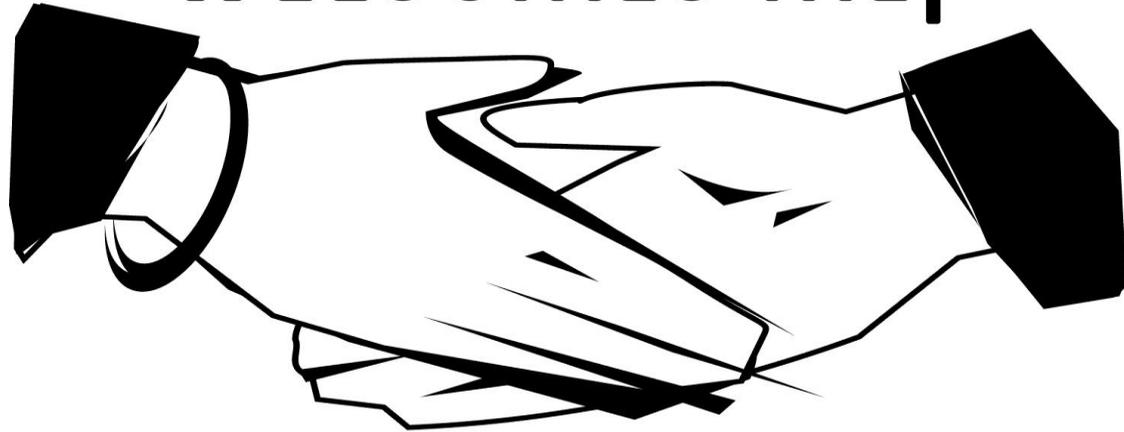


“WHOEVER WELCOMES YOU
WELCOMES ME,



AND WHOEVER WELCOMES ME
WELCOMES THE ONE
WHO SENT ME.”

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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.

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

Sandy McKirahan, Music Director

Rose Miller, Office Administrator

Sharon Rees, Accompanist

Clayton Moyer, Chancel Choir Director

Kelsey Cobb & Madison Cobb, Nursery

Angela Wright, Bell Choir Director

Connie Moon & Susan Wallace, Organists

Josh Townsend, Website Coordinator

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 spicegibson@hotmail.com.

July 16, 2017

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD’S DAY

10:30 AM

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Preparation for Worship

God is friendship. ~Aelred of Rievaulx

No one image or model, however elusive or rich,
can do more than offer glimpses and hints toward the divine. ~Nicola Slee

PRELUDE “We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder” Gilbert M. Martin

WELCOME Charlie Pickens

Greeting and Announcements

Person of the Summer – Lynette Cobb

Welcoming One Another

*CALL TO WORSHIP Beth Miller, Liturgist

God listens.

**In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice;
in the morning I lay my requests before you
and wait in expectation.**

God is honest.

**A faith and knowledge resting
on the hope of eternal life,
which God, who does not lie,
promised before the beginning of time.**

God is encouraging.

**For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord,
‘plans to prosper you and not harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future.’**

God loves us even when we make mistakes.

**But God demonstrates His own love toward us,
in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

*HYMN “Just as I Am, Without One Plea” No. 442

*OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray:

**O God, whose Word is not just a one-way conversation,
talk with us today and hear us as we pray.**

**Free us, that we might listen for Your voice,
and empower us to speak to you.**

**For in Christ Jesus, you have called us into a friendship
which influences all other relationships.**

**Help us to see beauty where we might be tempted
to see ugliness—in ourselves as well as in others.**

May your joy be found there as well.

**As you have lifted us off our knees,
help us to lift others up.**

For we are all created in your image.

**Re-create in us a new heart, O God,
one that beats in tune with your own.**

This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

CHILDREN’S TIME “Make New Friends But Keep The Old” Ann Sukraw-Lutz

SPECIAL MUSIC Kearney Area 1733 Barbershoppers
Fran Wilson, director

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray.

**Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us,
may the Spirit rest upon us.**

**Help us to be steadfast in our hearing,
in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.**

Scripture

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 12:1-6

Scripture

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Matthew 10:40-42

Sermon

“FRIENDS WITH WHO?”

*HYMN “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” No. 465

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 "A Holy Offering" Stewart Landon

*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:
As we offer our treasure and hearts to you,
O God, may they be used to pass on
the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community
to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.

*HYMN "I've Got Peace Like a River" No. 623

*BLESSING

*BENEDICTION Kearney Area 1733 Barbershoppers

*POSTLUDE "On Eagles' Wings" John Carter

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

PERSON OF THE SEASON – LYNETTE COBB

Lynette Cobb is the Worship and Music Committee's honored Person of the Summer. Lynette (a native of North Bend, Nebraska) and her husband moved to Kearney in 1996, and their three children, Hunter, Madison and Carter complete their family. In 2001 they began attending our Presbyterian Church. Lynette is presently the Sunday School Superintendent, teaches 4th and 5th grade Sunday School and is a member of the Christian Education Committee. She has also been the director of Vacation Bible School and a member of the Kinderkirk Board. Lynette's daughter, Madison is a regular Nursery attendant on Sunday morning. When asked what she likes best about our church, Lynette said, "I like that it is small and close knit." A huge thank you to Lynette and her family from the Worship and Music Committee for all you have done and do for the youth of our church.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY, JULY 24-FRIDAY, JULY 28
The church office hours will be 9:00 am-4:00 pm on Monday-Thursday and 9:00 am-12:00 pm Noon on Friday while Office Administrator Rose Miller is at Synod School July 23-July 30. Volunteers will be covering the church office while Rose is gone.

