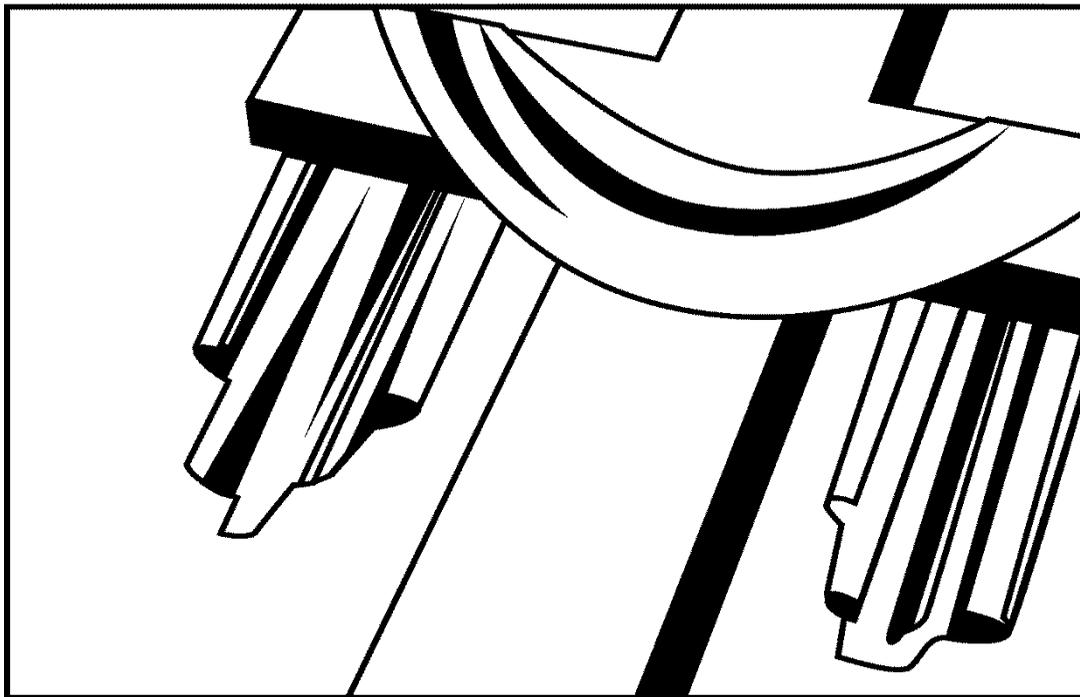


F O U R T H

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

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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

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!

I Samuel 16:1-13

Anthem

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Virgil Thomson

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his Name.

In pastures fresh he makes me feed Beside the living stream.

He brings my wand'ring spirit back When I forsake his ways.

He leads me for his mercy's sake In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay.

One word of thy supporting breath Drives all my fears away.

Thy hand, in sight of all my foes. Doth still my table spread.

My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days.

O may my house be my abode and all my work be praise.

There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come.

No more a stranger or a guest but like a child at home.

New Testament Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

John 9:1-41

SERMON

“*BORN BLIND*”

*HYMN

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

No. 451

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from 1 John 4:7-12, 21

We believe that love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. . . . Since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. . . . If we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. . . . The commandment we have from God is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

“Jesus, Remember Me”

Jacques Berthier

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

“Help and Save Us, Lord”

L. N. Porter

*Presentation "God Whose Give Knows No Ending" Verse 1 No. 716



God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.

*Dedication Prayer

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, God of all creation;
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offering for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom. Amen.**

*HYMN "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" No. 649

*BLESSING Hebrews 13:20-21

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "My Song Is Love Unknown" John Ireland

*POSTLUDE Recessional from "The Redemption" Charles Gounod

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Liturgist: Beth Johnson

Acolyte: Derrick Nonhof

Greeters/Ushers: Georgia Byrn, Barb Friskopp, Dean Gaeth, John and Bev Gustafson, and Gayle Woodruff

Coffee Host(s): Betty Lewis-Fisher and Bev Pickens

Organist: Connie Moon

Chancel Choir Director: Clayton Moyer

Chancel Choir Accompanist: Susan Wallace

Sound System Technician: Mark Nelson

Nursery Attendants: Kelsey Cobb and Madison Cobb

The flower bouquets this morning are given by Paula Lytle welcoming Spring.

March 19, 2017	
Church Attendance: 95	Dimes for Mission: 121

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.

HOPE & HEALING FORUM

Monday, March 27 – 7:00-8:30 pm

World Theater, 2318 Central Avenue

Join a community gathering where panelists answer questions to:

- show importance of safe messaging and knowing the warning signs of suicide
- learn messages of hope and healing
- work together to answer questions and share resources

Free to the Public – concession stand open. Questions for panelists will be accepted prior to the event at bchcp.org/hopeandhealing. Powered by Buffalo County Community Partners

MARTHA CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

In April we will collect items for the United Campus Ministry in Kearney with the rest of the congregation. We will also serve the Lenten Lunch at First Methodist Church on April 14 following the Good Friday Community Worship Service at noon.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 12 -- 10:00 AM

Pastor Stephen previewing Lesson Seven
“Who Is Jesus?” based on the Non-canonical Gospels
Church Classroom

April 19 -- 2:00 PM

Circle Meeting
Church Classroom

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.

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 1 to 4 classes on a wide range of topics – something for everyone. 81 different classes to choose from.

Course catalog and registration information is available online www.lakesandprairies.org. To register, log on to <https://www.regonline.com/Synod-School-2017>. Registration deadline is July 1, 2017. **Scholarship money is available from the Presbytery and Synod** to help ensure that Synod School is affordable for everyone. Contact Rose for more information.

For Our Prayers

Our Members:

Jesse Cobb and Family
Beverly Kimball
Marci Jo Lambert
Jennifer Nicol
Mabel Patterson

Cecil Smith
Evelyn Vohland
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)
The Family of Gertrude Brown (former member)
The Family of Madelon Pollack (mother of Barb Friskopp)
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:

Edgar Church of the Plains
Polly Deppen-Williams, serving Lexington

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 28 drivers – Fia and Phil Feese with Mary Jo and Gordon Morrow, Sandy and John McKirahan, and Jill Sage and Barb Friskopp

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.

COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHEONS
Fridays during Lent -- 12:00-1:00 PM
“The Ten Commandments and The Cross”
First Methodist Church, 4500 Linden Drive

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.

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE!
2017 MISSION TRIP -- May 30–June 4, 2017

Where: Possibly Oklahoma City
Keep an eye out for more information to come.

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, March 25

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

Monday, March 26

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

Tuesday, March 27

7:00 pm	<i>BOARD OF DEACON MEETING</i>	Library
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Wednesday, March 28

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

Friday, March 31

12:00 pm	Lenten Lunch	First Methodist Church
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Sunday, April 2

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