



Sacrament of Communion

First Presbyterian Church

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INFORMATION FOR VISITORS

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! We want you to feel comfortable and at ease in your surroundings. The following services are available to aid your comfort in worship. Please inform the ushers of your particular needs.

Nursery Staff will welcome your infants and toddlers.

Wireless hearing aids, large-print bulletins, and large-print Bibles are available from the ushers.

Children's bulletins, activity backpacks, and Bibles are available from the ushers.

Please turn all cell phones and pagers to vibrate during the worship service!

Visitors and members are urged to record your presence at worship on the friendship pads which are in the pews. Please include your address, phone number and any other information you wish to share with us and acquaint yourself with those sharing the pew.

We cordially invite you to join us for refreshments and fellowship every Sunday morning following the Worship Service in the Family Life Center.

Anyone wishing to unite with the church, please let the Rev. Price-Gibson know.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

Coffee Fellowship following Worship

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday:

8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Friday: 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Minister: Every Member of This Church

Rev. Dr. Stephen Price-Gibson, Pastor
Rose Miller, Office Administrator
Angela Wright, Bell Choir Director
Clayton Moyer, Chancel Choir Director
Connie Moon, Organist
Dennis Shultz, Custodian

Sandy McKirahan, Music Director
Sharon Rees, Accompanist
Kelsey Cobb, Nursery Coordinator
Madison Cobb, Nursery Attendant
Susan Wallace, Organist
Rona Newby, Website Coordinator

Web-site: www.fpckearney.org

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Should you have a need for pastoral care, please contact
Rev. Stephen Price-Gibson at 308-380-0908 or email spricegibson@hotmail.com.

January 8, 2017

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

10:30 AM

Baptism of the Lord

***Please rise in body or spirit.**

Words of Preparation

All of you who were given to Christ through baptism, have put on Christ. Here there is no longer any difference between Jew or Greek, or between slave or freed, or between man and woman: but all of you are one in Christ Jesus.
(Galatians3:27-28)

PRELUDE "What Child Is This?" Gretrude H. Richolson

WELCOMING Stephen Price-Gibson

Greeting and Announcements

CHORAL INTROIT "Now Shall My Inward Joys Arise" William Billings

*CALL TO WORSHIP Judy Rothenberger, Liturgist

From the north and south we come;

from east and west God calls us.

Over the mighty waters, the Lord speaks:

I have called you by name; you are mine.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN "Shall We Gather at the River?" No. 375

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM "Baptized in Water" Connie Moon

Baptized in water sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
On with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King:
Born of one Father, we are his children,
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray.

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word.

**Silence in us any voice but your own,
that, hearing, we may also obey your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm

Psalm 29: "Sing Glory to the Name of God"

No. 10

New Testament Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Acts 10:34-43

Sermon

"SACRAMENTS"

*HYMN

"In Christ Called to Baptize"

No. 297

*RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

Scripture Sentences

Hear these words of Holy Scripture:

God has told you what is good;

and what does the Lord require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness,

and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8

Profession of Faith

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

through our baptism we were made citizens of God's kingdom,
and freed from the bondage of sin.

Let us celebrate that freedom and redemption

through the renewal of the promises made at our baptism,
as we profess our faith in Christ Jesus.

I ask you, therefore, once again to reject sin,

to profess your faith in Christ Jesus,

and to confess the faith of the church,

the faith in which we were baptized.

Renunciations

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

Profession

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,**

**and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God, the Father Almighty;
from thence he will come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

[The water is poured into the Baptismal Font.]

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism.

Over it the heavens were opened, and you declared
Jesus was your blessed and beloved Son.

In it we were buried with Christ in his death.

From it we were raised to share in his resurrection.

Through it we were reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Your voice thunders over the water,
liberating the future from the past.

May we recall our baptism, and join in Christ's transforming work,
by doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with our God.

Accept all we have and are, O God, in the service of Jesus Christ,
and strengthen us with your Spirit's power, now and forever.

Amen.

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

[Greet one another with the words: "The peace of Christ be with you"
or other signs of peace and reconciliation.]

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

"We Know That Christ is Raised"

Charles Stanford

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you, loving God, for creating all things,

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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 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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

**Loving God,
we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and
glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

- *HYMN "Baptized in Water" No. 482
- *BLESSING Numbers 6:2
- *CHORAL BENEDICTION "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" Gerhard M. Cartford
- *POSTLUDE "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" Michael Burkhardt

We cordially invite you to join us for refreshments and fellowship every Sunday morning following the Worship Service in the Family Life Center.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Time: 9:15-10:00 am

Adult Classes Start Time: 9:15 am

Youth Classes Start Time: 9:30 am

Nursery is available for infants and toddlers under age three.

