

**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	Sandy McKirahan, Music Director
Rose Miller, Office Administrator	Sharon Rees, Accompanist
Angela Wright, Bell Choir Director	Kelsey Cobb, Nursery Coordinator
Clayton Moyer, Chancel Choir Director	Madison Cobb, Nursery Attendant
Connie Moon, Organist	Susan Wallace, Organist
Dennis Shultz, Custodian	Rona Newby, Website Coordinator

Web-site: [www.fpckearney.org](http://www.fpckearney.org)

Presbyterian Church USA	<a href="http://www.pcusa.org">www.pcusa.org</a>
Presbytery of Central Nebraska 236-6996	<a href="http://www.centralnepresby.org">www.centralnepresby.org</a>

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



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**Preparation for Worship**

There is never time in the future in which we will work out our salvation.  
The challenge is in the moment, and time is always now. –James Baldwin

February 5, 2017      **WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY**      10:30 AM

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**\*All rise in body or spirit.**

PRELUDE      "Enter With Joy"      Kathleen Wissinger  
Gloria Dei Bell Choir

WELCOME      Stephen Price-Gibson

Greeting and Announcements

Persons of the Season Recognition – Charlie and Bev Pickens

Welcoming One Another

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP      Scott Matteson, Liturgist

You are the salt of the earth.

**Let us share our bread, giving glory to God.**

You are the light of the world.

**Let us shine our light, giving glory to God.**

\*HYMN      "When Morning Gilds the Skies"      No. 667

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin:

**God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face.**

**We ignore the needs of the poor and turn away from our own kin.**

**We allow the gospel to go stale, and hide the light you have given.**

**Forgive us; give us grace.**

**By the renewing gifts of your Spirit, inspire and empower us again**

**to show the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sung Response

"Remember Not, O God" Verse 1

No. 430

Re - mem - ber not, O God, the sins of long a - go;  
in ten - der mer - cy vis - it us, dis - tressed and hum - bled low.

Hear the good news:

To all and to each,

where regret is real,

God pronounces pardon

and grants us the right to begin again.

**Thanks be to God!**

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

### THE WORD

#### Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray.

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today.**

#### Old Testament Reading

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Isaiah 58:1-9a

#### New Testament Reading

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Matthew 5:13-20

### SERMON

*"RIGHTEOUSNESS"*

#### \*HYMN

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

No. 223

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Francis of Assisi

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace.**

**Where there is hatred, let us so love;**

**Where there is injury, pardon;**

**where there is discord, union;**

**where there is doubt, faith;**

**where there is despair, hope;**

**where there is darkness, light;**

**where there is sadness, joy.**

**Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;**

**to be understood as to understand;**

**to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive;**

**it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;**

**and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### Offertory Anthem

"For Everyone Born"

arr. Tom Trenney

For ev'ryone born, a place at the table, for ev'ryone born, clean water and bread,  
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, For ev'ryone born, a star overhead,  
And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,  
Compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy.

For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share,  
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power, a system that's fair.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,  
Compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy.

For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song.  
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,  
Compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy.

For ev'ryone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,  
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for ev'ryone born, the right to be free!  
And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,  
Compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy.

## 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.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God:

The worship that you desire, the fast you choose, is simply this—  
to stop injustice, liberate the oppressed, and share with the hungry;  
to shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, and welcome the stranger.

Therefore we praise you, joining the song  
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
 pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are  
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our savior:  
 Jesus came not to abolish your law, but to fulfill it.  
 He calls us to be salt of the earth and light for the world,  
 above all else, giving glory to you, our God.  
 Remembering your goodness and grace,  
 we offer ourselves to you with gratitude  
 as we share this joyful feast.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.  
 Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
 and upon this bread and cup;  
 make us one in the body and blood  
 of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 We pray now for all that concerns us  
 as we sit at table together.  
 Hear our silent prayers, O Lord. . . .

*[Silent prayers for the church and the world.]*

By the power of your Spirit, reveal to us the mind of Christ,  
 so that we may understand the gifts you have bestowed upon us  
 and proclaim the message of the gospel to the world.

Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 we bless you God of glory, now and forever.

A - men, a - men, a - men!  
 A - men, a - men, a - men!

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, we pray:

**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.**

Breaking the Bread

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

\*HYMN

“God Is So Good”

No. 658

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Agenda

Open with Prayer  
Declaration of a Quorum  
Annual Report  
Review of Pastor's Compensation  
Adjourn with Prayer

\*BLESSING

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION      "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"      Aguilar/Infante

\*POSTLUDE      "Shine, Jesus, Shine"      John Carter

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**Liturgist:** Scott Matteson

**Acolyte:** Hewitt Moyer

**Greeters/Ushers:** Robin Bowers, Alan Rees, Eldin and Annabelle Wells,  
Lissa Woodruff, and Shawni Wright

**Communion Servers:** Georgia Byrn, Karen Diestler, Cynthe Johnson, Jean Johnson,  
Alan Rees, and Judy Rothenberger

**Coffee Hosts:** Sally and Mike Bryson

**Organist:** Susan Wallace

**Chancel Choir Director:** Clayton Moyer

**Chancel Choir Accompanist:** Susan Wallace

**Gloria Dei Bell Choir Director:** Angela Wright

**Sound System Technician:** Josh Hofer

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

January 29, 2017

Church Attendance: 125

Dimes for Mission: 161

**SEMINARY TALK**

**Sunday, February 12 -- 9:15 am**

What are they teaching in seminary these days? Come and find out when Sharon Rees gives a talk on Sunday, February 12 at 9:15 am. She will discuss the texts and classes that she took this last fall and this January – Early Church History, Greek, and Gospel in Context. Come join Sharon on her ministry journey!

