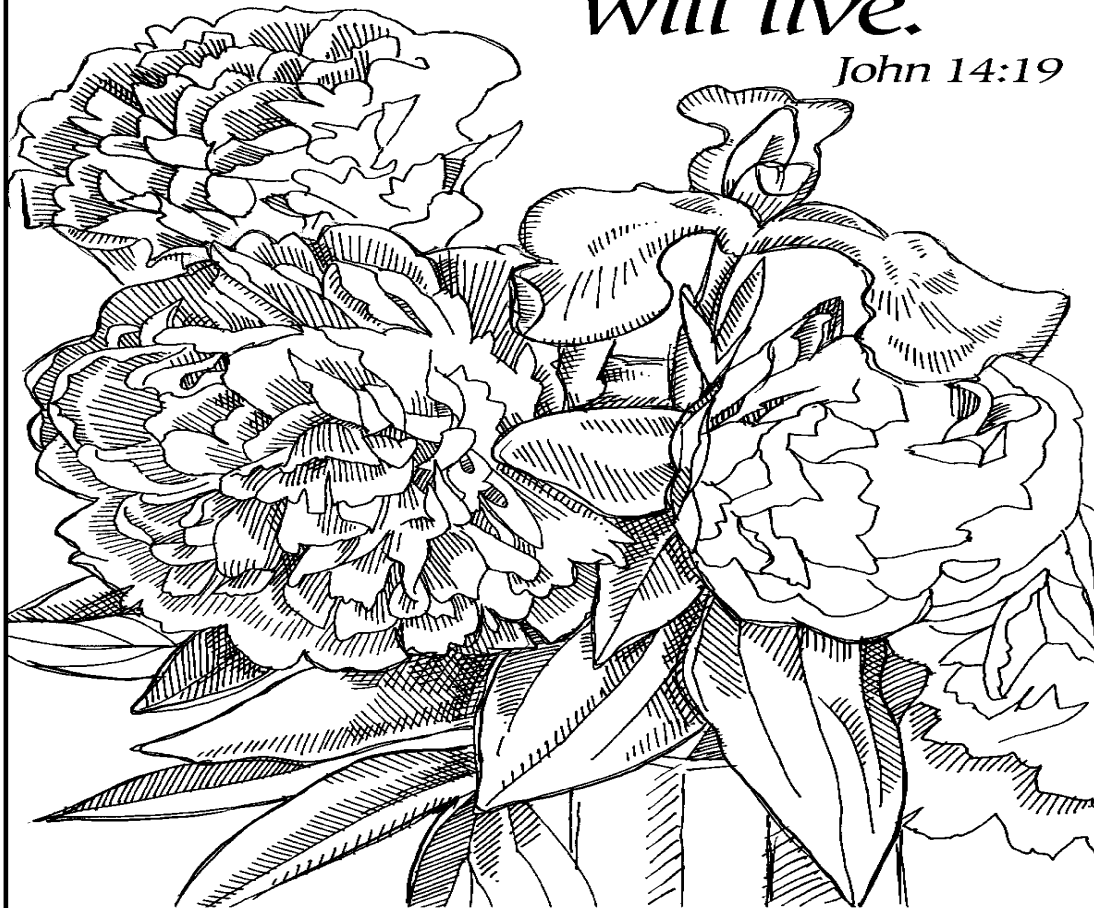


*Because I live,  
you also  
will live.*

*John 14:19*



***First Presbyterian Church***

***4511 Sixth Avenue, Kearney, NE 68845***

***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.

**Media Policy:** 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.

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

Clayton Moyer, Chancel Choir Director

Angela Wright, Bell Choir Director

Rona Newby & Josh Townsend, Website Coordinators

Sandy McKirahan, Music Director

Sharon Rees, Accompanist

Kelsey Cobb & Madison Cobb, Nursery

Connie Moon & Susan Wallace, Organists

Dennis Shultz, Custodian

Web-site: [www.fpc Kearney.org](http://www.fpc Kearney.org)

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**

*Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place.  
Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened.  
Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged.  
Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort.  
Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed.  
Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

May 21, 2017

**WORSHIP FOR THE LORD’S DAY**

10:30 AM

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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

PRELUDE

“Blessed Assurance”

Dale Wood

WELCOME

Stephen Price-Gibson

Greeting and Announcements

Welcoming One Another

CHORAL INTROIT

“Halle, Halle, Halle”  
Chancel Choir

Marty Haugen

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

Blessed is God, who hears our prayers,  
**whose steadfast love endures forever.**

Let us worship God.

