

Readers
Hadley Brice
Charlotte Furst
Quinn Kahlden
Jake Mittendorf

Carol Choir
Hadley Brice
Towson Coleman
Charlotte Furst
Kennedy Gerber
Camille Huerta
Eric Huerta
Quinn Kahlden
Quinton Martinez
Zoe Martinez
Jake Mittendorf
Kira St. Jacques

Cherub Choir
Abigail Furst
Michael Furst
Everly Gonzales
Townes Gonzales
Able James
Allie Mittendorf
Leighton Reed
Alex Rogers
Madelyn Rogers
Colin Rosché
Ayla Siebuhr
Lily Sieburh
Pinkie Teague
Emersyn Thiem
Charlotte Varnon

Special thanks to all of the children for their leadership and participation today. Thanks to the parents for their support of this special service.



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The Reverend Ashley Drake Mertz, Pastor
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*And he took the children in his
arms, placed his hands on them
and blessed them.*

Mark 10:16

CHILDREN'S SABBATH WORSHIP SERVICE

October 20, 2019

10:40 A.M.

**The congregation is invited to stand as music begins.
Additional worshippers may enter as the congregation sings.*

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to worship at Grace First Presbyterian Church! As we light the Christ Candle, we are reminded that Jesus is the light of the world. As we pour the Baptismal Waters in the Font, we recall our baptism and newness of life. As we bring in the Bible, we remember the centrality of the Word. We worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. **(Please sign the attendance register, pass it down the pew, and then back so everyone can greet those worshipping in their pew.)**

Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary

"All things Bright and Beautiful"

Michael Burkhardt

Entrance of Baptismal Water, The Christ Light, and the Bible

Call to Worship (Responsive)

David: Good morning and welcome as we gather on this Children's Sabbath Sunday -

Hadley: We gather to worship God who loves each and every child.

Jake: We worship in the name of Jesus who welcomed the children when others would keep them away.

Charlotte: We pray for the Holy Spirit to move us to seek justice and welcome the stranger – child or grown up.

All: **On this Children's Sabbath, we gather in the name of Jesus who welcomed the children, truly saw little ones in their times of trouble and need and taught us to how to serve**

*Offertory Response

Hymn 606

Old Hundredth

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.**

*Offertory Prayer

Charlotte Furst

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*Hymn 300

They'll Know We Are Christians

"They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

*Invitation to Discipleship

Quinn Kahlden

*Charge and Benediction

**Charlotte Furst, Jake Mittendorf
Hadley Brice, Quinn Kahlden**

*Closing Choral Response

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

Ar Hydy Nos

Welsh Melody

Sanctuary Choir

**"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."**

*Closing Voluntary

"Carillon"

Gordon Young

Pastoral Joys and Concerns of the Church
Pastor David with Cheryl Bullock,
Executive Director of the Parker County Children’s Advocacy Center

Prayer for the People and Lord’s Prayer **Jake Mittendorf**
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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call to Stewardship **Hadley Brice**

Offertory Natalie Sleeth

“How Will They Know”

How will they know, the ones for whom we care,
that God is love and with us everywhere,
that life is good with blessing all can share?
How will they know unless we teach them so?

How will they learn that though they go astray,
God will forgive and help them find the way?
How will they feel the Spirit day by day?
How will they know unless we teach them so?

How will they grow in wisdom and delight?
How will they choose to follow what is right?
How can they trust the future will be bright?
How will they know unless we show them?

How will they live when they at last are grown?
What will they give to children of their own?
Will they reflect the values we have shown?
How will they know as on through life they go?
How will they know unless we strive to teach them so?

others out of our great love for Him. On this Children’s Sabbath and every day after, let us follow Him as faithful disciples in word and in deed.

Quinn: Let us worship God with hearts ready to hear His Word to us today!

Prayer of Invocation **Charlotte Furst**

Call to Confession **Jake Mittendorf**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)
God of such great mercy, we confess that too often our hearts are hardened to the struggles of others – including children in crisis and pain. We confess that, too often, our voices are silent in the face of injustice and our hearts are discouraged by the size of the problems our children face. Forgive us, God. Give us heart and courage to love as you do. Give us heart and courage to speak boldly against injustice and for the good of all children. Give us hearts to truly see the least of your children; to serve the least of your children; and by doing so to serve you. Amen.

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Congregational Response Hymn 188 *Jesus Loves Me*
**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.**

***Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.***

**Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, “Let them come to me.”**

Proclaiming the Word

To prepare our hearts and minds to receive and respond
to God's word, let us pray

Prayer of Illumination

Quinn Kahlden

New Testament Reading

Acts 5:12-21
Pew Bible: Page 122

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Music Ministry

Nancy Raabe

"Ask, Seek, Knock
Carol Choir

*Ask, and it shall be given; seek, and you will find;
knock, and the door shall be opened for you.
For this is the kingdom of God.*

A new commandment have I given to you,
That you love one another just as I love you.
For this is how people know that you are my disciples
By the way you show God's love.

The Message
"Seven Chosen to Serve"
. . . together we work for the good of all people
Acts 6: 1-7

Children's Anthem

Linda Coalson Young

"We Work for the Good of All"

We work for the good of all.
We are family. My brothers and my sisters and me.
We are family we are Christians you see.

The disciples needed help, there was so much work to do.
They were teaching, preaching, praying but they were feeding people too.

The disciples found some help, there was so much work to do.
They found seven men to help them to feed and help the people too.
We work for the good of all.

Children's Recognition of Deacons

*Hymn 69

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

Here I Am

Responding to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

Charlotte Furst

Faithful God, we affirm our call:

**To teach our children to be truly grateful for all your good gifts;
To give them eyes to see those who are too often invisible to us;
To model for each of them a passion for justice for all of your
children;
To live before them with courage to stand up for right and to
struggle against wrong;
To demonstrate for them kindness for those who are weak, needy,
sad or afraid;
To live with faith and integrity no matter how much the world
would have us live otherwise; and
To encourage them to sing their own songs of joy and faith and to
honor the songs of others. Amen.**