



Is the Lord
among us
or not?

Exodus 17:7

First Presbyterian Church

4511 Sixth Avenue, Kearney, NE 68845

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 need(s).

Nursery Staff will welcome your infants and toddlers.

Wireless hearing aids and large-print bulletins are available from the ushers.

Children's bulletins, activity backpacks, and Bibles are available from the ushers.

Please turn all cell phones and pagers to vibrate during the worship service!

Visitors -- Please take a sticker from the inside cover of the pew pad so that we may properly greet you after worship.

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 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

9:00 a.m. Church School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Coffee Fellowship following Worship

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday:

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Minister: Every Member of This Church

Rev. Dr. Stephen Price-Gibson, Pastor

Rose Miller, Office Administrator

Bruce & Michelle Carlson, Custodians

Alexis Elliott and Tyler Newby, Nursery Coordinators

Web-site: www.fpckearney.org

Presbyterian Church USA

Presbytery of Central Nebraska

Sandy McKirahan, Music Director

Sharon Rees, Accompanist

Angela Wright, Bell Director

www.pcusa.org

www.centralnepresby.org

Should you have a need for pastoral care, please contact the church office at 234-4543.

Our email address is fpchurch@citlink.net.

Welcome!

First Presbyterian Church Kearney commits to living forward with God through passion and excellence by nurturing the gifts of our members and reaching out to each other, the community, and the world.

September 25, 2011 **WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY** 10:30 A.M.
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

All hymns numbered 2000 or higher may be found in the "Sing the Faith" hymnal.

***Those who are able please stand**

Please sign the friendship pad, then pass it to your neighbor.
After the last person in the pew has signed the pad, pass it back down the row,
look at the names and greet those sitting near you.

Words of Preparation

"And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
Matthew 28:20

PRELUDE "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" arr. Matthew H. Corl
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND A TIME FOR GREETING Stephen Price-Gibson
CHORAL INTROIT "God, We Honor You" James E. Clemens
*CALL TO WORSHIP Ruth 2:4; Philippians 1:9, 10 Erin Jenkins, Liturgist
The Lord be with you all.
And also with you.
Your word, O Lord, is truth;
Sanctify us in the truth.
Praise the Lord!
The Lord's name be praised!
*HYMN OF PRAISE "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" No. 150

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:
**God of love, in the wrong we have done
and in the good we have not done,
we have sinned in ignorance;
we have sinned in weakness;
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry.
We repent and turn to you.
Forgive us
and renew our lives
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Friends, hear the Good News!
Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.
**Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**
Friends, believe the Good News!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE TO PARDON**

"Gloria Patri"

No. 579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

"When We Are Living"

arr. Hal Hopson

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**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. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 17: 1-7

Red Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 64
Gold Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 83

SERMON

"IS THE LORD AMONG US?"

***HYMN**

"God is Here!"

No. 461

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“Apostles’ Creed”

**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.**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE 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.**

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Cathedral Shadows”

Gilbert M. Martin

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

“Doxology”

Tune: “Tallis Canon”

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Most merciful and gracious God, all that we have is a gift of your grace.
We now bring our gifts in response to your goodness. Use them and use us
to further the work of your eternal kindness, visible in Jesus Christ, in
whose will is our peace. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

No. 422

*BLESSING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Surely the Presence”

Lanny Wolfe

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angel’s wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

*POSTLUDE

“God Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

arr. Rachel Porter

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

Next week’s lectionary readings are Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; and Matthew 21.

Liturgist: Erin Jenkins

Acolyte: Molly Hoback

Greeters: K.C. and Karen Diestler

Ushers: Richard Elliott, Patricia Elliott, Barb Friskopp, Doug Giles, Joan Giles,
and Jean Johnson

Coffee Host: Thea and Bob Houser, and Joan Hartman

Organist/Choir Director: Sandy McKirahan

Accompanist: Sharon Rees

Sound System Operator: John McKirahan

Nursery Attendant: Alexis Elliott or Tyler Newby

The flowers this morning are given by Vern Plambeck in memory of Marlene Plambeck.

**THE PRESBYTERY OF CENTRAL NEBRASKA
INVITES YOU TO THE
SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR
THE REVEREND STEPHEN J. PRICE-GIBSON, D. MIN.
AS DESIGNATED PASTOR OF
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, KEARNEY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, AT 4:00 P.M.
AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
4511 6TH AVENUE, KEARNEY NE 68845**

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH KAYAKING TRIP

Senior High youth group will be kayaking on Tuesday, September 27 at 5:00 p.m. Please contact Jeff & Rona Newby at 440.4664 if interested. They have a limited number of kayaks available, so please let them know ASAP.

