



# Growing with Faith

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LIBERTYVILLE

**2025-26 Programs**

## Christian Education at First Presbyterian Church

### Sunday School

Our Sunday School classes for children PreK-8th grade are built around the curriculum called **Spark: Activate Faith**. Over two years, students learn about key stories from Genesis through Paul's letters. They'll interact with the Bible in every lesson, navigating the stories and beginning to compare what they are learning to their own lives. Lessons around the Bible story are packed with activities, interactive games, and creative crafts.



We'll all begin in worship together and then, around 10:15 AM, all children who wish to participate in Sunday School may head to their classrooms on the first and second floors of the Christian Education wing (the northeast corner of the building) with their classroom shepherd.

Classes end when worship ends and we ask that students through 5th grade are picked up by an authorized person once worship has ended so our teachers and helpers can also take part in social hour with our faith community.

## **Confirmation**

Our confirmation program is designed for students ages 8th grade and up who wish to learn more about what it means to confirm for themselves the promises made at their baptism. We use the Episcopal **Confirm not Conform: Presbyterian Edition** curriculum, a youth confirmation program that exposes youth to a wide range of topics, including Scripture, sacraments, creeds, heresy, prayer, other religions, and serving others, and asks them to think through what they believe and why.



**Confirm not Conform** emphasizes finding one's own voice rather than simply conforming to an external standard. It is a program that respects the work youth and adults do as they explore their faith, trusting that when people put in the effort to articulate what they believe and why, they will make good choices about their next step in faith.

Classes meet for 17 Sundays throughout the school year. Before the school year begins, we have a weekend retreat and we end the year with an all-church celebration on a Saturday in the weeks leading up to Confirmation, which is typically celebrated on Pentecost. (Because Pentecost is so late in 2026, celebrations will be in May.)

## **Children and Youth: Special Opportunities at First Presbyterian Church**

### **Youth Planning Team Meeting**

#### **4:00-5:00 PM on occasional Sundays**

Any JHF and SHF students who want to take part in shaping the upcoming JHF/SHF program year are encouraged to come to these (mostly) monthly meetings in the Youth Lounge!

### **Anywhere Anytime Bible podcast**

The pastors read some of the Bible stories they love in this 5-10 minute podcast for kids and their families. New episodes are released every 2 weeks on Mondays. Find it on your favorite listening platform.

### **“First Communion” Class**

On Sunday, September 28, kids who have not taken communion yet, or who could use some instruction to learn more about the practical and theological meanings of communion (and their families) are invited to come to the sanctuary at 2:30 PM to learn more in advance of celebrating “First Communion” during worship in both spaces on the following Sunday, October 5.

### **Advent Wreath and Crèche Workshop**

Join other members of your church family after worship on Sunday, November 23, to enjoy a meal and to make an Advent wreath with fresh cuttings to get you ready for the season. If you have been building a crèche set with new pieces yearly, your next piece will also be ready for you. And, if this is all new to you, come get your first piece to join the tradition of building handmade crèche figures for you to take home and use throughout the season.

### **Third Grade Bible Presentation & Luncheon**

On Sunday, January 4, Third Graders will receive a new Bible from the church during worship and then, from 11:15 AM-12:15 PM, come to Fellowship Hall for an interactive lesson on how to find things in their (new) Bibles, why the Bible is significant, and when to turn to it. Fun crafts to help navigate the Bible are part of our time together!

### **All-Church Game Night**

People of all ages are invited to gather together for an evening of tabletop/board games and yummy food in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 4, from 4:00-7:00 PM.

And more to come in the summer months!

## Parents of Young Adults: Special Opportunities at First Presbyterian Church

### College Care Package Building: Sunday, October 26, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Families of our college kids are invited to bring a package of pre-wrapped treats to share with others for a time of fall care package-building. First Pres will provide the shipping box and take care of the mailing if you give us the address! We'll have note cards, markers, stickers, packing tape, and mailing labels ready for you in the **Conference Room**.

### College Care Package Building: Sunday, March 8, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Families of our college kids are invited to bring a package of pre-wrapped treats to share with others and build a spring care package for their loved one(s). We'll meet in **Room 207** with all the same kind of supplies as in the fall.