Liturgist: Beth Miller

Acolyte: Derrick Nonhof

Greeters/Ushers: Steve Case, KC and Karen Diestler, Dean Gaeth, Betty Fisher, and Janet Pickens

Coffee Host(s): Rose and Steve Miller, and Beth, Matt, Addison, Keagan and Rowan Miller

Organist: Susan Wallace

Sound System Technician: Josh Hofer

Nursery Attendants: Kelsey Cobb and Madison Cobb

The flower bouquets this morning are given by Jean Henke in memory of loved ones.

WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT ANN SUKRAW-LUTZ

We welcome Ann Sukraw-Lutz to our pulpit today while Pastor Stephen is on vacation. Ann is a lay person who lives, works and worships in Grand Island. Once a church worker, Ann is now a volunteer with the Wednesday LOGOS ministry where she teaches worship skills with the elementary children and after supper teaches the senior high bible class. For the last ten years Ann has coordinated the elementary faculty and curriculum for Synod School, held at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. She considers it a great privilege to do pulpit supply within Central Nebraska Presbytery--with most of her time in churches up and down the Platte River Valley, from Grand Island to North Platte.

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. Various flavors of ice cream plus numerous toppings will be served.

See you the 23rd!

REMINDER: Now is a great time to purchase those school supplies while they are on sale for your shoe box gift for Operation Christmas Child!

JULY MINISTRY OF COMPASSION

The July Ministry of Compassion is the Kearney Public Schools Emergency Fund. This is a project where we provide some assistance to the Kearney Public School teachers for children in need. We provide shorts, sweat pants, socks, and underwear for younger students, toiletry items, and cash donations to help with shoes or eye glasses, as necessary, in an effort to relieve some of the stress for students. Please be generous in this worthy cause. Place items in the hallway bin and put your monetary donation in the offering plate or give it to Rose at the church office. Please write "KPS Emergency Fund" in the memo line.

JUBILEE CENTER MEALS

It is our responsibility to serve the Thursday evening Jubilee Center 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"). Our church is providing the gathering space for the Jubilee Center meals for the months of July, August, and September. Your kindness and service are deeply appreciated by the Deacons and the friends we serve.

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.

July 25 drivers – Lorraine and Gary Feind, Bob and Sue Wallace, Barbara Stevenson and Jill Sage



COFFEE HOSTS NEEDED

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

LET'S GET TANKED BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS!

The Christian Education Committee is planning an all church tanking, canoeing, tubing or kayaking adventure on August 12th. We will start near Burwell and wind down the Calamus River. Approximate cost will be \$12.00 plus a sack lunch and snacks. If you are interested in joining us, log on to Calamusoutfitters.com for lots more information. Two hour or five hour trips are available. More definite transportation plans will be decided later. Please contact Gary Feind (237-2668 or glfeind@charter.net) or Jack Hild (627-4569 or jack.hild.6805@gmail.com) if you need more information.

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! Julia Tye

BECOME 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 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.

For Our Prayers

Our Members:

Jesse Cobb and Family	Vi Pimper
Jennifer Nicol	Cecil Smith

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)
Ralph Mifflin (friend of Mary Kulhanek)	Rick Underwood
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)	
Sydney & Naomi Okoye (friends of Rose Miller)	
The Family of Kay Lundy Smith (friend of Karen & KC Diestler)	

Our Loved Ones In Service To Our Country:

Brian Adams—Army	Ryan Rowher—Army
Danelle Nelson—ANG	Greg Stevens—USMC
David Hild—Guard	Linda Youberg—Navy
Kristin Lindenstien-Shnell—USAF	

Our Presbytery and the Wider Church:

Holdrege First Presbyterian Church	David McCarthy serving Hastings 2nd PC
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Please help our Church office keep our prayer list current.

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

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 27th.

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.

Mission of Change. The Jubilee Center is the recipient of the Mission of Change donations collected in July and August. 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 collection box 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 Out-Reach 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 January 14, 2018 January 28, 2018

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Monday, July 3 – Saturday, July 22

Pastor Stephen on Vacation

Sunday, July 16

10:30 am	Worship Service with Ann Sukraw-Lutz preaching	Sanctuary
Following Service	Coffee Fellowship	Family Life Center

Monday, July 17

The Chimes Newsletter Article Deadline

Tuesday, July 18

6:00 pm	<i>Christian Education Committee Meeting</i>	Library
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Wednesday, July 19

7:30 am	Men's Bible Study	Family Life Center
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Thursday, July 20

5:30 pm	Jubilee Center Meal	Family Life Center
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Saturday, July 22

10:00 am	Private Event	Kitchen/FLC/Library
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Sunday, July 23

10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Following Service	Ice Cream Social	Family Life Center

STRIKEPOINT IN CONCERT

Sunday, July 16 – 7:00 PM

First United Methodist Church, 4500 Linden Drive, Kearney

Strikepoint, one of the world's top handbell ensembles, will be performing at 7:00 pm on Sunday, July 16 at First United Methodist Church (4500 Linden Drive) in Kearney. Admission is free but a \$15 donation is suggested. This performance is part of the group's 2017 summer tour.

Strikepoint, from First United Methodist Church in Duluth, Minnesota, was established in 1984 and has been touring annually since 1986. Their travels have taken them to England, Scotland, Japan, Hong Kong, Sweden, Canada, Hawaii and throughout the mainland U.S., with performances in four national capitals.