



## 2016 Confirmation Class Banner Project

As a way to integrate the topics covered in each confirmation session, as well as to engage the creativity of the confirmands, Amy Parker developed the idea of producing seven banners featuring ink designs on silk overlaid on a felt background. The confirmands -- Max Bland, Jack Bland, and Noah Lawson -- discussed and selected the designs on each banner, applied the ink resist to some and painted all the silks.

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**POLITY:** The many symbols embedded in the cross/logo of the Presbyterian Church (USA) are highlighted in this colorful and stylized version: the dove, the fish, the cup, the pulpit, the Bible, the flames; the triangle of the background is a classic symbol of the Trinity.



**SACRAMENTS:**  
**Communion:** Christ welcomes us to the table, to give thanks and remember.



**WORSHIP:** The symbol connotes the people of God gathered in worship around Christ, the heart of our worship. As we gather around Christ, we are gathered in the love of God.



**SACRAMENTS: Baptism:** At the font we celebrate the forgiveness of our sins, and we bring our children for baptism to welcome them into our Church family.



**CHURCH HISTORY:** The symbol of the fishes and cross at the bottom of the banner is one found on the walls of the Catacombs of Rome, engraved by the earliest of Christians; the shield of Constantine c. 3<sup>rd</sup> century AD, who was the first Christian emperor; the Luther rose is the symbol of Martin Luther who sparked the Reformation in the 16<sup>th</sup> century; the flaming heart in the hand is the symbol of John Calvin, the theologian who developed the ideas of Reformed Theology; the Celtic cross on the background symbolizes the Scottish heritage of the Presbyterian Church.



**STEWARDSHIP:** The colorful hands illustrate some of the many ways we are stewards of God's gracious gifts to us. The globe on the background is a reminder that the earth is also God's gift to us, and we are to be good stewards of creation.