**For Our Prayers**

**Our Members:**

Annette Dowdy  
Owen Johnson  
Gordon & Mary Jo Morrow  
Kathy Morrow

Jennifer Nicol  
Alan Oldfather  
Vi Pimper  
Cecil Smith

**Our Friends of the Church:**

Cindy Malone (daughter of Vi Pimper)  
Tammy May (friend of Pat Hild)  
Cycelie Gustafson and children (granddaughter of Suzi Hankins)  
Holly Hild (daughter-in-law of Jack and Pat Hild)

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

Kristin Lindenstein-Shnell—USAF  
Ryan Rowher—Army  
Greg Stevens—USMC  
Linda Youberg—Navy

**Our Presbytery and the Wider Church:**

Beaver City First Presbyterian Church      Wayne Owens, serving Stuart/Atkinson

**Please help our Church office keep our prayer list current.**

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

*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.**

## PERSONS OF THE WINTER CHARLIE AND BEV PICKENS

Persons of the Winter (December, January, February) are Charlie and Bev Pickens. The Worship and Music Committee has chosen Bev & Charlie Pickens to honor as Persons of the Winter. They have been members of our congregation since Fall 1960. During the past 57 years, both Bev and Charlie have taught Sunday school, served on Session and have been faithful, active participants in Sunday morning services. Bev has lead confirmation classes, cooked and baked for many funeral dinners and miscellaneous events, taught Wednesday night classes and shared her talent as a seamstress. She is very proud of the 30 years in which a Girl Scout troop, under her leadership, met regularly at our church. Charlie, a retired University of Nebraska math professor, has served as our Church Treasurer for 16 years. In addition, he has participated in many, many Kearney community activities including serving as treasurer for Habitat for Humanity and treasurer for the Kearney Federal Credit Union (Trius). He has been a member of Kiwanis for 50 years and has sold more than 15,000 tickets to their annual pancake feed! We thank Bev and Charlie for all that they have done for our community and especially for the dedication and leadership that they have joyfully given to First Presbyterian Church, Kearney.

## FEBRUARY MINISTRY OF COMPASSION

The February Ministry of Compassion will be sponsored by Session's In-Reach Committee. The highlighted organization is the **HelpCare Clinic**. The Clinic's needs are: reams of copy paper, bottled water, Kleenex, Clorox wipes, spray air freshener, snacks for volunteers (granola bars, for example). Please bring your items to the church and deposit them in the bin in the Narthex. As the bin fills, the products will be delivered to the Clinic. If you prefer, you may donate money to this ministry; be sure to indicate that your cash or check is designated for the HelpCare Clinic. Additionally, "Change for Missions" collected in January, February and March will go to the Clinic so you can empty your pockets and change purses into the offertory plates. Thank you for serving God, your church and the clients at the HelpCare Clinic.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for the generous support of Crossroads Rescue Mission during January. We were able to take items there several time and they were grateful for the gifts. May God bless all of you. Annabelle Wells

## 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

**The new 2017 PW Reading List is out. Please turn in your 2016 readings by the Martha Circle meeting at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, February 15th.**

## WEATHER EMERGENCY CALL SYSTEM

We have an emergency call system through One Call Now. Each family receives a call when church events are canceled or postponed - one call per family. ***Remember that if it is a school day and school events are canceled, then ALL church events are canceled.*** You will not receive an additional call. We used the One Call Now system when we canceled church because of the ice storm on Sunday, January 15. If you did not receive a call or wish to have it sent to a different phone number in your family, please contact the church office at 234-4543 or Sharon Rees at 293-6279.

## 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.** **Volunteer Training** is scheduled to start in March 2017! 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 308-865-5675.**

## 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).

**Like FPC On Facebook.** Don't forget to "Like" us on Facebook! You can go to: <https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresKearney> or search for First Presbyterian Church, Kearney, Nebraska. If you have an Android phone or tablet, just scan the QR code to right!



**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, February 5

#### Annual Congregational Meeting

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

### Monday, February 6

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

### Tuesday, February 7

6:00 pm	<i>Christian Education Committee Meeting</i>	Classroom
6:30 pm	<i>Worship &amp; Music Committee Meeting</i>	Library
6:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop #196	Classroom
7:00 pm	<i>Property &amp; Grounds Committee Meeting</i>	Classroom

### Wednesday, February 8

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

### Thursday, February 9

6:00 pm	ARC Board Meeting	Library
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### Sunday, February 12

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	Outreach to Inactive Team	Library

## FLOWER CHART

The 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 is greatly appreciated.