Youth classes are held for children ages three and up.

Adults can choose from these classes:

The Seekers Class

John McKirahan, Teacher

Season of the Spirit Class

Steve Miller, Teacher

Liturgist: Judy Rothenberger

Acolyte: Hewitt Moyer

Greeters/Ushers: Steve Case, Dean Gaeth, Betty Lewis-Fisher, Charlie and Bev Pickens, and Janet Pickens

Communion Servers: Jon and Leslie Abegglen, Kent and JoAnn Lilly, Scott Matteson, and Alan Rees

Coffee Hosts: Bev, Janet and Charlie Pickens

Organist: Connie Moon

Chancel Choir Director: Clayton Moyer

Chancel Choir Accompanist: Sandy McKirahan

Sound System Technician: Josh Hofer

Nursery Attendants: Kelsey Cobb and Madison Cobb

The flower bouquets this morning are given by Janet Pickens in celebration of Charlie and Bev Pickens' 59th wedding anniversary.

January 1, 2017		
Church Attendance: 56		Dimes for Mission: 37

**TRAINING, ORDINATION, AND INSTALLATION
OF NEW ELDERS/DEACONS**

JANUARY 8 – TRAINING

JANUARY 15 – ORDINATION/INSTALLATION

Following the worship service on Sunday, January 8 there will be an Officer Training Class for new officers and any returning Elders and Deacons who wish to refresh their understanding of the duties and responsibilities of their office. A light lunch will be provided.

Officer training is of vital importance, and all newly elected Elders or Deacons are strongly encouraged to attend. Newly elected Elders and Deacons will be ordained and installed on Sunday, January 15, during the worship service.

FLOWER CHART

The new 2017 Flower Chart will be up soon on the bulletin board by the church office. January 2017 flower signups are available on the current 2016 flower chart. Please take a few moments to sign up to contribute flowers to glorify God's house on Sunday and to honor or celebrate your loved ones! A \$30 donation to help offset the cost of the 2 flower bouquets for each Sunday is greatly appreciated.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

YOUTH

Sundays – 9:30 am

MEN

Sundays – 9:15 am

Wednesdays – 7:00 am

WOMEN

Sundays – 9:15 am

Mondays – 7:00 pm

3rd Wednesdays – 2:00 pm

MARTHA CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

In January we are remembering Crossroads Homeless Shelter. They need paper products, diapers, laundry soap, canned tuna and other non-perishable vegetables and fruit. If you have perishable food, please deliver it directly to Crossroads for use. Thank you for your gifts!

Here are the dates of coming events:

January 11 10:00 am Pastor Stephen previewing Lesson Five
On “Who Is Jesus?” based on the Paul’s writings in the Bible
Church Classroom

January 18 2:00 pm Circle Meeting, Church Classroom

JANUARY MINISTRY OF COMPASSION

The January Ministry of Compassion will be sponsored by the Presbyterian Women of the Martha Circle. The highlighted organization is the **Crossroads Center Rescue Mission**. The Mission’s critical needs are: 13-gallon trash bags, deodorant, coffee, food serving gloves and rubber cleaning gloves. Also needed: cleaning supplies, paper goods, diapers, laundry soap, personal/feminine hygiene items and non-perishable food items. Please bring these items to the church and deposit them in the bin in the Narthex. As the bin fills, the products will be delivered to Crossroads. Thank you for serving God, your church and the clients at the Crossroads Center Rescue Mission.

2017 PER CAPITA

Our per capita is \$30.00 per member for 2017. This money goes to offset the administrative cost for the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly which supports Presbyterian programs, missions, and ministries.

For Our Prayers

Our Members:

Marlene and Lloyd Andrews
The Family of Heidi Cobb
Annette Dowdy
Patricia Elliott
Owen Johnson
Marcia Lowe
Gordon & Mary Jo Morrow

Jennifer Nicol
Alan Oldfather
Vi Pimper
Cecil Smith
Paulette Wagner
Ann Young

Our Friends of the Church:

Tom DeLaet (son of Sally Olsen)
Beth Feese (mother of Connie Moon)
Lloyd Haack (father of Carol Smith)
Eric Holzrichter (son of Margaret Holzrichter)
Cindy Malone (daughter of Vi Pimper)
Tammy May (friend of Pat Hild)
Ian Galloway (grandson of Mary Kulhanek’s friend)
Cycelie Gustafson and children (granddaughter of Suzi Hankins)
Holly Hild (daughter-in-law of Jack and Pat Hild)
Mary Ann Jacobson (mother of Gordon & Mary Jo Morrow’s daughter-in-law)
Lorraine O’Quinn (sister-in-law of Ann Young)
Dave Repsher (son of Marilyn Repsher & Dave Raymond; friends of McCammonds)

