

F I R S T

# Sunday in Lent



*First Presbyterian Church*

*4511 Sixth Avenue, Kearney, NE 68845*

*www.fpckearney.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

### ***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).

**Preparation for Worship**

O Jesus, our great high priest, be present with us as you were present with your disciples and make yourself known to us in the breaking of bread. Amen.

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

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

PRELUDE      "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"      arr. Matthew Compton  
Gloria Dei Bell Choir

WELCOME      Stephen Price-Gibson

Greeting and Announcements

Welcoming One Another

CHORAL INTROIT      "Holy Gift of Love"      arr. Greg Scheer  
Chancel Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP      Jean Johnson, Liturgist

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

**slow to anger and abounding in love.**

Tested by the devil in the wilderness, Jesus said:

**You shall worship the Lord your God alone.**

Let us worship God.

\*HYMN      "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"      No. 41

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

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

**God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you.**

**You provide the food we need; still we hunger for other things.**

**You give your word to guide us; still we surrender to temptation.**

**Forgive us, by your steadfast love.**

**Create a clean heart within us, teach us your holy way,**

**and restore the joy of salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sung Response

"Come to Me O Weary Traveler" Verse 1

No. 183



Come to me, O wea - ry trav - eler; come to me with your dis - tress;



come to me, you heav - y bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."

Hear the good news:

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!**

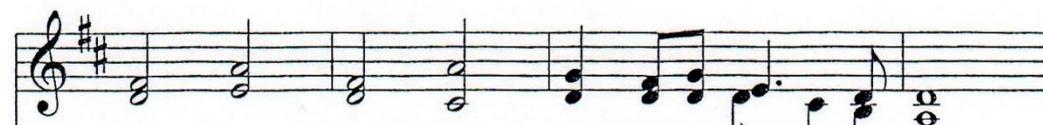
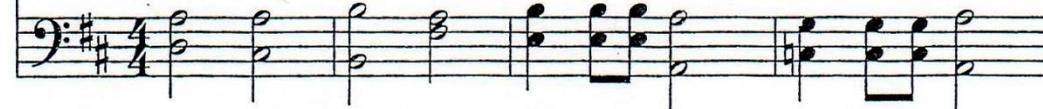
Sung Response

"In My Life" Verse 1

No. 468



In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.



In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.



CHILDREN’S TIME

ANTHEM

“Jesus Christ The Green Tree”  
Shirley McCammond, soloist

Elizabeth Poston

The tree of life my soul hath seen, Laden with fruit, and always green:  
The trees of nature fruitless be Compared with Christ the apple tree.  
His beauty doth all things excel: By faith I know, but ne’er can tell,  
The glory which I now can see In Jesus Christ the apple tree.  
For happiness I long have sought, And pleasure dearly I have bought:  
I missed of all; but now I see ‘Tis found in Christ the apple tree.  
I’m weary with my former toil, Here I will sit and rest awhile:  
Under the shadow I will be, Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.  
This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray.

**Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from your mouth.  
Make us hungry for this heavenly food,  
that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

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

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm

(Psalm 32) “How Blest, Those Whose Transgressions” No. 446

New Testament Reading

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

Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON

“TESTING”

\*HYMN

“Forty Days and Forty Nights” No. 167

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Nicene Creed” *Glory to God* page 34

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

“The Green Hill” James Southbridge

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:  
You planted us in an abundant garden, full of good fruit to eat.  
Even when we disobeyed your word, taking fruit from the tree of knowledge,  
you loved us still, covering our nakedness and forgiving our sin.  
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:  
 Tested for forty days in the wilderness, Jesus taught us  
 to seek nourishment in your word, to worship and serve you alone,  
 and to commit our lives to your providence and protection.  
 Remembering your goodness and grace,  
 we offer ourselves to you with gratitude  
 as we share this joyful feast.

Great is the mystery of faith:



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.]*

Give us the free and abundant gift of your grace,  
 so that sin and death may have no dominion over us,  
 but we might have forgiveness and fullness of life in Christ Jesus.

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



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

**We thank you, O God,  
 that through Word and Sacrament  
 you have given yourself to us.  
 So strengthen us in your service  
 that our daily living may show our thanks,  
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

- \*HYMN "O Jesus, I Have Promised" No. 724
- \*BLESSING 2 Corinthians 13:13
- \*CHORAL BENEDICTION "My Song Is Love Unknown" John Ireland
- \*POSTLUDE "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" arr. Jack Schrader

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

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME  
 MARCH 12, 2017**

Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour on Saturday night.

