

Order for Confirmation

Processional Hymn: *Love divine, all loves excelling*

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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.

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Bishop: Let us pray.

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 Reading

1 Peter 3: 13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight

persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn *Lord, I need you*

Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here I find my rest. Without You I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need you. Every hour I need You. My one defense, my righteousness. Oh God, how I need you.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found is where You are. And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need you. Every hour I need You. My one defense, my righteousness. Oh God, how I need you.

Teach my song to raise to You. When temptation comes my way. And when I cannot stand I'll fall on you Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need you. Every hour I need You. My one defense, my righteousness. Oh God, how I need you.

You're my one defense, my righteousness. Oh God, how I need You. My one defense, my righteousness. Oh God, how I need you.

Gospel

John 14: 15-21

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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.

Or this

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

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

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."

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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

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

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 *Christ is the world's true light*

Christ is the world's true Light, its Captain of salvation, the Daystar clear and bright of every race and nation; new life, new hope awakes, for all who own his sway: freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.

In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting, the whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting: when Christ is throned as Lord all shall forsake their fear, to ploughshare beat the sword, to pruning-hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great Name unite us all who own thee; cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone thee; the world has waited long, has travailed long in pain; to heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

St. Francis Anglican Parish

Prayer List

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

Pray for those who are ill:

Rick Hager	Les Sadler	*Peggy Nelson
Jack Beyer	*Mackenzie Stinson	*Betty Pittman
*Helen Frechette	Barbara Kuhn	Robert Tatum
*Susan Dixon	Mary Quinn	Sophia Johnson
Richard Quinn	Reg	Norman Keith
*Nina Bonti	Norma Parten	*Jim Bonti
Carole Womble	Cynthia McNeil	Mary Perkins
*Katie Kerley	Patricia Spaulding	*Linda Pate
Sheila Holland	Thomas Oberkirsch	*Harriett Tice

*Member of St. Francis

If you need to add or remove a name from the prayer list please call Sue Comstock at 919-498-9154 or you can 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: Bruce, Mark.

Pray for those serving all over the world in our military: Matthew Pate, Ben Hodsdon, William Puckett, Katherine Campbell, Tommy Walker, Brian Gille, George Walter, Patrick Hart, Jim Makepeace, Stephen Hart, Rick Smith, Chris Bladgett, Ryan Childress, Greg Poe, Josh Pratt, Jody Gordon, Raymond DeSantos and Eliza.

Pray for the departed: Florence Olmstead, Virginia Taylor, Natasha Grishin-Woike, Speight Burrus.

Altar Flowers - The altar flowers are given by Lew and Anita Andersen to the Glory of God, in thanksgiving for St. Francis church and in loving memory of their parents.

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Those serving today:

Ushers:	Ron Hewett and Chuck Lewis
Chalice Bearers:	Mark Mahaffey and Sue Comstock
Lector:	Peggy Nelson
Acolytes:	Matthew Crumpton and Matthew Kerley
Coffee Hour:	Mari Hann
Organist:	Rosemary Parten
Altar Guild:	Charlene Jefferies, Linda Pate and Katherine Crumpton

Announcements

Welcome Bishop Breedlove and congratulations to the confirmands!

Prayer Cards - Please pick up your new prayer cards today.

Sunday School - No Sunday school today.

Youth Group - Will convene today at 5:30 pm.

Fr. John Guest - Will be our guest preacher on Sunday, June 4, 2017.

St. Francis website - Please make it a point to visit stfrancisnc.org. There you can get all the latest news about our parish. It's a wonderful website managed by our own Dr. Charles Wick.

Altar Flowers - If you are donating altar flowers please contact Bob Bennetts at rrb23994@gmail.com with the memorial you wish placed in the bulletin no later than the Monday before the designated Sunday.

If your child listens better with busy hands, you may let him or her use one of the bulletins located on clipboards at the front of the church where the usher stands. Finished bulletins may be exchanged for a treat at Sunday school. Please return the empty clipboard and colored pencils to the basket after the service. If I can improve the bulletin in any way please let me know. I would love to hear your suggestions. - Pam Kerley

Women's Ministry Events

MOVIE AT HELEN WARD'S HOME, Monday, May 22 at 1:30 and 6:30 pm. "Flywheel," a story about a sketchy used car salesman whose life changes when Jesus comes into the picture. Those who signed up by last Sunday will have received an email reminder with directions to Helen's home. If you sign up today, see Helen for directions.

More movie offerings this summer, on June 26 and August 14. Watch for information about of featured movies...