## Children and Youth: Fellowship at First Presbyterian Church

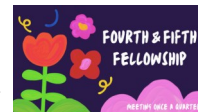
### First through Third Friends

About once a quarter, first through third graders are invited to build friendships, while playing and eating together from 12:15-1:45 PM. **October 12, January 18, April 12**



### **Fourth and Fifth Fellowship**

About once a quarter, fourth through fifth graders are invited to deepen their friendships, with a meal and activities from 12:15-1:45 PM. **September 28, January 25, April 19**



### **Junior High Fellowship (JHF)**

Junior High Fellowship, or JHF, meets the first and third Sundays from 4:00-6:00 PM. We'll begin in the Chapel for some energizers and music, along with a message built for middle schoolers (first Sunday) or a Bible study (third Sunday). Then we'll head downstairs to the Youth Lounge for catch-up, fun, and service. We'll wrap up our time together with a meal in the Social Hall. Occasionally, we will meet on fifth Sundays, and at other times and places for retreats, service opportunities, or other off-site activities.



### **Senior High Fellowship (SHF)**

Much like Junior High Fellowship, Senior High Fellowship, or SHF, meets the second and fourth Sundays from 4:00-6:00 PM. We'll begin in the Chapel for some energizers and music, along with a message built for high schoolers (second Sunday) or a Bible study (fourth Sunday). Then we'll head downstairs to the Youth Lounge for catch-up, fun, and service. We'll wrap up our time together with a meal in the Social Hall. Occasionally, we will meet on fifth Sundays, and at other times and places for retreats, service opportunities, or other off-site activities.



## **2025-26 Calendar**

(September 2025 version; subject to change)

### **Sunday, September 7 - RALLY DAY SUNDAY!**

Sunday School for Ages 3 through 8th grade 10:15-11:00 AM

Rally Day Celebration 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Confirmation Class #1 3:00-4:00 PM

JHF Kick-off 4:00-6:00 PM

### **Tuesday, September 9**

A Few Words About God: A Study in God's Involvement in Our Lives 7:30-8:45 PM

### **Sunday, September 14**

Sunday School for Ages 3 through 5th grade 10:15-11:00 AM

SHF Kick-off 4:00-6:00 PM

### **Tuesday, September 16**

A Few Words About God: A Study in God's Involvement in Our Lives 7:30-8:45 PM

### **Sunday, September 21**

Sunday School for Ages 3 through 8th grade 10:15-11:00 AM

Confirmation Class #2 3:00-4:00 PM

SHF Youth Planning Team 4:00-5:00 PM

JHF 4:00-6:00 PM



**Tuesday, September 23**

A Few Words About God: A Study in God's Involvement in Our Lives 7:30-8:45 PM

**Sunday, September 28**

Sunday School for Ages 3 through 5th grade 10:15-11:00 AM

Fourth and Fifth Fellowship 12:15-1:45 PM

"First Communion" Class 2:30-3:30 PM

JHF Youth Planning Team 4:00-5:00 PM

SHF 4:00-6:00 PM

**Tuesday, September 30**

A Few Words About God: A Study in God's Involvement in Our Lives 7:30-8:45 PM

**Sunday, October 5**

"First Communion" Sunday 10:00-11:00 AM

Sunday School for Ages 3 through 8th grade 10:15-11:00 AM

Confirmation Class #3 3:00-4:00 PM

JHF 4:00-6:00 PM

**Sunday, October 12**

Sunday School for Ages 3 through 5th grade 10:15-11:00 AM

First through Third Friends 12:15-1:45 PM

Combined JHF/SHF—Fall Fest offsite 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

**Sunday, October 19**

Sunday School for Ages 3 through 8th grade 10:15-11:00 AM

Confirmation Class #4 3:00-4:00 PM

SHF Youth Planning Team 4:00-5:00 PM

JHF 4:00-6:00 PM

**Sunday, October 26**

Sunday School for Ages 3 through 5th grade 10:15-11:00 AM

College Care Package Building 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Confirmation Class #5 3:00-4:00 PM