**Liturgist:** Jean Johnson

**Acolyte:** Kili Diestler

**Greeters/Ushers:** Mike Bryson, John and Bev Gustafson, Rodger and Kay Payne,  
and Ken Slominski

**Communion Servers:** Dean Gaeth, John Icenogle, Cindy and Fred Krause, Alan Rees,  
and Tiffany Tarvestad

**Coffee Host(s):**

**Organist:** Susan Wallace

**Chancel Choir Director:** Clayton Moyer

**Chancel Choir Accompanist:** Sharon Rees

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

**Sound System Technician:** Mark Nelson

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

**The flower bouquets this morning are given by Jean Johnson** in memory of Gary G. Johnson.

February 26, 2017

Church Attendance: 95

Dimes for Mission: 145

## MARCH MINISTRY OF COMPASSION

The March Ministry of Compassion will be sponsored by the Board of Deacons. The highlighted organization is the **Salvation Army**. Their critical needs include: shampoo/conditioner, shaving cream, feminine hygiene products, microwavable food items, individual serving fruit cups, pop-top canned goods. Non-perishable food items, paper products and cleaning supplies are always welcome, as well. 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 Salvation Army. If you prefer, you may donate money to this ministry; be sure to indicate that your cash or check is designated for the Salvation Army. Thank you for serving God, your church and the clients at the Salvation Army.

## 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.

## 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 15** Circle Meeting  
2:00 pm, Church Classroom

## LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES

**Wednesdays in Lent, March 8 through April 5**

**6:00 pm**

Lenten Bible Studies will be held on Wednesdays in Lent, March 8 through April 5, at 6:00 pm. This year's study will be "The Bible's Five Greatest Chapters", and will examine one of the selected chapters each study. Study Guides will be available on Sundays before each study session.

## COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHEONS

**Fridays during Lent**

**12:00-1:00 PM**

**"The Ten Commandments and The Cross"**

**First Methodist Church**

**4500 Linden Drive**

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

When is One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Offering collected? Most congregations receive OGHS on Easter Sunday, Palm Sunday or both, while many receive it throughout Lent. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing Offering enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

# Taize Worship Service

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.**

## 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-teaching 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](http://www.lakesandprairies.org). To register, log on beginning March 1 to <https://www.regonline.com/Synod-School-2017>.

# EASTER LILIES 2017



We are taking orders for Easter Lilies to be placed in the Sanctuary on Easter morning and then be given to shut-ins or the designated person or family. If you would like to order one of these plants, please fill out the sheet below and place it in the offering plate or turn it into the church office.

The church will place the orders, so we ask that you enclose the cost of \$14.00 with your order. Please designate if you would like your lily delivered to someone or would like to keep the lily for yourself.

How many? \_\_\_\_\_ (Cost is \$14.00 each – Payable to the church in advance.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Given in Honor/Memory (circle one) of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like my lily delivered to a shut-in \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will deliver my lily.

If member of the church, please give name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to keep the lily for myself.

If you plan to keep the lily for yourself, please take it from the sanctuary after the 10:30 am Service on Easter morning. The Deacons will deliver the other lilies. If you have any questions, please call the church office (234-4543) during office hours.

**DEADLINE for ordering Easter Lilies is April 2nd.**

**Sorry, orders received after April 2nd cannot be guaranteed.**

## 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.

### SAVE THE DATE!

### 2017 MISSION TRIP

May 30 – June 4, 2017

Where: Possibly Oklahoma City

Keep an eye out for more information to come.

## 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.**

## LAWN CARE HELP NEEDED

Anyone interested in helping mow the church lawn this summer, please contact Gary Feind at 237-2668. We would like to have several mowing "teams" so we can set up a rotating schedule. It takes 1 to 2 hours per week on Friday or Saturday. The church has riding mowers – Volunteers are needed. Thank you.

## For Our Prayers

### Our Members:

Jesse Cobb and Family  
Mary Kulhanek  
Jennifer Nicol

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)  
The Family of Gary Wence (son of George & Charlotte Wence)

### 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:

Central City United Presbyterian Church  
Steve Nofel, serving North Platte

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

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

## MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS

Members from our church deliver Meals on Wheels every Tuesday. Please contact Pat Hild at 236-9989 if you would like to help. It takes an hour to an hour and a half for teams of two people. Join us in this worthwhile mission.

March 14 drivers – Lorraine and Gary Feind, Sandy and John McKirahan, and Jill Sage and Barb Friskopp

March 28 drivers – Fia and Phil Feese, Sandy and John McKirahan, and Jill Sage and Barb Friskopp

## 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, 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

### Monday, March 6

10:00 am	Girl Scout Council Meeting	Library
7:00 pm	Sisters In Spirit (SIS) Study Group	Classroom

### Tuesday, March 7

10:00 am	Goodwill Cooking Group	Kitchen/FLC
5:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop #873	Classroom
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

### Wednesday, March 8

7:00 am	Men's Bible Study	Family Life Center
6:00 pm	Lenten Bible Study	Classroom
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Practice	Sanctuary
8:00 pm	Gloria Dei Bell Choir Practice	Sanctuary

### Thursday, March 9

6:00 pm	ARC Board Meeting	Library
6:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop #898	Classroom

### Friday, March 10

12:00 pm	Lenten Lunch	First Methodist Church
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### Sunday, March 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
Following Service	Outreach to Inactives Team	Classroom
1:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop #873	Classroom