



June 1, 2009

Confirmation Prayers

The following are the prayers offered by Mr. Stinson & Ms Reynolds for our 15 confirmands this past Sunday:

Kimberly Lauren Baione, when you confessed your faith to Ms Reynolds and me, you told us that you feel closer to God by being part of the church and that you believe it is in this community that you can best be your own person. I pray that you will always find this balance in both your faith and your church. May that balance bring the blessing of God's Spirit into your life. May God's love that nourished you shine through you and in you.

William Alexander Philip Intner, this year your baptism marked a significant step for you in your journey to God. Your family background is enriched by both Judaism and Christianity. Both traditions have led you to this decision and your faith today. As your growth in faith did not begin with your baptism, nor does it end with your confirmation. Be diligent in seeking, always drawing close to God through prayer and scripture, so that you will continue to know yourself and your purpose. May the Holy Spirit be upon you and bless you with life in Christ's name.

Iain Ronald Ogilvie, you are at home in this church. Your parents brought you here from your earliest days. Your family has deep connections with our Christian faith and now you have confessed the faith as your own. May you never be ashamed of your profession made today. May God assist you in seeking answers to your questions. And may God grace you with a calm conviction and direction.

Beckett Woodworth, today you take a new step in your faith. You have found a second family in this church. May you help others to find the welcome you have enjoyed in this your spiritual home. May God shine on your life, enlightening others with the hope of the Gospel. May God's blessing be strong in you wherever life takes you.

Emery Younger, you come from a long line of people of faith and service to the church. May God continue to nourish in you faithfulness and the assurance of your convictions. May you find your own particular place in Christ's church, a place where you will use your unique gifts and personality, the things God created in you before you were born. May God's Spirit rest upon you in the power of love.

Hugh Haring Bartlett, your quiet faith and bright mind are gifts of God. May you find strength in those attributes to do great things for Jesus and his kingdom. God has blessed you, may you be a blessing to God through this confirmation of your belief and discipleship. May the Holy Spirit be upon you and in your life.

Lesley Eve Krien, God has blessed you with intelligence, enthusiasm and a loving family. May you continue to use these gifts to express your faith and be the best person you can be. I loved your answer to my question about your future involvement in the church. You said, simply, "*How can I help you?*" In serenity and conviction, may God help you always find new avenues to express your goodness. God be with you and fill you with grace.

Michael Overmyer, gracious God, you have given your servant Michael a profound sense of worship – a time of

special connection to You. You have also gifted him with a dedication to service in your name. Enable him to grow in his faith and be with him as he finds his way as a member of your Body of Christ.

J.P. Waugh, O God, in the grace of Jesus Christ you have accepted your servant, JP through the water of baptism. Nourish in him the power of your holy spirit that he may serve you in the world. May his connection with the past history of your church empower him to follow Jesus, affecting each decision he makes. Bless his working with others that your good news may be spread near and far.

Robert Brandell, by baptism, gracious God, you have entrusted to each of us part of Christ's ministry. Empower your servant Rob, to serve your people everywhere. May his faith journey continue as he strives to do the right thing in all his living. Bless him, now and always.

Anna D'Elia, receive this your servant, Anna, as a faithful member of the Body of Christ. Be with her as she continues her search for her own faith; help her to express those beliefs in every action, every word, every day of her life: empower her to walk as Jesus calls her and help her to find ways to share the hospitality she has found here. Bless her, now and always.

Mackenzie Carey, O God, you have entrusted our sister Mackenzie with an enthusiasm and a compassion for others. Empower her to use these gifts as she takes her place as a member of this church – bless her all of her days as she continues to find new ways to share her faith, both by spoken word and by her generous actions.

Shane Doss, give to your servant Shane a voice of strength and compassion, dear God, as he takes his place as a member of your church. Enable him to always follow your way in his decision making. Strengthen his faith, help him to share his talents to your glory, now and always. Bless him as he strives to be your servant.

John Carter, compassionate God, you have called our brother John into your service – you have helped him to find sanctuary and a place of peace in this your church. Be with him as he explores ways of helping others using the generous gifts you have given to him. Help him to feel a sense of real joy and accomplishment as he grows in his faith, now and always.

Sam Dobbs, receive your servant, Sam, as a member of the Body of Christ. You have entrusted to each of us part of Christ's ministry – help Sam to find his calling in your church. Empower him to serve you in new and exciting ways through teaching, worship, and service. Bless Sam in his ministry among us, now and always.



DAY CAMP NEWS

Day Camp Enrollment forms now available! Sign up now for this year's camp—June 24, 25 and 26.

BETHEL-LOVE SOUP KITCHEN

Our next date to serve at the Bethel Love Soup Kitchen is Thursday, June 18— if you are interested, please contact Susan Griffith at 973-743-3428.