Josh Hofer, Liturgist

\*HYMN

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

No. 12

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

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

**Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead.**

**You made the heavens and earth, but we worship our own devices.**

**You send your Spirit to guide us, but we try to find our own way.**

**Forgive us; give us new life!**

**Renew the promise of our baptism and make us ready to receive  
the life that death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Sung Response

“Lord, Have Mercy”

No. 576



Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Declaration of Pardon

God sent the Son into the world

not to condemn the world,

but that the world might

be saved through him.

Believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sung Response

“Be Not Afraid”

No. 243



Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!



Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!



## CHILDREN'S TIME

### ANTHEM

“The Mind Is a Garden”

Pepper Choplin

The mind is a garden we nourish and sow. Whatever we plant will flourish and grow.  
So plant what is noble, honest and true, and the God of peace will live in you.

Whatever is good, whatever is right, whatever is pure and loving and light.  
Plant all of these things and tend them with care, and the God of peace will live with  
you there.

Protect your mind's garden from weeds and vines that creep in to smother the joy of  
your mind.  
But plant for the spring when seeds will awake, and up from the ground new joy will  
break.

Let your mind be a garden of goodness and light, and live what is noble and loving  
and right.  
For all the good thoughts will produce the good fruit, and the God of peace will live  
through you.  
May the God of peace live through you.

### THE WORD

#### Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray:

**God of mercy,  
grant that the Word you speak this day  
may take root in our hearts,  
and bear fruit to your honor and glory,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### First Reading

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Acts 17:22-31

#### Psalm

(Psalm 66) “Make a Joyful Noise to God!”

No. 54

#### Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

John 14:15-21

#### Sermon

*"IF YOU LOVE ME"*

#### \*HYMN

“More Love to Thee, O Christ” Verses 1 and 2

No. 828

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“Apostles' Creed”

With the whole church, let us affirm our faith:

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord;**

**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost;**

**born of the Virgin Mary;**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate;**

**was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**he descended into hell;**

**the third day he rose again from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**

**from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;**

**the communion of the saints; the forgiveness of sins;**

**the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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

“I Love You Lord”

Laurie Klein

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory “In the Presence of Jehovah *with* Surely The Presence” arr. Mark Hayes

\*Presentation "Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise" No. 648

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - ery-one what  
 God has done. Let ev - ery-one who seeks the Lord re -  
 joice and bear the name of Christ. Send us with your  
 prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of  
 thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

\*Dedication Prayer

Let us pray.  
**In the name and in the spirit of Jesus,  
 we bring our gifts to you, O God.  
 Help us to give with them a ready mind,  
 a willing spirit, and a joyful heart. Amen.**

\*HYMN "Lift High the Cross" No. 826

\*BLESSING Romans 15:13

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Shout to the North" Martin Smith

\*POSTLUDE "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty" arr. Diane Bish

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

**Liturgist:** Josh Hofer

**Greeters/Ushers:** KC and Karen Diestler, Kelly Koch, Kent and JoAnn Lilly, Dirk Shultz, and Barbara Stevenson

**Coffee Host(s):** Carol and Cecil Smith and Alma and Dean Gaeth

**Organist:** Susan Wallace

**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 Jean Johnson** in memory of parents, Thurston and Leona Nelson.

**The rose on the communion table** announces the arrival of Treble Joseph Ryan Schuller, son of Cyclesie Gustafson and Nate Schuller, born on Saturday, May 13th. Grandparents are Samantha and Scot Leibhart and great grandmother is Suzi Hankins.

May 14, 2017	
Church Attendance: 82	Mission of Change: \$11.46

## MAY MINISTRY OF COMPASSION

The May Ministry of Compassion is RAFT (Residential Assistance for Families in Transition). Their needs are posted in the Narthex.

## 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.

July 9	August 27	October 22	November 26
July 30	September 24	November 12	December 31
August 6			

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Wednesday Morning Prayer Group has moved the start time to 7:30 AM. We started a new study using the Revised Common Lectionary that is used each Sunday in the morning worship service. The lessons for May 24th are: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; and John 17:1-11.



# Vacation Bible School

## June 11-15, 2017

### Light supper served at 5:30 PM

### Events 6:00 PM-8:30 PM



First Presbyterian Church is hosting the combined VBS with Family of Christ Lutheran Church and St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

How can you be involved with this exciting event in the life of our congregation?

\*Register your children and grandchildren! (3 years to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

**Register today:** Forms available in the Narthex or church office *or* online at [vbspro.events/p/Peru2017](http://vbspro.events/p/Peru2017).

\*Volunteer to help lead a crew or station!

\*Donate food for the evening meals!

\*Financial support. We never charge for VBS, but it costs approximately \$35 per child.



And most importantly, your prayers for the ongoing work sharing God's Good Gifts with the youth of our congregation and community.