JHF Youth Planning Team 4:00-5:00 PM

SHF 4:00-6:00 PM

**Sunday, November 2**

Sunday School for Ages 3 through 8th grade 10:15-11:00 AM

Confirmation Class #6 3:00-4:00 PM

JHF 4:00-6:00 PM

**Friday, November 7-Saturday, November 8**

JHF Lock-in 7:00 PM-7:00 AM

**Sunday, November 9**

Sunday School for Ages 3 through 8th grade 10:15-11:00 AM

SHF 4:00-6:00 PM

**Sunday, November 16**

Sunday School for Ages 3 through 6th grade 10:15-11:00 AM

Confirmation Class #7 3:00-4:00 PM

SHF Youth Planning Team 4:00-5:00 PM

JHF 4:00-6:00 PM

**Friday, November 21-Saturday, November 22**

SHF Lock-in 7:00 PM-7:00 AM

**Sunday, November 23**

Sunday School for Ages 3 through 8th grade 10:15-11:00 AM

Advent Wreath-making, Crèche-piece-pick-up, and all-church lunch 11:15 AM-12:30 PM

JHF Youth Planning Team 4:00-5:00 PM

SHF 4:00-6:00 PM

**Monday, November 24**

In-person Advent Book Study: *Hope Restored* 2:00-3:00 PM

Zoom Advent Book Study: *Hope Restored* 6:00-7:00 PM

**Sunday, November 30**

Confirmation Class #8 11:45 AM-12:15 PM

JHF/SHF Combined “Friendsgiving” Event 4:00-6:00 PM

**Monday, December 1**

In-person Advent Book Study: *Hope Restored* 2:00-3:00 PM

Zoom Advent Book Study: *Hope Restored* 6:00-7:00 PM

**Sunday, December 7**

Sunday School for Ages 3 through 8th grade 10:15-11:00 AM

Confirmation Class #9 3:00-4:00 PM

JHF 4:00-6:00 PM

**Monday, December 8**

In-person Advent Book Study: *Hope Restored* 2:00-3:00 PM

Zoom Advent Book Study: *Hope Restored* 6:00-7:00 PM

**Sunday, December 14**

Confirmation Class #10 3:00-4:00 PM

SHF 4:00-6:00 PM

**Monday, December 15**

In-person Advent Book Study: *Hope Restored* 2:00-3:00 PM

Zoom Advent Book Study: *Hope Restored* 6:00-7:00 PM

**Saturday, December 20**

Confirmation Class Mobile Food Pantry Service event 7:30-9:30 AM

**Sunday, January 4**

Third Grade Bibles 10:00-11:00 AM

How-to-Read-Your-Bible Luncheon 11:15 AM-12:15 PM

Game Night 4:00-7:00 PM

**Wednesday, January 7**

In-person and Zoom Hybrid Book Study: *Revelation for Everyone* 12:00-1:00 PM

**Friday, January 9-Sunday, January 11**

possible JHF winter retreat weekend

**Sunday, January 11**

Sunday School for Ages 3 through 8th grade 10:15-11:00 AM

SHF 4:00-6:00 PM

**Wednesday, January 14**

In-person and Zoom Hybrid Book Study: *Revelation for Everyone* 12:00-1:00 PM

**Sunday, January 18**

Sunday School for Ages 3 through 8th grade 10:15-11:00 AM

First through Third Friends 12:15-1:45 PM

Confirmation Class #10 3:00-4:00 PM

JHF 4:00-6:00 PM

**Wednesday, January 21**

In-person and Zoom Hybrid Book Study: *Revelation for Everyone* 12:00-1:00 PM

**Saturday, January 24**

Youth Sunday Rehearsal 9:30-11:30 AM

**Sunday, January 25**

Youth Sunday 10:00-11:00 AM

Fourth and Fifth Fellowship 12:15-1:45 PM

SHF 4:00-6:00 PM

**Wednesday, January 28**

In-person and Zoom Hybrid Book Study: *Revelation for Everyone* 12:00-1:00 PM

**Friday, January 30-Sunday, February 1**

SHF Stronghold Retreat

**Sunday, February 1**

Sunday School for Ages 3 through 8th grade 10:15-11:00 AM

Confirmation Class #12 3:00-4:00 PM

JHF 4:00-6:00 PM

