



*Follow the Path of Christ*

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CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY  
May 6, 2018  
10:30 a.m.

WELCOME

Brad Clayton

PRELUDE

Rod Gorby

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Sophie Beckham, John Miller David

Welcome! We are gathered here to celebrate the great promise!

**Our hearts are ready to receive this good news.**

We are celebrating the promise Jesus made just before He ascended to heaven.

**Lord, we are thankful for that promise.**

He promised to send the Spirit of truth to be with us always, reminding us of God's love.

**Lord, we are so grateful that You have given us so much and that You promise God's presence with us always.**

\*HYMN NO. 2

*Come Thou Almighty King*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Hayes and Shelby Harrell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

DeAndre Fargason, Will Hollimon

Maker and giver of all,

**Forgive us when we are too preoccupied to notice Your presence in our lives: when we walk through this world and fail to see the wonder of You upholding our lives and all creation; when we walk through our lives and fail to see You abiding with, within, and around us; when we walk through holy moments and fail to savor Your presence, instead feeling abandoned in the vast sweep of life as each day rushes at us with its demands.**

*(silent reflection)*

God of love,

**Open our eyes to Your presence, that we may lean on You, for You uphold all of creation in tenderness and power. Amen.**

KYRIE

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hannah Marsh and Molly Novin

\*GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Henry McClain

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(During the Passing of the Peace, children are invited to come forward for the time with our young disciples.)*

PRAYER WITH OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Trinity Whitley

*(After the children's time, K-2nd graders may follow their leaders to Room 207 for Children's Worship. Parents are welcome to take 3-5 year olds to the playground.)*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 17:16-28 (pew Bible p. 904)

Brad Clayton

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*To An Unknown God*

Brad Clayton

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS: 2018 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Sacrament of Baptism *Henry McClain, Malcolm Woody*

Confirmands: *Sophie Beckham, John Miller David, Hayes Harrell, Shelby Harrell, DeAndre Fargason, Will Hollimon, Hannah Marsh, Henry McClain, Molly Novin, Gus Parker, Malcolm Woody*

\*Apostle's 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.**

Prayer With Laying on of Hands

*Sophie, John Miller, Hayes, Shelby, DeAndre, Will, Hannah, Henry, Molly, Gus and Malcolm,* by publicly professing their faith, have expressed their intention to continue in the covenant God made with them in their baptism. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in Him.**

\*HYMN NO. 318

*In Christ There is no East or West*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*God is Seen*

Chancel Choir

Arr. Alice Parker

Through all the world below, God is seen all around; search hills and valleys through, there He's found. The growing of the corn, the lily and the thorn, the pleasant and forlorn, all declare God is there. In the meadows dressed in green, there He's seen.

See springs and water rise, fountains flow, rivers run; the midst below the skies hides the sun; then down the rain doth pour; the ocean it doth roar, and beat upon the shore. All to praise, in their ways, the God that ne'er declines His designs.

The sun with all his rays speaks of God as he flies; the comet in her blaze, God, she cries; The shining of the stars, the moon when she appears declares, see them fly through the sky, and join the solemn sound all around, all around.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gus Parker, Malcolm Woody

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Trinity Whitley

\*HYMN NO. 735

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Brad Clayton

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Amen*

POSTLUDE

Rod Gorby

\*Please stand if able

*The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of her family by Nancyanne Carrothers.*

*The rosebud is in celebration of the birth of  
Crawford "Ford" James Bevis born on April 26 to Brewster and Amanda Bevis.*

*Live Simply, Love Generously, Serve Faithfully, Speak Truthfully, Pray Daily,  
and Leave Everything Else to God*

## Acts 17:16-28

Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the market place every day with those who chanced to be there. Some also of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers met him. And some said, "What would this babbling man say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he preached Jesus and the resurrection. And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is which you present? For you bring some strange things to our ears; we wish to know therefore what these things mean." Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

So Paul, standing in the middle of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along, and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all men life and breath and everything. And he made from one every nation of men to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their habitation, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel after him and find him. Yet he is not far from each one of us, for

'In him we live and move and have our being';

as even some of your poets have said,

'For we are indeed his offspring.'

## 2017 Confirmands

We asked the confirmands to share what Acts 17:16-28 means to them and how they can live out this scripture. Their answers are in italics.