For more information: Contact Julie Tye, Lorraine Feind, or the church office.

## For Our Prayers

### Our Members:

Bryan Allen  
Jesse Cobb and Family  
Jennifer Nicol  
Mabel Patterson

The Family of Dick Swett  
Evelyn Vohland  
Mary York  
Ann Young

### Our Friends of the Church:

Jim Deupree (brother of Bev Gustafson) 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)  
Terry & Jeannette Hillman (friends of Gary & Donna Murphy)

### 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:

Bruce Bradley serving Aurora First Presbyterian Church of Beaver City

**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.

May 23 drivers – Rodger and Kay Payne, Lorraine and Gary Feind, and Jill Sage and Barbara Stevenson

## SEMINARY TALK

**Sunday, June 11 – 9:15 am**

What are they teaching in seminary these days? Come and find out when Sharon Rees gives a talk on Sunday, June 11 at 9:15 a.m. She will discuss the texts and classes that she took this last spring – Reformation through Modern Day Church History and Christian Caregiving: Ministering Wholeness in Christ. Come join Sharon on her ministry journey!

## 2017 MISSION TRIP

May 30–June 4, 2017

Mission trip to Mulvane, Kansas is leaving Tuesday, May 30th. We will be staying in the United Methodist Church in Haysville, Kansas. Our list of duties could include dry-wall installation, yard clean-up, painting or any other duty needed. Our tasks will depend upon the weather and what previous teams were not able to complete. We will return Sunday, June 4th. Please consider joining our team. If you are not able to come on the trip, please pray for the team. Contact Jill Hibbs at 233-7541 for more information.

## 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](http://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 in the church office for more information.

## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Beginning Sunday, May 28th

10:30 am – Worship Service

Coffee Fellowship Following Service



## COFFEE HOSTS NEEDED

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

## 2017 CAMPING/CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Deadline to submit application(s) is July 19th.

### Camping and Conference Scholarship Funding Guidelines

1. Participation of youth and/or youth's family in a church in Central Nebraska Presbytery.
2. The funding available for scholarships is not unlimited and applications are considered as they are received; therefore, timely submission is recommended.
3. Scholarship awards will be made on a case-by-case basis; grants will not exceed 50% of event cost or \$200 whichever is less.
4. If for any reason the youth does not attend the event all scholarship dollars must be returned or if the total amount requested is not used all unused dollars shall be returned.
5. All scholarships will be made payable to their home church.
6. Scholarships are available for youth K-12th grades.
7. Scholarship applications will not be accepted after the July 19th deadline.

The application form is available on the Presbytery's website, [www.centralnepresby.org](http://www.centralnepresby.org) under the Committees section (Presbytery Youth Ministry Committee). If you have questions, please contact the Youth Committee Chair, Dan Davis at [revdanlwupc@gmail.com](mailto:revdanlwupc@gmail.com).

## 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.

**Mission of Change.** The Seminary Students' Book Fund is the recipient of the Mission of Change donations collected April through June. Please keep donating all your coins (not just 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 products?

**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.

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 4, 2017

Wear your red!

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### Sunday, May 21

9:15 am	Adult Sunday School (John McKirahan's class only)	Classroom
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Following Service	Coffee Fellowship	Family Life Center

### Monday, May 22

7:00 pm	Sisters In Spirit (SIS) Study Group	Classroom
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### Tuesday, May 23

7:00 pm	<b>BOARD OF DEACON MEETING</b>	Library
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### Wednesday, May 24

7:30 am	Men's Bible Study	Family Life Center
10:30 am	Staff Meeting	Pastor's Office

### Sunday, May 28

10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Following Service	Coffee Fellowship	Family Life Center

## TO ALL MEN WHO LOVE TO SING

Since most church choirs take a vacation in the summer months, if you'd like to keep singing you're invited to sing with the Kearney Area 1733 Chorus whenever you're available this summer. We sing four-part a cappella music. Rehearsals are Monday evenings (except for May 29) at the Countryside Christian Church, 3203 8th Avenue at 7:30 pm (come in the south door) and we'll rehearse the church songs until about 8:30 pm. For more information contact Fran Wilson at [frjgwils@yahoo.com](mailto:frjgwils@yahoo.com) or 234-5376.

## INTERFAITH MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, June 4 -- 3:00 pm

You are invited to be present Sunday, June 4th at 3:00 pm at an Interfaith Memorial Service honoring infants who have died during pregnancy. The Memorial Service will be held near Babyland on the east side of the Kearney Cemetery at the Good Samaritan Hospital Memorial site. Because we at CHI Health Good Samaritan believe each life is precious, we will be remembering all of God's children regardless of their span of life in days, weeks or months.