Ralph Miflin (friend of Mary Kulhanek)
Craig Smith (foster son of Jean Johnson)
Rennie Rhodes (friend of Rose Miller)
Deanna Stewart (friend of Pat Hild)
Gail Stover (cousin of Lynn Shaffer)

Our Loved Ones In Service To Our Country:

Brian Adams—Army
Danelle Nelson—ANG
David Hild—Guard
Amy Jacobson—Guard
Jason Keen—USAF
Kristin Lindenstone-Shnell—USAF
Ryan Rowher—Army
Greg Stevens—USMC
Linda Youberg—Navy

Our Presbytery and the Wider Church:

Central Nebraska Presbytery
Presbyterian Church (USA)

Please help our Church office keep our prayer list current.

Unless otherwise requested we will keep names on the prayer list for four weeks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all visitors to worship this morning. We would like you to learn more about our church and give us a chance to make you feel at home.

If anyone needs a ride to church on Sundays, please call the church office at 234-4543 so that we may arrange transportation for you.

If you would like a CD recorded copy of the Sunday Worship Service, please call the church office at 234-4543. You may also listen to the sermon on the church's website, www.fpckearney.org.

Weather Cancellation Policy. In the event of a weather cancellation of church services or activities, you will receive a phone call with specific information. If Kearney Public School events are cancelled due to inclement weather, church events will also be cancelled. Please notify the church office if your phone number was incorrect or if you would like to specify the phone number at which you will receive notifications.

Dimes for Mission. The HelpCare Clinic is the recipient of the Dimes for Mission donated January through March. Please keep donating your dimes to help build homes in our community.

Equal Exchange Products. Check out the Equal Exchange Products available in the church office – *Coffee* (Regular, Decaf, and Flavored), *Tea* (Breakfast, Chai, Decaf Rooibos), and *Hot Cocoa*. Why not consider giving a gift of Fair Trade coffee, tea or hot cocoa?

Save Best Choice Barcode UPC Labels For Cash. Please save your *Best Choice* barcodes (UPC symbol) and bring them to the church where a shoebox is located in the church office. *Best Choice* products are available at Grand Central Apple Market.

Save General Mills Box Tops For Education And Campbell's Labels For Education. The Mission Committee would like you to know that the Menaul School in Albuquerque, New Mexico, is collecting General Mills Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Labels for Education (UPC product code and Labels for Education coupons). This program helps them "buy" classroom supplies. Please put your Box Tops and Campbell's labels in the Best Choice collection box in the church office.

Coffee Hosts Needed. The In-Reach Committee Needs YOUR Help! **Wanted: Coffee Hosts for 2017.** If you are one of the many who enjoy the coffee fellowship time after church, then ***WE WANT YOU!*** ***Please sign up on the chart in the narthex.*** The Coffee Host chart is up by the Family Life Center entryway.

2017 Offering Envelopes. Your 2017 stewardship envelopes for your pledges are available in the Narthex. Please contact Rose in the church office if you don't find a set of envelopes for you.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 8

9:15 am	Adult Sunday School	Classrooms
9:30 am	Youth Sunday School	Classrooms
10:30 am	Worship Service with Communion	Sanctuary
Following Service	Coffee Fellowship	Family Life Center
12:00 pm	Officer Training	Library

Monday, January 9

Committees/Groups Annual Reports Due

4:00 pm	ARC Cooking Class	Kitchen
7:00 pm	Sisters In Spirit (SIS) Study Group	Classroom

Tuesday, January 10

4:00 pm	<i>In-Reach Committee Meeting</i>	Library
5:30 pm	<i>Out-Reach Committee Meeting</i>	Library
6:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop #196	Classroom

Wednesday, January 11

7:00 am	Men's Bible Study	Family Life Center
10:00 am	Horizons Bible Study Lesson Preview	Classroom
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Practice	Sanctuary
8:00 pm	Gloria Dei Bell Choir Practice	Sanctuary

Thursday, January 12

6:00 pm	ARC Board Meeting	Library
7:00 pm	<i>Finance Committee Meeting</i>	Classroom

Sunday, January 15

9:15 am	Adult Sunday School	Classrooms
9:30 am	Youth Sunday School	Classrooms
10:30 am	Worship Service – Officer Ordination/Installation	Sanctuary
Following Service	Coffee Fellowship	Family Life Center