



“I have set before you  
 LIFE and DEATH ....  
 CHOOSE LIFE so that  
 you and your descendants may live.”

Deuteronomy 30:19, NRSV

## *First Presbyterian Church*

*4511 Sixth Avenue, Kearney, NE 68845*

*www.fpckearney.org*

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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](http://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](mailto:spricegibson@hotmail.com).

**Preparation for Worship**

*It is certain, in any case, that ignorance,  
allied with power is the most ferocious enemy justice can have.*  
—James Baldwin

February 12, 2017      **WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY**      10:30 AM

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

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

PRELUDE      “Hear the Good News of Salvation”      Charles Callahan

WELCOME      Stephen Price-Gibson

Greeting and Announcements

Welcoming One Another

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP      Charlie Pickens, Liturgist

Blessed be the Lord our God,  
**who has delivered us from evil.**  
Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**maker of heaven and earth.**  
Let us worship God.

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Hymn/Call to Confession      “Hear the Good News of Salvation”      No. 441

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 look to false gods for help and turn away from you.**  
**We say yes to what is evil and no to what is good.**  
**Forgive us; give us grace.**  
**Help us to resist temptation and choose a better way:**  
**to show the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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.

In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for you,  
and for his sake God forgives you all your sins.  
To those who believe in Jesus Christ  
he gives the power to become the children of God  
and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.  
**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

ANTHEM "They'll Know We are Christians" arr. Lloyd Larson

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Praise to the Father from whom all things come,  
and praise to Christ Jesus, His only son;  
Praise to the Spirit who makes us one. God's spirit makes us one.

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray.

**God of mercy,  
grant that the Word you speak this day  
may take root in our hearts,  
and bear fruit to your honor and glory,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm "When God Restored Our Common Life" (Psalm 126) No. 74

New Testament Reading Matthew 5:21-37

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "BUT I SAY UNTO YOU"

\*HYMN "Take My Life" Verses 1, 5 and 6 No. 697

\*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.**

Choral Response

"As the Deer"

Martin Nystrom

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Meditation on “Sanctuary” Connie Moon

Presentation “Take My Life” Verse 4 No. 697

*Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,  
every power as thou shalt choose.*

### Dedication Prayer

Let us pray.

**In the name and in the spirit of Jesus,  
we bring our gifts to you, O God.  
Help us to give with them  
a ready mind, a willing spirit,  
and a joyful heart. Amen.**

\*HYMN “Lord, Make Us More Holy” No. 313

\*BLESSING

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

\*POSTLUDE “Ode to Joy” Ludwig van Beethoven

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

**Liturgist:** Charlie Pickens

**Acolyte:** Derrick Nonhof

**Greeters/Ushers:** Dwayne and Vianne Anderson, Jill Hurt, John Icenogle,  
Earl and JoAnn Rademacher, and Judy Rothenberger

**Coffee Host(s):** Carol Smith

**Organist:** Connie Moon

**Chancel Choir Director:** Clayton Moyer

**Chancel Choir Accompanist:** Sharon Rees

**Sound System Technician:** Mark Nelson

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

**The flower bouquets this morning are given by Gayle Woodruff and Family in memory of Wilma Woodruff.**

February 5, 2017

Church Attendance: 103

Dimes for Mission: 123

## 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.

## 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 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.

## 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.

## SOUPER BOWL RESULTS

Thank you to all who contributed food and monetary gifts to the Big Blue Cupboard at the University of Nebraska-Kearney. The results:

Falcons – 73 items  
Patriots – 46 items  
Monetary donations \$160

The Big Blue Cupboard provides non-perishable food items to students on the campus of the University of Nebraska-Kearney that are in need. Students can “shop” the Big Blue Cupboard anonymously for the food items of their choosing. The Big Blue Cupboard is located in the Office of Multicultural Affairs in the Nebraskan Student Union on UNK’s campus. Their mission is to serve UNK students and employees suffering from food insecurity in a pursuit to ensure that no student’s efforts to obtain a higher education are hindered by hunger. They strive to provide this service in a non-judgmental, dignified, welcoming, on-campus environment.

High Need Food Items are: peanut butter, canned or dry mix soups, Hamburger Helper meals, boxed dinners, canned meats and stews, spaghetti, ramen noodles, rice, stuffing, baking mixes, cereals, oatmeal, juices, fruit drinks, etc.

## 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.**

## For Our Prayers

### Our Members:

Kathy Morrow	Vi Pimper
Jennifer Nicol	Cecil Smith
Alan Oldfather	Mary York

### Our Friends of the Church:

Vickie Entz (sister-in-law of Annabelle Wells)	Tammy May (friend of Pat Hild)
Lloyd Haack (father of Carol Smith)	Deanna Stewart (friend of Pat Hild)
Cindy Malone (daughter of Vi Pimper)	Gail Stover (cousin of Lynn Shaffer)
Holly Hild (daughter-in-law of Jack and Pat Hild)	

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

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

### Our Presbytery and the Wider Church:

Benkelman First Presbyterian Church      Phil LaRoe, serving St. Paul

**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, contemplative 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.**

## 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 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

### Monday, February 13

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

### Tuesday, February 14

4:00 pm	<i>In-Reach Committee Meeting</i>	Library
5:30 pm	<i>Out-Reach Committee Meeting</i>	Library
6:30 pm	<i>Finance Committee Meeting</i>	Classroom

### Wednesday, February 15

#### The Chimes Newsletter Article Deadline

7:00 am	Men's Bible Study	Family Life Center
2:00 pm	Martha Circle Bible Study	Classroom
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Practice	Sanctuary
8:00 pm	Gloria Dei Bell Choir Practice	Sanctuary

### Thursday, February 16

6:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop #898	Classroom
6:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop #873	Classroom
7:00 pm	Kearney Women of Today	Library

### Saturday, February 18

10:00 am	VBS Planning Meeting	Library
10:00 am	ARC Craft Class	Classroom
1:00 pm	ARC 4-H Group	Classroom

### Sunday, February 19

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