**Sophie Beckham** is the daughter of Meredith and Joe Beckham and attends Cobb Middle School. Sophie loves to play volleyball. Her favorite service project was serving at Grace Mission because it was interesting to see how they worship.

*I see God at work at church and on mission trips. I believe that Acts 17:16-28 discourages us from worshiping idols and tells us that God can be found everywhere.*

**John Miller David** is the son of Tad and Jill David. He attends Raa Middle School and loves to play soccer and guitar. John Miller enjoyed the Ramp Build because he was able to connect with his friends while working.

*I see God in all things good and in all things not quite there. I believe that God is greater than we can imagine and does not live as people do.*





**DeAndre Fargason** is the son of Pat and Renee Fargason. He attends Cobb Middle School. DeAndre enjoys playing football in his spare time. His favorite service project was the Ramp Build because they helped people in need.

*I see God at work everyday and think that the scripture lesson reminds us that God is good.*

**Hayes Harrell** is the son of Michael and Mallory Harrell and attends Maclay School. Hayes plays baseball and enjoyed working at Grace Mission because of the interactions with others.

*I see God at work in third world countries where people build schools, churches and other important structures. I believe that God is greater than we can ever imagine and that God has made the world for a reason.*



**Shelby Harrell** is the son of Michael and Mallory Harrell and attends Holy Comforter Episcopal School. Shelby loves to play baseball, go fishing and biking, and play guitar. His favorite service project was going to Grace Mission because of the way they were able to serve others and listen to their church service.

*I see God everywhere and all the time. I believe that Acts 17 tells us that God is unknown to some but is worshiped by many. This scripture talks about God creating everything.*







**Will Hollimon** is the son of Bill Hollimon and Loranne Ausley. He attends Holy Comforter Episcopal School where he runs with the cross country team. Will's favorite service project during confirmation was feeding people at the Kearney Center because he was able to interact with everyone.

*I believe that God is at work in other people and that God is greater than we imagine Him to be.*

**Hannah Marsh** is the daughter of Karen and Lee Marsh and attends Raa Middle School. Hannah loves to read and draw. Her favorite service project was the Ramp Build. She enjoyed learning the construction work and getting to help a family who really needed it.

*I see God at work through the kindness of others, through supportive friends, acts of love and selfless people. God is always present. I believe that God created this world for us and will never be out of reach when we need Him. God is always present.*



**Henry McClain** is the son of Joanne and Jeff McClain. Henry attends Cobb Middle School and likes to read and play video games. During confirmation, Henry liked participating in the Ramp Build because he could see the people he helped.

*I see God at work when no one is hurt in the midst of horrible accidents. I believe that God is a powerful parent and does not need an altar.*







**Molly Novin** is the daughter of Don Novin and Amy Patronis. She attends Raa Middle School and plays the cello and is a member of Leon County All-District Orchestra. Molly enjoys volunteering, gardening and traveling. Her favorite service project was serving a meal at Grace Mission because she was able to meet people from all walks of life.

*I believe God takes care of us and does not need fancy altars. I see God at work in my community through other people serving those in need.*

**Gus Parker** is the son of Jill and Daniel Parker and attends Cobb Middle School. Gus plays baseball and video games and likes to hang out with friends. His favorite service project was the Ramp Build because it was hard work and it was nice to see the smiles on their faces when the ramp was completed.

*I see God at work when people are kind to each other. I believe that the scripture tells us that God is with us all of the time and that we should not put other idols before God.*



**Malcolm Woody** is the son of Malikah and Dwayne Woody and attends Cobb Middle School. He loves to play soccer and read. Malcolm enjoyed the Ramp Build because the build was fun, a great experience, and helped an African-American couple in need.

