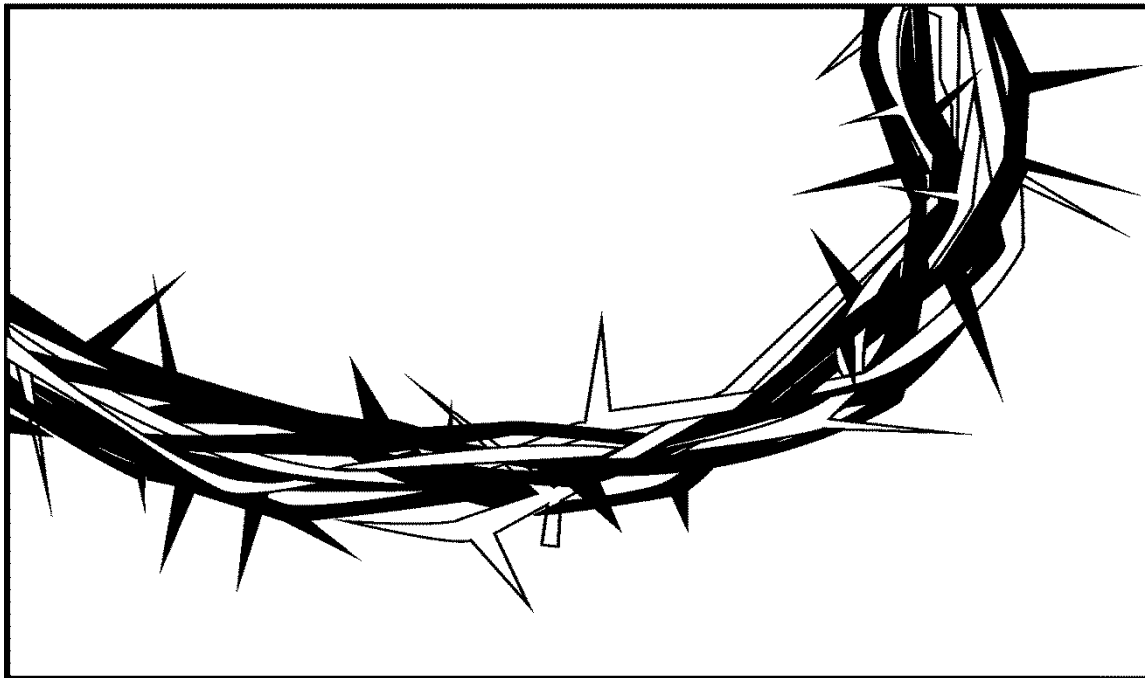


F I F T H

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.

Anyone wishing to unite with the church, please let the Rev. Price-Gibson know.

In this digital age the church takes many pictures and/or recordings of baptisms, worship services, special events, activities, Sunday School, youth groups, etc. The First Presbyterian Church USA (FPC) uses these to record, promote, and celebrate our church ministry through many different venues including, but not limited to, our church website, social media, publications, etc. FPC understands that some people may choose not to have their image used and the church wants to respect their wishes. Therefore, FPC asks that those individuals or families who may prefer NOT to have images of themselves used by the church to provide the church with a written request, and the church will honor their wishes.

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

Rona Newby & Josh Townsend, Website Coordinators

Sandy McKirahan, Music Director

Sharon Rees, Accompanist

Kelsey Cobb & Madison Cobb, Nursery

Connie Moon & Susan Wallace, Organist

Dennis Shultz, Custodian

Web-site: www.fpckearney.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

ANTHEM

“O Gentle Jesus”

Joseph Martin

O gentle Jesus, wounded for me,
Surely you have borne my griefs
O tender Jesus, you are the great I Am,
You became as nothing to become the Easter Lamb.
O tender Jesus, O tender Jesus, suff'ring for me,
climbing to dark Calvary.
O gentle Jesus, you are the Word of Life.
yet you in silence die to give me voice on high.
O lovely Jesus, O Lamb of God
You choose to face death's dark abyss to plant the rose of hope therein,
to plant the rose of hope, its fragrance leads us to heaven's bliss.
O gentle Jesus, wounded for me, bleeding, dying on the tree.
O gentle Jesus, you are the great I Am,
You became as nothing to become the Easter Lamb.

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!

Ezekiel 37:1-14

New Testament Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

John 11:1-45

SERMON

“THE SIGN OF LAZARUS”

*HYMN

“In The Bulb There Is a Flower”

No. 250

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Nicene Creed”

Glory to God page 34

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

“The Lamb of God”

Sarah Douglas

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:

In the valley of dry bones you raise us up,

giving us the flesh of your Word and the breath of your Spirit.

Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

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:
 Those who believe in him, even though they die, will live;
 and everyone who lives and believes in him will never die.
 Remembering your goodness and grace,
 we offer ourselves to you with gratitude
 as we share this joyful feast.

Great is the mystery of faith:

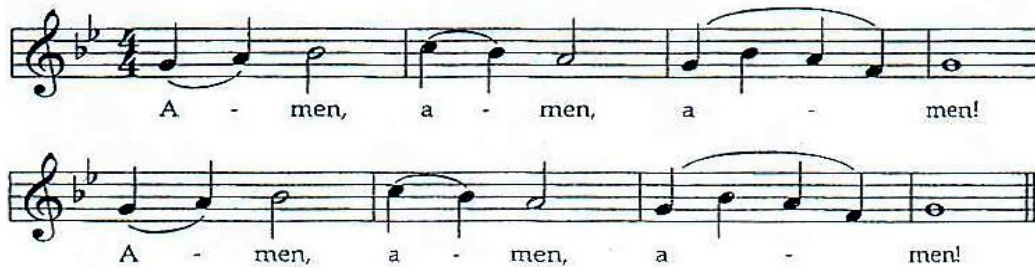


Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
 and upon this bread and cup;
 make us one in the body and blood
 of Jesus Christ our Lord.
 We pray now for all that concerns us as we sit at table together.
 Hear our silent prayers, O Lord. . . .