June 7, 2009
Trinity Sunday

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8:15am Chapel Communion Service

10:15am Worship/Church School
The Rev. Joseph David Stinson, Preaching
The Rev. Cynthia F. Reynolds, Presiding
“Words Given and Spoken”
Isaiah 6:1-8

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Child Care for the very young provided.
11:30am Fellowship

Greeting you this Sunday will be the Dik/Simmons family and the Ost/Ferrara family. The head usher will be Paul Zalewski, assisted by Joseph Messineo, Jim Waters, Lynn Ritchkoff, Nancy Gage and Peter Krien. The Acolyte will be Max Ferrera. The Videographer will be David Overmeyer. Counters in the Treasurer's Office, Jim Bronneck and Roben Dunkin. The flowers in the chancel are given in loving memory of Lloyd Provost by his family. Susan Van Pelt will deliver the flowers.

✦ **IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS** ✦

- ◇ *At home:* Tom Horton, Lauren Smith, Lorraine Rieder, Susan Booth, Karen Augis, Phyllis Domenic, Madeline Edgar, Scott Spoerl, Sandra Lefkovits, Mary Keller, Bob Runge, Jim O'Brien, Bob Kansky, Barbara Underwood, Trudy Budelman and Jack Cusick.
- ◇ *In extended care facilities:* Ed Warren (Stuart FL), Lacelle Stites, Art and Marilea Schlobohm (Green Hill), Betty Bishop (Juniper Village), Don Olson (Job Haines), Ron Goebel (Gates Manor), Robert Martin Schaeberle (Ridge at River Woods, Exeter, NH).

Friends & family of our church: William Bennett, John Kingston, Stephen Strickland, Len Calvin, Andrea Row, Lewis Luring, Neil Connaghan, Maureen Sherman, Helen Brabham, George Boltnew, Georgianna Booth, Agnes Joy Busk, Anna Withington, Jill Reintjes, Dan Glitzer, Sue Potter, Merrill Roberts, Joan and Frank Lytle, Barbara Acosta, Claire Meeker Xenikakis, Thomas Bright, Jim O'Brien, Sr., Amanda Oliver, Jean and Barry Frere, Jim Marturano, Elizabeth Knox, Gilda Oliver, Pat and Betty Vigliotti, Paula Newman, Frank Pescatore, Mary Embree, Jeff Glock, Bill Phillips and UCC Missionaries Jon and Dawn Barnes in South Africa and Back Bay Mission in Biloxi. The men and women of the Armed Forces serving overseas in harm's way.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Congratulations to Alex Duym (Connecticut College), Sarah Kruse (Colgate), Alex Lefkovits (Yale), Lindsey Wong (Hamilton), Alison Boyd (Brown), Jesse Stinson (Johnson & Wales), Kerry Watson (Emerson), Lauren Watson (Brooklyn Law School) and Hayley Hanson (Holy Cross). We'd love to list other graduates. Parents, let us know.

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Our children's choirs will sing and ring on June 14th as part of our *Youth Sunday* celebration...we give thanks for the many youngsters who participate in this ministry...Our High School Youth are also hard at work on vocal and instrumental musical offerings for *Youth Sunday*; you won't want to miss it... Our Chancel Choir's last Sunday of ministry will be 6/21... We're looking for folks who can sing, play an instrument (even accordion!) for a service this summer as part of SUMMERMUSIC 2009 ...See you in church this Sunday!

HONORING OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

We will honor H.S. seniors on Sun., June 14th with breakfast at 9:15 and gifts of Bibles at the 10:15.

BIRTHDAY BANK

The Birthday Bank will be available on Youth Sunday, June 14th. Everyone who has had a birthday in May or will have one in June, July or August is invited to put a donation in the bank and receive a birthday pencil. In the past the acolyte's robes, the lighter and pew ropes have all been gifts from the donations received. Both children and adults are invited to participate.

GRAHAM JOHNS' RECITAL, June 7th

"*A Boy Born to Sing*" is the title of Sunday's recital at church by Graham Johns. Graham invites you at 3pm.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 7

8:15am Chapel Communion Service
9:00am Bible Study
9:15am Chancel Choir
10:15am Worship/ Church School
11:30am Fellowship/YPS Coffee Sale
11:30am Website Exploration Meeting
11:40am Music Committee
3:00pm Recital/Blue Room
7:00pm YPS

Monday, June 8 JDS USN

7:00pm Yoga

Tuesday, June 9 JDS USN

8:00pm GREF
8:00pm AA

Wednesday, June 10 JDS USN

No Bible Study
3:15pm Children's Choirs
4:15pm Chapel Bellringers
8:00pm MOM

Thursday, June 11 JDS USN

6:30am Morning Glories
10:00am Bread for the Journey

Friday, June 12 JDS USN

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