



First Presbyterian Church
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www.fpc Kearney.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
- 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

<i>Minister: Every Member of This Church</i>		
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.fpc Kearney.org		
Presbyterian Church USA		www.pcusa.org
Presbytery of Central Nebraska	236-6996	www.centralnepresby.org

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

Preparation for Worship

People pay for what they do, and still more for what they have allowed themselves to become. And they pay for it very simply; by the lives they lead.—James A. Baldwin

February 19, 2017 **WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY** 10:30 AM

7th Sunday after Epiphany

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

PRELUDE Meditation on "Dunlap's Creek" Steven Scott

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 Leviticus 19:2; 1 Corinthians 3:16, 25 Julia Tye, Liturgist

You are God's temple; God's Spirit dwells in you.

Let us be holy, for holy is the Lord.

You belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

Let us be holy, for holy is the Lord.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN "The Lord Is God" No. 63

*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 love to hate our enemies and fail to love our neighbors.

We love to quote commandments and fail to love our God.

Forgive us; give us grace.

Teach us the way of your Word, and transform our living

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!

Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Craig Courtney

A chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
Praise God who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation, By water and the word:
From heav’n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, Yet one o’er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with Thee.

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THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray.

**O God, by your Spirit tell us what we need to hear,
and show us what we ought to do,
to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Psalm

“I Long for Your Commandments” (Psalm 119)

No. 64

New Testament Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Matthew 5:38-48

Sermon

“HOW TO BE HOLY”

*HYMN

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

No. 729

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

[from *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*]

We believe in God

**who commands us to love our Lord
with all our heart, with all our mind,
and with all our strength.**

We believe in God

**who commands us to love
our neighbor as we do ourselves.**

We believe in God

who commands us to love.

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, a

nd the glory,

forever. Amen.

Choral Response

“As the Deer”

Martin Nystrom

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

“Offrande”

Flor Peeters

Presentation

“God, We Honor You”

No. 709

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.

Dedication Prayer

Let us pray.

God of our faith, our hope, and our love:

Take our offerings, and use them and us for your purposes,

in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

*HYMN “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” No. 546

*BLESSING

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

*POSTLUDE “Sicilian Mariners” Ellen Jane Lorenz

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

Liturgist: Julia Tye

Acolyte: Kili Diestler

Greeters/Ushers: Pat Hild, Josh Hofer, Mary Kulhanek, Tiffany Tarvestad, and Bob and Evelyn Vohland

Coffee Host(s): Georgia Byrn and Paula Lytle

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 Suzzi Hankins in celebration of all people celebrating a February birthday. Happy Birthday!

February 12, 2017	
Church Attendance: 85	Dimes for Mission: 310

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.

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.

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.**

SYNOD SCHOOL 2017

Let Justice Flow

July 23-28, 2017 -- Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa

WHAT IS SYNOD SCHOOL?

Synod School is a special learning and personal enrichment experience for all ages. We seek to create an environment of hospitality, healing and hope. The week is designed for individuals and families, laity and clergy. Classes and activities are available for adults, youth and children—some separately, some intergenerational.

Daily morning and evening worship for all ages with spirited music and singing.

Special convocation, program, and classes for all ages.

Opportunity for adults to participate in from 1 to 4 classes on a wide range of topics – something for everyone. Rose Miller will be helping teach an outdoor cooking class this summer.

J. Herbert Nelson is the convocation speaker. He serves as Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) since his election at the 222nd General Assembly (2016). Prior to becoming Stated Clerk, Nelson served as director of the PC(USA)'s Office of Public Witness in Washington, D.C. His serve to the denomination also includes calls as pastor of St. James Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, North Carolina and organizing pastor of Liberation Community Church in Memphis, Tennessee.

Watch for course catalog and registration information coming in late February.

For Our Prayers

Our Members:

Jesse Cobb and Family
Kathy Morrow
Jennifer Nicol
Alan Oldfather

Vi Pimper
Cecil Smith
Mary York

Our Friends of the Church:

Vickie Entz (sister-in-law of Annabelle Wells) Amy McCrary (niece of JoAnn Rademacher)
Lloyd Haack (father of Carol Smith) Deanna Stewart (friend of Pat Hild)
Holly Hild (daughter-in-law of Jack & Pat Hild) Gail Stover (cousin of Lynn Shaffer)
Cindy Malone (daughter of Vi Pimper)
Jane Strawhecker (daughter of Earl & JoAnn Rademacher)

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:

Broken Bow First Presbyterian Church Dave Irwin, serving Orleans

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.

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 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
Following Service	Youth Group	Youth Room

Monday, February 20

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

Tuesday, February 21

5:00 pm	Habitat for Humanity Board Meeting	FLC/Kitchen
6:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop #196	Classroom
7:00 pm	<i>SESSION MEETING</i>	Library

Wednesday, February 22

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

Sunday, February 26

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
7:00 pm	TAIZE Service	Sanctuary