



***First Presbyterian Church***  
***4511 Sixth Avenue, Kearney, NE 68845***  
***www.fpckearney.org***      ***(308) 234-4543***

## 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](http://www.fpckearney.org)

Presbyterian Church USA

Presbytery of Central Nebraska

236-6996

[www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org)

[www.centralnepresby.org](http://www.centralnepresby.org)

Should you have a need for pastoral care, please contact

Rev. Stephen Price-Gibson at 308-380-0908 or email [spicegibson@hotmail.com](mailto:spicegibson@hotmail.com).

January 1, 2017

**WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

10:30 AM

**The First Sunday after Christmas**  
**\*Please rise in body or spirit.**

**Preparation for Worship**

*Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

PRELUDE "Noel" F. C. T. Dubois

WELCOME

Greeting and Announcements

Welcoming One Another

\*CALL TO WORSHIP, from Psalm 148 Jean Johnson, Liturgist

Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
**Praise him in the heights!**  
Praise him, all his angels;  
**Praise him, all his host!**  
Young men and women alike,  
**Old and young together!**  
**Praise the Lord!**

\*HYMN "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" No. 132

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Let us in penitence and humility confess our sins before the throne of grace, praying together:  
**God of mercy, as we begin this new year, we confess our weaknesses, failures, and transgressions:**  
**Our broken vows, our slackness and misuse of time and opportunity, our selfishness and our love of ease, our unkindness and indifference, our self-indulgence and our pleasure taken at the expense of others, our moments when we have not been true to ourselves, our lack of faith in your good providence. For these sins of commission and omission, have mercy on us.**

Sung Response "Lord, Have Mercy upon Us" No. 575

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up - on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Declaration of Pardon

People of God, through the coming of Jesus Christ,  
Whose birth we celebrate,  
The Lord has comforted and redeemed us, too!  
In Christ we receive the salvation of our God.  
**Glory to God in the Highest!**

Sung Response "Glory Be to the Father" No. 581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Angels and People

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray:

**Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. Grant us a spirit of wisdom, that as we hear the Scriptures read and your Word proclaimed we might discover that light anew; through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Isaiah 63:7-9

New Testament Readings

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Hebrews 2:10-18, Matthew 2:13-23

Sermon

*"AND THEY SHALL NAME HIM EMMANUEL"*

\*HYMN

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

No. 143

\*AFFIRMATION OF 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 shall 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

"Ave Maria"

Franz Schubert

\*Presentation

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

No. 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise \*him, all creatures

here be - low; praise \*him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

\*Dedication Prayer

Let us pray:

**Holy God, keep the joy of your coming in our hearts as we move beyond the stable and into the world. May the gifts we give be used in every way to bring your compassion and grace to all your children. We pray in the holy name of Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.**

\*HYMN "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" No. 136

\*BLESSING

\*SUNG BENEDICTION "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" Verse 1 No. 542

God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing  
coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en -  
fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

\*POSTLUDE "Star in the East" American Folk Tune

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

**Liturgist:** Jean Johnson

**Greeters/Ushers:** Mike Bryson, Georgia Byrn, Barb Friskopp, Ken Slominski, and Cecil and Carol Smith

**Coffee Hosts:** Rose and Steve Miller

**Organist:** Connie Moon

**Sound System Technician:** Josh Hofer

**Nursery Attendants:** Kelsey Cobb and Madison Cobb

**The flower bouquets this morning are given by Steve and Rose Miller** in honor of our granddaughter Aletheia's birthday on January 7th and our daughter Amanda's birthday on January 8th.

December 25, 2016	
Church Attendance: 56	Dimes for Mission: 74

## WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT ANN SUKWAW-LUTZ

We welcome Ann Sukwaw-Lutz to our pulpit today while Pastor Stephen is on vacation. Ann is a lay person who lives, works and worships in Grand Island. Once a church worker, Ann is now a volunteer with the Wednesday LOGOS ministry where she teaches worship skills with the elementary children and after supper teaches the senior high bible class. For the last ten years Ann has coordinated the elementary faculty and curriculum for Synod School, held at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. She considers it a great privilege to do pulpit supply within Central Nebraska Presbytery--with most of her time in churches up and down the Platte River Valley, from Grand Island to North Platte.

## 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.

## 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

## 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.

## 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  
Evelyn and Bob Vohland  
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)

### Our Loved Ones In Service To Our Country:

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

### Our Presbytery and the Wider Church:

**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](http://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 1, 2017**

#### **New Year's Day**

	No Adult or Youth Sunday School	
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Following Service	Coffee Fellowship	Family Life Center

### **Monday, January 2**

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

### **Tuesday, January 3**

6:00 pm	<i>Christian Education Committee Meeting</i>	Classroom
6:30 pm	<i>Worship &amp; Music Committee Meeting</i>	Classroom
7:00 pm	<i>Property &amp; Grounds Committee Meeting</i>	Library

### **Wednesday, January 4**

7:00 am	Men's Bible Study	Family Life Center
6:30 pm	Compassion Ministry Emphasis Team	Classroom
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Practice	Sanctuary
8:00 pm	Gloria Dei Bell Choir Practice	Sanctuary

### **Saturday, January 7**

9:00 am	Girl Scout Troop #610	Family Life Center
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### **Sunday, January 8**

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