

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
- Children's bulletins, activity backpacks, and Bibles

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, email, 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

9:15/9:30 am Adult/Youth 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

Presbyterian Church USA

Presbytery of Central Nebraska

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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 29, 2017

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

10:30 AM

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Scottish Heritage Sunday

***All rise in body or spirit**

Preparation for Worship

Today we are observing Scottish Heritage Sunday. The Presbyterian Church was formed in Scotland during the Protestant Reformation of the 16th Century. Much of our music and prayers this morning comes from the rich heritage of Scottish worship.

PRELUDE "Fantasia on a Scottish Folk Tune" Robert J. Hughes

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING Stephen Price-Gibson

PROCESSIONAL "Highland Cathedral"

(The Congregation will please rise as the Piper leads the Procession into the sanctuary.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP Michael Bryson, Liturgist

With the whole church

**we affirm that we are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.**

With people everywhere

**we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

With all creation

**we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life;
the unfolding purposes of God,
forever at work in ourselves and the world.**

Let us worship God.

*HYMN "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" No. 649

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Let us in silence remember our own faults and failings.
(Silence)

In the community of Christ's Church,
And in the presence of God's people,
I confess to God that I have sinned
In thought, word and deed.

I have not loved God, cared for God's world,
Nor loved and respected God's people.
I accept responsibility and pray for God's pardon.

**May God forgive you, Christ befriend you,
And the Spirit renew and transform you.**
Amen.

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Amen.

Sung Response

"We Are Forgiven"

No. 447



We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to



God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.



We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM

"A Scottish Blessing"

David Blackwell

Be a light before to lead me; Be a guiding star above;
Jesu, may I always know thee, may I always know thy love.

There is no bird that soars the mountain, there is no deer upon the hill,
There is no creature of the forest, but shall sing thy praises still.

Be a kindly shepherd for me, keep me safe thru' all my days;
Jesu, may I always know thee, may I always sing thy praise.

There is no life that swims the ocean; there is no creature of the sea;
There is no fish within the river, but proclaims its praise for thee.

As the day falls into evening, as the night is lit with stars,
At the ending of life's journey may thy heav'nly peace be ours.

Let ev'ry creature in God's kingdom, let ev'ry life upon the shore
Sing praise to God, the world's creator, sing praises now and evermore.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray.

God, source of all light,

by your Word give light to our lives. Amen.

First Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Genesis 37:2-4

Psalm

(Psalm 23) "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

No. 801

Second Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Acts 16:11-15

Sermon

"SIGNS OF LOVE"

*HYMN

"Morning Has Broken"

No. 664

RECOGNITION OF OUR HONORED GUESTS

BLESSING OF SERVICE ANIMALS

DEDICATION TO GOD'S SERVICE (Kirkin' O' the Tartans)

Richard Elliott, our Beadle, will receive Tartans tokens to be dedicated.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

[from *The Iona Community Worship Book*]

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of the one God,
maker and sustainer of earth, sea and sky.**

**Born of Mary's womb, faithful to the God of Abraham and Sarah,
Jesus healed the sick, served the poor, and proclaimed heaven on earth.**

**Condemned by the religious, crucified by the state, he died
but transformed even death and rose to life everlasting.**

**He blessed the disciples with his Holy Spirit
and sent them forth, east and west, north and south.**

**We commit ourselves to Jesus, to one another as brothers and sisters
and to his mission in the world in the grace of the Holy Spirit. 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.

Choral Response

"As the Deer"

Martin Nystrom

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

"God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

Wihla Hutson

*Presentation

"God, We Honor You"

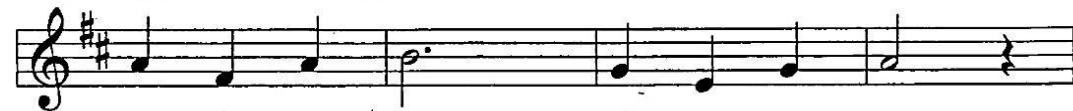
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God, we hon - or you. God, we trust in you.



God, we wor - ship and a - dore you.



Take what we bring, of - fered to you.



Teach us to show your a - bun - dant bless - ings.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, a - men.

Prayer of Dedication

**God of glory,
receive these gifts and the offering of our lives,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN "Will You Come and Follow Me" No. 726

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE "Scotland the Brave" Traditional

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

Liturgist: Michael Bryson

Acolyte: Kili Diestler

Greeters/Ushers: Kit Alff, Jean Johnson, Scott Matteson, Mary Jo Morrow, Sara Sup, and Julie Tye

Coffee Hosts: Ladies of the Church

Organist: Susan Wallace

Chancel Choir Director: Sandra McKirahan

Chancel Choir Accompanist: Susan Wallace

Sound System Technician: Josh Hofer

Nursery Attendants: Kelsey Cobb and Madison Cobb

January 22, 2017

Church Attendance: 98

Dimes for Mission: 33

BAGPIPER EDWIN MUKUSHA

Edwin Mukusha is from Zimbabwe and has been playing bagpipes for twenty years. He started in high school when he still lived in his home country. Scottish highland music is what he played then and does that with a combination of other styles including highland drumming. Bagpipes showed up in Africa because of British rule from years past. Edwin has had some wonderful opportunities to perform for many people from all over the world.

