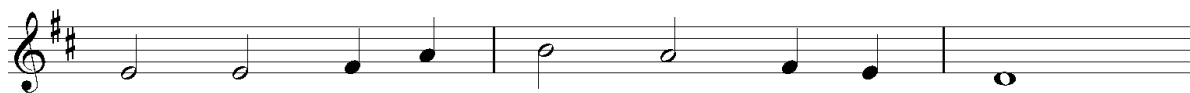
Come, thou fount of every blessing



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



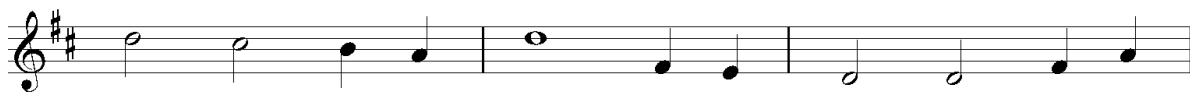
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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Here I am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if You lead me.

I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have born my peoples pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them, Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if You lead me.

I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them, Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if You lead me.

I will hold Your people in my heart.

Announcements

Welcome, Bishop Breedlove!

Sunday School - No Sunday School today because of church picnic.

Music Meditation - Every Sunday at 8:45 am.

Choir Practice - Sundays at 4:15pm.

Parish Picnic - Today at 11:00 am at the Kerley home.

Men's Group - October 8, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Family Promise - We are partnering again with 1st Presbyterian on October 7 and 8, 2018, so Sue Comstock requests volunteers for Sunday and Monday dinners (main course, salad or vegetable, and dessert).

Altar Guild meeting - Saturday, October 27, 2018 in the Fellowship Hall to discuss Advent.

Nursery Care - Help is needed and yours would be most welcome. Please sign up.

WOMEN'S EVENT TOMORROW EVENING! SOUP AND SALAD DINNER AND A MOVIE!

5:30 PM

ST. FRANCIS' FELLOWSHIP HALL
Movie Selection: "THE WAY"



BOOK AND BRUNCH
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20 10 am-noon
BRENDA BROWN'S HOME IN CAROLINA TRACE
250 Lakeview Drive

Our book selection is *The Summer Kitchen* by Lisa Wingate. This is a powerful story about an unlikely intersection of two people's lives that brings healing to them and leads to the creation of a place of refuge that unites a divided community. We'll gather at 10:00 for a potluck brunch, to be followed by small-group book discussions. Please sign up if you will attend, and plan to bring a brunch dish to share. The Lee County Library has obtained multiple copies of the book, which are available from Emily Hewett for checkout at St. Francis. If you prefer to purchase, used copies may be found online, and the book just recently became available on Kindle.

Sometimes, despite your best intentions, circumstances intervene and you find that you cannot attend. Should that happen, we ask that you let the event planners know as far in advance as possible. Thanks!

St Francis Anglican Church for the month of September 2018 website (<http://stfrancisnc.org/>) summary: We have had 1,780 views, 1,010 searches and 1,450 map views in an upward and growing trend.

EXPANDED PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES ON SUNDAY MORNINGS!

After each Sunday Eucharistic service, prayer will now be available in two forms:

- 1) Trained members of the prayer team will be on hand to pray for you personally and confidentially for any need. Simply walk over to any prayer team member (identified by a red badge), and you will be joined by one or more other prayer team members, move to a quiet corner, and be prayed for.
- 2) Blue prayer request cards have been placed in all pew pockets if you would prefer to submit a request in writing. Just fill out a card and drop it in either of the two red boxes (one at the back of the church and one on the table beside the door to the fellowship hall). Prayer team members will pray for written requests during the subsequent week.

Please be assured that all prayer requests are held in strictest confidence. Never consider a prayer need too small, too trivial...or too big! Prayer team members always begin by listening for God's direction, and only then do they verbalize the prayers that they sense on God's heart for you. Please take advantage of these new opportunities to receive God's comfort and peace!

Confirmation

Congratulations to all those who were confirmed or received today!

Kathryn Blackwelder, Amy Davis, Gerald Davis, Paul Dempster, Georgette Dempster, Jane Evans,
Anne Greenaway, Joseph Hanna, Leslie Hanna, Mary Hanna, Jessie Honeycutt, Gary Jackson
Juli Anne Lawrence, Roger Miller, Jessica Miller, Penny Rosser, William Tatum and Jennifer Tatum

St. Francis Anglican Parish

Prayer List

For the concerns weighing on the hearts and minds of members of this congregation:

*Mary Ella Teeter
*Susan Johns
*Helen Frechette
*Paul Dempster
Ken Brown
David Phillips
Mary Gillam
James Cox
David Dyson
Mary Proctor

Jennifer
*Mackenzie Stinson
Phil & Jo Maddox
Ricky Parker
Jimmy Coleman
Aiden Hague
Madeleine Click
Mary Lineberry
David Ward
Sylvia Spell
Bob Weber
*Member of St. Francis

Tommy Keith Davis
*Betty Pittman
Rebecca
John Blasius
Murray Ingerham
Christy Aylies
Mike Cochran
*Charles Wick
Marjorie J
Joann Duke

If you need to add or remove a name from the prayer list contact Sue Comstock at 919-498-9154 or email her at suectrace@gmail.com. Names will be removed after three weeks unless you contact Sue to extend the time.

Pray for strength and divine guidance: Pat Fein, the Clark family and Aziz.

Pray for those serving all over the world in our military: Matthew Pate, Ben Hodsdon, William Puckett, Katherine Campbell, Brian Gille, George Walter, Jim Makepeace, Rick Smith, Jody Gordon, Raymond DeSantos, Eliza, Josh Pratt, Greg, Ben Gumpton, Jeremy, Lucas Rees, Daniel Hardin, Jared Oldham, Noah Gibson and Jason Williams.

Pray for the departed: Henry Gulmi, Louise Townsend, Harvey Nicholson, Iva Nicholson, Tina Nicholson, John Watson, Robert Mills.

Altar Flowers - The altar flowers are given by the Blackwelder family to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Donald Blackwelder.

Those serving today:

Ushers:	Lew and Anita Andersen
Chalice Bearers:	Marty and Linda Pate
Lectors:	Isabel Lawrence and Johnnie Gordon
Acolytes:	Lena Kerley and Kaleb Gordon
Coffee Hour:	The Hewett and Crawley families
Nursery:	Katie Kerley
Music Director:	Leslie Hanna
Organist:	Rosemary Parten
Altar Guild:	Terry Crawley, Linda Pate, Edie Makepeace and Jean Dabbs

Vestry

Through 2019: Ron Brown, Senior Warden, Sue Comstock, Jean Dabbs, Clerk

Through 2020: Scott Bruce, Susan Lewis, Marty Pate

Through 2021: Bruce Ledford, Tom Reese, Jimmy Washburn, Junior Warden

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