



## God Cares for Hagar and Ishmael

*First Presbyterian Church*

*4511 Sixth Avenue, Kearney, NE 68845*

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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.

**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**

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

Josh Townsend, Website Coordinator

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).

June 25, 2017

**WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

10:30 AM

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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

**Preparation for Worship**

*O God, you pour out the Spirit of grace and love.  
Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts,  
that with steady minds and burning zeal  
we may worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.*

PRELUDE "Meditation on Slane" Ellen Jane Lorenz

WELCOME Stephen Price-Gibson

Greeting and Announcements

Welcoming One Another

\*CALL TO WORSHIP I Samuel 3:9; John 6:68 Mary Strayer, Liturgist

God calls us to step forth in faith.

**We respond: Lord, here I am.**

Jesus sends us out to live in faith.

**We trust that the Lord will provide.**

Let us worship God.

\*HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" No. 39

\*OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray:

**Steadfast God, you greet us as a loving parent  
and patiently love us beyond all measure.**

**Great is your faithfulness.**

**May we offer that same kindness**

**to all whom we encounter,**

**knowing it is Christ whom**

**we greet as we welcome others. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC "Amazing Grace" arr. John Purifoy

Sharon Rees, piano -- Sandy McKirahan, flute

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray.

**Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that as the scriptures are read  
and your Word is proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy  
what you say to us today.**

Scripture Reading

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Genesis 21:8-21

Sermon

*"PROVIDENCE"*

\*HYMN "The God of Abraham Praise" No. 49

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.**

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

"Faithfulness"

arr. Roger Mayor

\*Presentation

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

No. 609

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures  
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise  
God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it  
one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

\*Dedication Prayer

Let us pray.

**We bring our gifts to you, O God.**

**Take our offerings, and use them**

**and us for your purposes,**

**in the name of Jesus Christ,**

**our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

No. 450

\*BLESSING

Ephesians 3:20

\*SUNG BENEDICTION

“Farewell, Good Friends!”

No. 540

Fare - well, good friends! Fare - well, good friends! Sha -  
lom, sha - lom! Till we meet a - gain, till we  
meet a - gain sha - lom, sha - lom.

\*POSTLUDE

“Little Prelude in C Major”

J. S. Bach

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

**Liturgist:** Mary Strayer

**Acolyte:** Addison Miller

**Greeters/Ushers:** Pat Hild, Josh Hofer, Larry & Barb Meyer, Barbara Stevenson, Tiffany Tarvestad, and Bob and Evelyn Vohland

**Coffee Host(s):**

**Organist:** Connie Moon

**Sound System Technician:** Mark Nelson

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

**The flower bouquets this morning are given by Jack and Pat Hild in honor of Jacob Hild.**

## JUNE MINISTRY OF COMPASSION

The June Ministry of Compassion is the Heifer International Project. Monetary donations are welcome to purchase animals, dig wells, etc. The impact of every gift given **DOUBLES** when the family who receives the livestock is able to **Pass on the Gift** of offspring to help another family in need.

## 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.

June 27 drivers – Phil and Fia Feese with Mary Jo and Gordon Morrow, Lorraine and Gary Feind, and Jill Sage and Barb Icenogle



### SUNDAE SUNDAY

Sunday, July 23rd

following 10:30 am worship service

Enjoy Sundaes on Sunday, July 23rd

in the Family Life Center

following the morning service.

Chocolate, vanilla and strawberry ice cream plus numerous toppings will be served.

*See you the 23rd!*



### “JUBILEE” MEALS

It is our responsibility to serve the Thursday evening “Jubilee” suppers in August. We will serve the suppers at our church on August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 at 5:30 pm. Sign-up sheets for food/money donations and servers will be placed on a table in the Narthex toward the end of July. Please consider bringing food, serving the supper, cleaning up or making a cash donation (if you make a cash donation, please ensure it is earmarked for “Jubilee supper”).

Your kindness and service are deeply appreciated by the Deacons and the friends we serve.

