

**"THIS IS MY SON,
MY CHOSEN ONE;
LISTEN TO HIM!"**



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.fpk Kearney.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.

Preparation for Worship

Sometimes prayer is an inner struggle, and sometimes it means surrendering one's whole being. At a given moment, it becomes simply resting in God in silence. That is perhaps one of the high points of prayer. –Brother Roger of Taize

February 26, 2017 **WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY** 10:30 AM

Transfiguration of the Lord

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

“Beautiful Savior”

PRELUDE F. Melius Christiansen

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 Ex. 24:12, 16-17; Ps. 99:9; Matt. 17:1-2 Beth Johnson, Liturgist

The Lord said to Moses: Come up to the mountain,
and the glory of the Lord shone all around.

Let us worship the Lord our God.

Jesus led his disciples up a high mountain,
and he was transfigured, shining like the sun.

Let us worship the Lord our God.

*HYMN “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” No. 260

*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.

Your light shines all around us and yet we fail to see it.

Your voice calls to us from heaven and yet we fail to listen.

Forgive us; give us grace.

**Let us be witnesses to your glory; make it our mission, each day,
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

“This is My Beloved Son”

Pepper Choplin

Long, long ago, the prophets spoke to ancient generations.
But in these days, God shows His ways and through the Son He’s spoken
The Son is in God’s likeness, in glory and in brightness, in high authority.
You are my Son, beloved one, you are my first begotten.
The heav’ns made, your hand has laid the very earth’s foundation.
The Son is in God’s likeness, in glory and in brightness, in high authority.
The Son, your sins has lightened, He sits upon the right hand of pow’r and majesty.
The first begotten One, this is my high and holy Son.
On earth one day, John, Peter, James followed Him up a mountain.
Before their eyes, His face would shine with light as bright as morning.
His garment shone and brightened. The disciples were so frightened,
their faces on the ground.
A bright cloud overwhelmed them, a voice came forth to tell them,
“Now listen to this one, for this is my beloved Son!”
You are my Son, beloved one, you are my first begotten.
The heav’ns made, your hand has laid the very earth’s foundation.
The Son is in God’s likeness, in glory and in brightness, in high authority.
The Son, your sins has lightened, He sits upon the right hand of pow’r and majesty.
For this is my Son, for this is my beloved Son. This is my Son.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray.

Speak to us, O Lord our God, and in the light of your Spirit
open our minds to receive the wisdom of the law,
the hope of the prophets, and the life of the gospel:
Jesus Christ your living Word. Amen.

First Reading

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalms

“Why Do Nations Rage Together” (Psalm 2)

No. 758

Second Reading

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

2 Peter 1:16-21

Sermon

“EYEWITNESSES”

*HYMN

“Jesus Take Us to the Mountain” Verses 1, 3, 4 and 5

No. 193

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in
him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and
invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself
is before all things and in him all things hold together. He is head of the
body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he
might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of
God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all
things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of
his cross. 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

“Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”

Paul Manz

Presentation

“God, We Honor You”

No. 709

Musical score for the offertory and presentation, including lyrics: 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 “Fairest Lord Jesus” No. 630
- *BLESSING
- *CHORAL BENEDICTION “The Lord Now Sends Us Forth” Aguilar/Infante
- *POSTLUDE “Hallelujah” Cesar Franck

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

- Liturgist:** Beth Johnson
- Acolyte:** Addison Miller
- Greeters/Ushers:** Jon and Leslie Abegglen, Robin Bowers, Doug Giles, Joan Giles, and Ken and Lyn Shaffer
- Coffee Host(s):** JoAnn and Earl Rademacher
- Organist:** Connie Moon
- Chancel Choir Director:** Clayton Moyer
- Chancel Choir Accompanist:** Sharon Rees
- Sound System Technician:** Josh Hofer
- Nursery Attendants:** Kelsey Cobb and Madison Cobb

February 19, 2017		
Church Attendance: 119		Dimes for Mission: 63

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.

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.**

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.

SIS STUDY GROUP

SIS (Sisters In Spirit) Study Group meets Monday evenings at the church at 7:00 PM. March 13, 2017 we will be starting a new Bible Study by Paul Welter. The title is *What Would Jesus Ask?*. Please join us as your schedule allows.

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. 70 different classes to choose from. Rose Miller is co-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, NC and organizing pastor of Liberation Community Church in Memphis, TN.

Course catalog and registration information is available online www.lakesandprairies.org. To register, log on beginning March 1 to <https://www.regonline.com/Synod-School-2017>.

For Our Prayers

Our Members:

Jesse Cobb and Family
Kathy Morrow
Jennifer Nicol
Alan Oldfather

Vi Pimper
Cecil Smith
Mary York
Ann Young

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:

Campbell Westminster United Presbyterian Church
Karen Larsen, serving O'Neill

Please help our Church office keep our prayer list current.

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

MARTHA CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

In March we are supporting the Salvation Army. Their needs are canned fruits, meats and vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, mac and cheese, baby items like shampoo, lotion, wash cloths and diapers. All gifts will be appreciated.

In March we will also discuss the Lenten Lunch we will serve on Good Friday, April 14.

March 1 Pastor Stephen previewing Lesson Seven
 "Who Is Jesus?" based on the Non-canonical Gospels
 10:00 am, Church Classroom

March 15 Circle Meeting
 2:00 pm, Church Classroom

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, 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

Monday, February 27

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

Tuesday, February 28

7:00 pm	<i>BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING</i>	Library
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Wednesday, March 1

7:00 am	Men's Bible Study	Family Life Center
10:00 am	Horizon Lesson Preview	Classroom
6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Practice	Sanctuary
8:00 pm	Gloria Dei Bell Choir Practice	Sanctuary

Thursday, March 2

6:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop #898	Classroom
6:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop #873	Classroom

Sunday, March 5

9:15 am	Adult Sunday School	Classrooms
9:30 am	Youth Sunday School	Classrooms
10:30 am	Worship Service with Communion	Sanctuary
Following Service	Coffee Fellowship	Family Life Center
Following Service	MS/HS Youth Group	Youth Room