*I see God at work in other peoples' lives and actions. I believe the scripture tells us that we are God's children and made by God. God knows what we will do, when we'll do it, and where we'll go.*



## Excerpts from 2018 Confirmation Faith Statements

*I believe that it is good for people to have faith in and believe in God. However, I sometimes question God's existence.*

*God created us in His own image and loves us.*

*I believe that God wants us to be the best person/people we can be and that He has given us everything we need.*

*I believe that God loves everyone on earth, no matter who they are or what they do. I believe that everyone goes to heaven. I believe that we should strive to be more like Jesus.*

*I believe in one God who is the Creator of the universe. I believe that this God is also three, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even if I don't understand.*

*I will participate in the church to the best of my abilities. I will listen in worship and do my best to live by the lessons of the gospels. I will reach out and work within our community, sharing with others what it means to be a good Christian.*

*I believe that Jesus is fully human and fully God, and that God lives within Jesus as well as the Holy Ghost.*

*I believe we should do our best to live as Jesus did, and carry out His work to the best of our ability. I believe in helping those in need, and building up the world and community around us.*

*Faith is something very complex. It's something that we can spend our whole lives wondering about. It's hard to know if you believe something.*

*I believe I see God through other people I meet, and I hear it when my parents talk about my birth.*

*I believe in God as the Creator of heaven and earth. I think you can find God everywhere if you look hard enough and expect to find God.*

*I believe the Holy Spirit helps guide us in life by helping us find our individual gifts and talents to contribute to God's work.*

*I believe you should treat other people the way you want to be treated.*

*I believe Jesus calls us each day to encourage one another and build one another up.*

**Mission Team.** It's not too late to support our Key West mission team! Visit the bulletin board outside the Parlor and take a star with a donation item on it. Bring items by June 17 to the church office. Questions? Contact Trinity, [trinity@faithpcusa.org](mailto:trinity@faithpcusa.org).

**Presbyterian Women Spring Luncheon** is today at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Thank you to all volunteers who are helping today!

**Graduating?** If you or your child are graduating from high school or college, we would love to include that information in our **May 20** Baccalaureate Service. Please send the following information to [shannon@faithpcusa.org](mailto:shannon@faithpcusa.org): name, parents' names, school attended, post-graduation plans, school awards and/or accomplishments, statement to the church, and a photo. Today is the last day to submit this information.

**Memorial Day Volunteers Needed.** Please consider volunteering to deliver several (2 -3) meals on wheels lunches on Memorial Day, **May 28**. Each year, Faith gives the regular Meals on Wheels volunteers a break. If you can help deliver this year, please contact Scott or Ann Ford, 850-386-1844. If no answer, please leave your name and number. Thank you!

**Thornwell Offering.** Next Sunday (Mother's Day), we will have the opportunity to help children by participating in the Thornwell Offering. Thornwell has been helping children and families all across South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida since 2875. Today, they continue their long history by offering a foster care program and other family and educational support programs. They provide safe and loving homes for children in need, offer hope for a brighter future through education and community-based programs, and encourage wholeness and healing with counseling and support.

**Bottles for Babies.** Sunday, **May 13** (Mother's Day) is our annual Bottles for Babies drive to assist the Pregnancy Help & Information Center (PHI). Faith will provide empty baby bottles on Mother's Day. The following week, we ask Faith members to return the bottles with change/coins/paper money/checks inside the bottles as a donation to the PHI Center. Please consider participating in this annual drive.

**Faithful Trippers.** You are invited to join a group of senior adults from Faith and Christ Presbyterian as they journey on **May 17** to Wakulla Springs. The group will leave from Faith at 9:30 a.m., and take a river boat tour followed by lunch at the Lodge. We should arrive back at Faith by 2:30. The trip costs \$9 plus lunch. Bus seating is limited, so you are encouraged to sign up now, by contacting Kristin Corbin, 294-6835, [kbc2012@rocketmail.com](mailto:kbc2012@rocketmail.com).

**Reunion.** Members of the Youth Choir from the 1980s will be performing a few songs under the direction of their choir director, Judy Arthur, during worship on Sunday, **May 27**. Join us for Memorial Day Weekend worship for a touch of nostalgia!

**June Book Study.** This June, join Julianne Clayton for a summer book discussion of *Liturgy of the Ordinary*, where we seek to answer, "How do we embrace the sacred in the ordinary and the ordinary in the sacred?" The group will meet each Sunday in June at 4 p.m. in the Parlor. Please let Trinity know if you plan to participate ([trinity@faithpcusa.org](mailto:trinity@faithpcusa.org)). Books can be purchased at Midtown Reader for a reduced rate.

**Stewardship Update**

Budget YTD: \$410,856  
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Spent YTD: \$381,436



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