## SHEPHERD POTLUCK MEAL

Sunday, August 27, 2017

Following 10:30 am Worship Service

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 27, 2017. Your Shepherd Group leaders and the Board of Deacons extend this invitation to all for a special potluck lunch after the church service. Each Shepherd Group will sit together to get better acquainted with each other. There even may be a prize for the group with the most members in attendance!

Please bring a covered dish to share - main dish, salad, vegetable, dessert, whatever you wish.

We look forward to dining with you on August 27.

## BECOME A CASA VOLUNTEER!

“I am a victim and survivor of child abuse myself. Everyone knew about it, but never said or did anything to protect me. When I heard about CASA first coming to Kearney County, it always had a place in my heart where I wanted to be involved. Once my kids got into school full-time, I took the training and am now on my third case over the past two years. I encourage everyone to look deep within themselves to become a voice for these children and go through the training to become a CASA advocate, to make a difference in a child’s life”. ~Kelly Jensen, CASA Volunteer Supervisor

CASA 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 August 2017! The training consists of 30 hours in class training. 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 to get to the 30 in class 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.

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.

## 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).

## For Our Prayers

### Our Members:

Jesse Cobb and Family

Jennifer Nicol

### Our Friends of the Church:

Jim Deupree (brother of Bev Gustafson)

Gail Stover (cousin of Lynn Shaffer)

Cindy Malone (daughter of Vi Pimper)

Cole Wicks (friend of Mary Kulhanek)

Deanna Stewart (friend of Pat Hild)

David & Holly Hild (son & daughter-in-law of Jack & Pat Hild)

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:

O'Neill First Presbyterian Church

Karen Larson, serving Bethany Presbyterian, Ewing

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

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

## KIDNEY DONOR PROGRAM

Cecil Smith is a kidney donor candidate with ongoing dialysis. Cecil is connected with Nebraska Medicine through UNMC for his treatment and donor program. Information about kidney donation options is on [www.nebraskamed.com/transplant/kidney](http://www.nebraskamed.com/transplant/kidney). Please feel free to share information about Cecil's need for a kidney donation. Cecil and Carol are grateful for your friendship and prayers. -Board of Deacons

## 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). You ***must include your name*** with the coin total amount if you want your donation to be listed on your statement of giving.

**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.

**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.

**2017 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! These Sundays are still open:

September 24      October 22      November 26      December 31

## **THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

### **Sunday, June 25**

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

### **Monday, June 26**

7:00 pm	Sisters In Spirit (SIS) Study Group	Classroom
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### **Tuesday, June 27**

6:15 pm	<i>Personnel Committee Meeting</i>	Classroom
7:00 pm	<b>SESSION MEETING</b>	Library
7:00 pm	<b>BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING</b>	Classroom

### **Wednesday, June 28**

7:30 am	Men's Bible Study	Classroom
10:30 am	Staff Meeting	Pastor's Office

### **Sunday, July 2**

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

## **PASSPORT TO PERU VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Celebrating God's Good Gifts -- "God Gives Us Comfort" "God Gives Us Patience" "God Gives Us Peace" "God Gives Us Joy" "God Gives Us Love"  
Gracias!

Over 30 children experienced the amazing sights, sounds, and flavors of Peru while discovering God's Good Gifts. Gracias to the parents, grandparents, and neighbors who made sure children could attend. Over 60 adults and youth from First Presbyterian, Family of Christ Lutheran, and St. Luke's Episcopal Churches shared their time and talents to create a memorable, God-filled week! Gracias!

I deeply appreciate all who said yes when asked, all who offered without being asked, all who supported VBS financially and with their prayers. I will not attempt to list everyone for fear of accidentally leaving someone out. I do, however, want to especially thank Lynn Shaffer for the amazing outdoor display and Lorraine Feind for being the "head cook and bottle washer" for our evening meals.

For 2018, our combined VBS will be hosted by St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Be watching for details for the next adventure! Gracias! Julia Tye