- ◆ World Pipe Band Championship in Scotland in 1988 – Awarded best overseas school pipe band.
- ◆ British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Queen Elizabeth II of England and Prince Edward on separate occasions.
- ◆ Churchill School Pipe Band and Matant Pipeband in Zimbabwe, Lincoln Pipes and Drums in Lincoln, Omaha Pipes and Drums and Strathdon Caledonia Pipe Band in Omaha, and North Texas Caledonia Pipe Band.

Edwin loves competing and playing his instrument for weddings, birthday, memorials and civic events around Lincoln and Central Nebraska. This instrument requires a lot of work and discipline and it is Edwin's mission to share his music with others. Edwin works for the University of Nebraska Administrative Systems Group as the Business Technology Lead.

The Procession of Honored Guests 2015

The Honorable Judge John Icenogle, Grand Marshal

Community Leaders

Pat Larson, Senior Volunteer Development Specialist, Spirit of Nebraska Girl Scout Council
Margot Icenogle-Larsen, CASA Supervisor, Kearney/Buffalo County CASA
Amber Diestler, Teacher Assistant, Little Learners Preschool, Kearney Family YMCA
Leah Nelson, Board Member/State of Nebraska ARC Representative, ARC of Buffalo County
Garrett Vetter, Cline Operations Manager, The HelpCare Clinic
Gary Feind, Member, Kearney Evening Lions Club
Kim Williams, Allegiance of Therapy Dogs Director and Bernese Mountain Dog "Rowan"
Rodney and Judy Lantz, Allegiance of Therapy Dogs and Bloodhound "Molly"
Marla Bouton, Allegiance of Therapy Dogs and Miniature Poodle "Duggan"
Pauline Jacobson, Allegiance of Therapy Dogs and Miniature Poodle "Coulee"
Annette and Bill Wozniak, Allegiance of Therapy Dogs and Black Lab Mix "Jackson"
Claudia Murr, Allegiance of Therapy Dogs and Corgi Mix "Hansel"
Marion Grandone, Allegiance of Therapy Dogs and Golden Retriever "Seaumus"
Sylvia Diaz, Allegiance of Therapy Dogs and Irish Wolfhound "Finnegan"
Norine Bydalek, Allegiance of Therapy Dogs and Bichon Frise "Millie"

Taize Worship Service

Sunday, February 26, 2017 – 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 19, 2017 – 7:00 pm

The TAIZE Community was first developed in Taize, France by Brother Roger Shutz in the 1940's with an ecumenical group of church people from all over the world. It is from this community that TAIZE worship has come.

TAIZE worship includes candlelight, prayers, readings, soft music, and silence. The service is very meditative and offers a wonderful opportunity to be silent and center on the Lord.

The service is open to the entire community.

Come as you are – and bring your friends.

A Scottish Celebration

Today, we are honoring the Scottish heritage of Presbyterianism which began with John Knox in Scotland. The *Kirkin' of the Tartan* service originated in the United States during the 1940's and was instituted by Dr. Peter Marshall, minister of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. Dr. Marshall began the ceremony as a special offering to aid Scots who were suffering the ravages of WWII. The presentation of the tartans symbolized the rededication of one's life to God's service, and affirms the Scottish roots of our Presbyterian heritage.



The *Beadle* this morning is *Richard Elliott*. In the Scottish Church, the Beadle brings in the Holy Bible, opens it and takes it out after the Service.

Our Scottish heritage is being celebrated with special music by *Bagpiper Edwin Mukusha*.

The *Sexton* is the church officer who traditionally woke dozing worshippers with his staff. Brother Alan Rees takes his duties very seriously so please, stay alert!

Shortbread will be served after worship in the Family Life Center.

The multicolored *Scots Confession Banner* symbolizes the 1560 statement of faith authorized by John Knox, which is one of the nine confessions of faith in our church.

The Highlander has long been a lover of the grand Old Testament texts from the hymnal that Jesus used when he was here upon the earth, the *Book of Psalms*. Indeed, in true Calvinist fashion, only the Psalms and Canticles of the Old Testament were allowed in worship by our early Presbyterian forbears.

An Explanation of the Banner Honoring the Scots of Confession

(Scotland 1560)

The Blue of the Shield. The background color of the Church of Scotland.

The Tartan, X-Shaped Cross. A form called St. Andrew's Cross, he being the apostle who brought the gospel to Scotland. The tartan, or plaid, is that of the Hamilton clan, in honor of the first martyr of the Scottish Reformation, Patrick Hamilton.

The Celtic Cross. Another ancient form associated with Christians of the British Isles.