**Sunday, February 8 - Annual Congregational Meeting**

Sunday School for Ages 3 through 5th grade 10:15-11:00 AM

Annual Meeting Childcare 11:00 AM-end of meeting

SHF 4:00-6:00 PM

**Sunday, February 15**

JHF 4:00-6:00 PM

**Sunday, February 22**

Sunday School for Ages 3 through 8th grade 10:15-11:00 AM

Confirmation Class #13 3:00-4:00 PM

SHF 4:00-6:00 PM

**Monday, February 23**

In-person Lent Book Study: *Jesus' Alternative Plan* 2:00-3:00 PM

Zoom Lent Book Study: *Jesus' Alternative Plan* 6:00-7:00 PM

**Sunday, March 1**

Sunday School for Ages 3 through 8th grade 10:15-11:00 AM

Confirmation Class #14 3:00-4:00 PM

JHF 4:00-6:00 PM

**Monday, March 2**

In-person Lent Book Study: *Jesus' Alternative Plan* 2:00-3:00 PM

Zoom Lent Book Study: *Jesus' Alternative Plan* 6:00-7:00 PM

**Sunday, March 8**

Sunday School for Ages 3 through 5th grade 10:15-11:00 AM

College Care Package Building 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

SHF 4:00-6:00 PM

**Monday, March 9**

In-person Lent Book Study: *Jesus' Alternative Plan* 2:00-3:00 PM

Zoom Lent Book Study: *Jesus' Alternative Plan* 6:00-7:00 PM

**Sunday, March 15**

Sunday School for Ages 3 through 8th grade 10:15-11:00 AM

Pi Day Pie Sale Fundraiser 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Confirmation Class #15 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

JHF 4:00-6:00 PM

**Monday, March 16**

In-person Lent Book Study: *Jesus' Alternative Plan* 2:00-3:00 PM

Zoom Lent Book Study: *Jesus' Alternative Plan* 6:00-7:00 PM



**Monday, March 23**

In-person Lent Book Study: *Jesus' Alternative Plan* 2:00-3:00 PM

Zoom Lent Book Study: *Jesus' Alternative Plan* 6:00-7:00 PM

**Monday, March 30**

In-person Lent Book Study: *Jesus' Alternative Plan* 2:00-3:00 PM

Zoom Lent Book Study: *Jesus' Alternative Plan* 6:00-7:00 PM

**Friday, April 10**

SHF Lock-out 6:00 PM-11:30 PM

**Sunday, April 12**

Sunday School for Ages 3 through 8th grade 10:15-11:00 AM

Pre-Montreat gathering for parents and attendees 11:00-11:45 AM

First through Third Friends 12:15-1:45 PM

Confirmation Class #16 3:00-4:00 PM

SHF 4:00-6:00 PM

**Saturday, April 18**

Confirmation Class Mobile Food Pantry Service event 7:30-9:30 AM

**Sunday, April 19**

Sunday School for Ages 3 through 5th grade 10:15-11:00 AM

Fourth and Fifth Fellowship 12:15-1:45 PM

Confirmation Class #17 3:00-4:00 PM

JHF 4:00-6:00 PM

**Friday, April 24**

JHF Lock-out 6:00 PM-11:30 PM

**Sunday, April 26**

Sunday School for Ages 3 through 8th grade 10:15-11:00 AM

SHF 4:00-6:00 PM

**Sunday, May 3**

Sunday School for Ages 3 through 8th grade 10:15-11:00 AM

Confirmation Luncheon 11:30 AM-1:30 PM

LAST JHF/SHF Combined 4:00-6:00 PM

**Saturday, May 9**

*This I Believe* Rehearsal 1:00-2:00 PM

*This I Believe* Service and Celebration 2:00-3:30 PM

**Sunday, May 10**

Sunday School for Ages 3 through 8th grade 10:15-11:00 AM

**Wednesday, May 27**

pre-Montreat gathering for attendees 6:00-8:00 PM

**Sunday, May 31**

Confirmation Rehearsal 9:30-9:45 AM

Confirmation and Baccalaureate Recognition 10:00-11:00 AM

**Saturday, June 6-Saturday, June 13** Montreat Youth Trip

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