[Silent prayers for the church and the world.]

Set our minds on your Holy Spirit, in whom we find our life and peace.
 Let the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead dwell in us always,
 giving life to our mortal bodies and light to our souls.

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 "Fairest Lord Jesus" No. 630
- *BLESSING 2 Corinthians 13:13
- *CHORAL BENEDICTION "My Song Is Love Unknown" John Ireland
- *POSTLUDE "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Donald Lee Moore

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

APRIL MINISTRY OF COMPASSION

In April we will be focusing on supporting the **United Campus Ministry**. It is a joint effort among four denominations: United Methodist, Presbyterian USA, Disciples of Christ, and United Church of Christ. The goal of this ministry is to "connect the UNK community through Christian faith, fellowship, service, and mission." We will be collecting items in the bin by the front door throughout April to support this ministry.

Items needed:

Individual serving sized bottles of:

- Water
- Juice
- Pop

Bags of mini-sized candy

Liturgist: Richard Elliott
Acolyte: Addison Miller
Greeters/Ushers: Kit Alff and Scott Matteson, Jean Johnson, Mary Jo Morrow, Sara Sup, and Julie Tye
Communion Servers: Mike Bryson, Pat Hild, Beth Johnson, Ken and Lyn Shaffer, and Ann Young
Coffee Host(s): Sally and Mike Bryson, and Beth Johnson
Organist: Susan Wallace
Chancel Choir Director: Clayton Moyer
Chancel Choir Accompanist: Sharon Rees
Gloria Dei Bell Choir Director: Angela Wright
Sound System Technician: Josh Hofer
Nursery Attendants: Kelsey Cobb and Madison Cobb

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| March 26, 2017 |
| Church Attendance: 112 Dimes for Mission: 154 |

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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Wednesday, April 5th – 6:30 pm – Youth Room

Come help fill the plastic Easter eggs.



COFFEE HOSTS NEEDED

Please sign up on the chart by the Family Life Center doors.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

It’s that time of year again when we get to be part of a great ecumenical community, sharing our gifts with the world. While many denominations contribute to this offering, each church chooses how the funds are to be used.

The Presbyterian Church USA divides the proceeds among three organizations. First is the Presbyterian Hunger Program, which works to alleviate hunger, and homelessness worldwide. Second is the Self-Development of People, which endeavors to aid distressed people and communities in a way that allows them to become self-sustaining in the long term. The third organization is the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, which helps regions recover after natural and manmade disasters.

This ecumenical effort has raises over 20 million dollars per year. Together we can do so much good for God’s world.

Offering envelopes are available in the pew racks.

SAVE THE DATE!
2017 MISSION TRIP -- May 30–June 4, 2017
 Where: Possibly Oklahoma City
 Keep an eye out for more information to come.

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.

HOLY WEEK EVENTS

April 9, Palm Sunday

Sunday School - Adult at 9:15 am, Youth at 9:30 am
Worship at 10:30 am
Fellowship in Family Life Center following Worship

April 13, Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 pm

Choir Cantata: “*Colors of Grace: Lessons for Lent*”

April 14, Good Friday Service, 12:00 pm

First United Methodist Church, 4500 Linden Drive
Lunch following service served by Women of First
Presbyterian Church

April 15, Easter Egg Hunt, 1:00 pm

Egg Hunt, Live animals to pet, Snacks, and Fellowship

April 16, Easter Sunday

Early Service at 7:00 am
Special Offering: One Great Hour of Sharing
Breakfast following Early Service
Sunday School - Adult at 9:15 am, Youth at 9:30 am
Easter Worship at 10:30 am
Special Offering: One Great Hour of Sharing
Fellowship in Family Life Center following Worship

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 Mae Koch (mother of Kelly Koch)
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:

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 on Tuesdays on an every other week basis. 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.

April 11 drivers – Fia and Phil Feese with Mary Jo and Gordon Morrow, Bob and Sue Wallace, and Jill Sage and Barbara Stevenson

April 25 drivers – Lorraine and Gary Feind, Sandy and John McKirahan, and Jill Sage and Barbara Stevenson

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.

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, all church events will also be cancelled.

Missions of Change. The Seminary Students' Book Fund is the recipient of the Dimes for Mission donated April through June. Please keep donating your dimes.

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, April 2

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| 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 |

Monday, April 3

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

Tuesday, April 4

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| 6:00 pm | <i>Christian Education Committee Meeting</i> | Classroom |
| 6:30 pm | <i>Worship & Music Committee Meeting</i> | Library |
| 6:30 pm | Girl Scout Troop #196 | Classroom |

Wednesday, April 5

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| 7:00 am | Men's Bible Study | Family Life Center |
| 6:00 pm | Lenten Bible Study | Classroom |
| 6:30 pm | MS/HS Youth Group | Youth Room |
| 7:00 pm | Chancel Choir Practice | Sanctuary |
| 8:00 pm | Gloria Dei Bell Choir Practice | Sanctuary |

Thursday, April 6

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

Friday, April 7

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| 12:00 pm | Lenten Lunch | First Methodist Church |
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Saturday, April 8

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| 10:00 am | Special Session & Finance Committee Meeting | Library |
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Sunday, April 9

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| 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 |