The Ship. A symbol for the Church; the Confession contains a remarkable, strong doctrine of the Church. The ship also symbolizes John Knox's imprisonment as a galley slave.

The Bible and the Sword. Paul called the word of God "The sword of the Spirit", and the sharpness of John Knox's preaching of the Word was a major power for reformation in Scotland.

The Burning Bush Which Is Not Consumed. Reminding us of Moses' Sinai experience, thus a symbol of God's presence and call: the chief symbol of the Church of Scotland.

Enjoy the Shortbread and Fellowship in the Family Life Center after worship. Our thanks to these ladies who made the shortbread.

Sharon Beltzer
Patricia Elliott
Alma Gaeth
Pat Hild

Jean Johnson
Betty Lewis-Fisher
Shirley McCammond

Germaine Oldfather
Judy Rothenberger
Annabelle Wells

Our special thanks to Barbara Stevenson who made our Scottish Confession banner.

We wish to thank our bagpiper, Edwin Mukusha; our banner carrier, John McKirahan; our Beadle, Richard Elliott; and our sexton, Alan Rees.

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, February 5

Following 10:30 AM Worship Service

SOUPER BOWL COMPETITION

January 29 and February 5

We would like to notify people about the Souper Bowl for Mission competition that will start January 29th and finish February 5th. Fans will be able to donate food or monetary donations for the team that they want to or think will win the Super Bowl. Donations may be brought on each of the two Sundays.

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.

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

FLOWER CHART

The new 2017 Flower Chart is up on the bulletin board by the church office. 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.

MARTHA CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

In February we are supporting the HelpCare Clinic. Their needs are Kleenex, over-the-counter medicine, Walmart gift cards, copy paper, a used/new computer monitor, and used/new laptop computer.

February 8 10:00 am Pastor Stephen previewing Lesson Six
On “Who Is Jesus?” based on Hebrews, Church Classroom

February 15 2:00 pm Circle Meeting, Church Classroom

CONSIDER BECOMING A CASA VOLUNTEER

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteers donate their time to act as the independent eyes and ears of the court, investigate in the field, and speak solely in the interest of the child. Please call to find out when the next **Volunteer Training** is scheduled to start! The training consists of speakers from the community, curriculum set by National CASA, videos, hands on case training on a mock case and lots of question and answer time. CASA programs in Nebraska operate in compliance with the Nebraska Court Appointed Special Advocate Act (Nebraska Revised Statutes §43-3701 et seq). The CASA training will be held in Kearney during the evenings and one Saturday to get to the 30 hours required. In surveys, Judges find CASA volunteers to be very effective in a wide range of activities that support the court process. They find volunteers most effective in considering the best interests of the child and in monitoring the case. Volunteer input is most highly valued on issues related to placement, stability, permanence and safety of the children while in care. **To volunteer call 308-865-1356 ext. 115.**

KEARNEY WORKS VOLUNTEERS

KEARNEY WORKS is a local workforce development agency and is seeking volunteers to assist underemployed and unemployed clients.

Volunteers will:

Help clients obtain employment goals	Assist client with soft skill training
Help client face and overcome challenges	Find solutions to client barriers
Celebrate victories and successes	

Training provided to volunteers prior to assignment of a client. All volunteers get support and guidance during every step of the coaching process.

For a volunteer application please contact Kearney Works Executive Director Stan Zimbelman at 308-865-1354 ext. 142 or 16 West 11th Street, Kearney NE 68847.

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)	Ralph Miflin (friend of Mary Kulhanek)
Beth Feese (mother of Connie Moon)	Craig Smith (foster son of Jean Johnson)
Lloyd Haack (father of Carol Smith)	Rennie Rhodes (friend of Rose Miller)
Eric Holzrichter (son of Margaret Holzrichter)	Deanna Stewart (friend of Pat Hild)
Cindy Malone (daughter of Vi Pimper)	Gail Stover (cousin of Lynn Shaffer)
Tammy May (friend of Pat Hild)	
Ian Galloway (grandson of Mary Kulhanek's friend)	
Cyrelie 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	Kristin Lindenstien-Shnell—USAF
Danelle Nelson—ANG	Ryan Rowher—Army
David Hild—Guard	Greg Stevens—USMC
Amy Jacobson—Guard	Linda Youberg—Navy
Jason Keen—USAF	

Our Presbytery and the Wider Church:

Axtell First Presbyterian Church Scott Mustion, serving Sutherland

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.

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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.

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 support this free clinic.

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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 29

Scottish Heritage Celebration Sunday

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
1:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop #873	Classroom

Monday, January 30

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

Wednesday, February 1

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

Thursday, February 2

9:00 am	Girl Scouts	Family Life Center
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Saturday, February 4

1:00 pm	Presbytery PW CT Meeting	Classroom
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Sunday, February 5

Annual Congregational Meeting

9:15 am	Adult Sunday School	Classrooms
9:30 am	Youth Sunday School	Classrooms
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Following Service	Annual Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
Following Meeting	Coffee Fellowship	Family Life Center