PRIME OF LIFE

For the time of your life, attend Prime of Life!!! Prime of Life will begin on Sunday, October 2 at 6:00 p.m. Hosts for the evening are Tom and Mary York, Alan and Germaine Oldfather, Peggi Jenkins, and Mary Kulhanek. Bill Oldfather will be talking about investments after retirement.

Prime of Life is a social group that meets at the church on the first Sunday evening of each month for a light meal, delightful program, and wonderful fellowship. We want to extend an open invitation to everyone of the "mature age" of 55 or older. Your ID won't be checked so even if you haven't quite reached that golden age and still want to have a great time, join us. Singles and couples are welcome.

Prime of Life Co-coordinating Team: Peggi Jenkins (234-3774), Mary Kulhanek (233-4290) and Joan Giles (236-7192)

Taize Worship Service

Sunday, October 9, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.

A **TAIZE** Worship Service will be held the
Second Sunday of each month

TAIZE worship includes candlelight, prayers, readings, soft music, and silence. The service is very meditative and offers a wonderful opportunity to be silent and center on the Lord.

The service is open to the entire community.

Come as you are – and bring your friends.

Sponsored by the Worship and Music Committee of First Presbyterian Church, Kearney

CROP WALK

Mark Your Calendars for Sunday, October 16th and plan now to participate in this year's CROP Walk. We will gather with others in our community to fight hunger both here and around the world. We need Walkers and Sponsors. Please contact Sara Sup or Julia Tye for more details or to sign up to be a Walker or Sponsor, or both! Thank you for helping feed the hungry in our community and throughout the world.

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The S.A.F.E. Center encourages the public to show support of ending violence in the community with attendance at upcoming events.

On Sunday, October 9, at 2:00 p.m., The S.A.F.E. Center, United Way of the Kearney Area and Nebraska Arts Council will sponsor a staged reading of the play *In My Daughter's Name*. This play, presented by The Angels Theatre Company and written by Becky Key Boesen, takes a very personal look at domestic violence. Amanda Thomas, the daughter referred to in the title, was 27 years old when she was murdered by her ex-boyfriend and the father of one of her children. The play bears witness to the circumstances and complications leading up to Amanda's death in 2009. Amanda's mother Jody meets a writer who wants to tell Amanda's story and together, the two women chronicle the cycle of this family's violence. To make this production accessible to audiences across Nebraska, a staged reading of *In My Daughter's Name* has been adapted for touring purpose. The event will take place at the UNK Fine Arts Building in the Recital Hall and the cost is a freewill donation.

The annual Step OUT Against Violence event will be held on Monday, October 10th at 6:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. This evening includes music by the OK Sisters, a candlelight vigil and a 5K walk to the bridge by Yanney Park. This is an opportunity to join with others working to end intimate partner violence and learn about activities in the community that prevent and end violence. Sponsors for the event include: The S.A.F.E. Center, United Way of the Kearney Area, University of Nebraska at Kearney and Great Plains Safety and Health Organization. Registration for the event is \$10.00 and must be received by September 27th to guarantee an event t-shirt. Registration forms can be found online at www.greatplainssafety.com, at www.facebook.com/safecenter or in person at The S.A.F.E. Center at 3710 Central Avenue.

THE COURAGEOUS MEN EVENT

Sunday, October 2, 2011

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Kearney Cinema 8 Theatre

ImpactKearney is hosting the “Courageous Men” event for men of all ages on Sunday, October 2nd from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Kearney Cinema 8 Theatre. Ticket price is \$5.00 and includes the movie “Courageous”, drink, popcorn, speakers and music. Tickets are available in the church office. For more information call impactKearney at 308-455-1098 or www.impactKearney.com.

The S.A.F.E. Center offers ‘Successful YOU’ Class

The S.A.F.E. Center is offering a new class for women called ‘Successful YOU’. This twelve session class will allow women to focus on improving mind, body and spirit.

‘Successful YOU’ is being offered through a grant that was received by The S.A.F.E. Center from the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Linda Post Bushkofsky, Executive Director of Women of the ELCA, notes that “The grants program of Women of the ELCA allows the women of the church to carry out ministry in many different ways and through many exciting programs across the country and around the globe.” The S.A.F.E. Center was honored to be a recipient of this grant and to be offered the opportunity to add an additional service for the community.

Sessions will be offered every other week starting on October 6 and will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Topics include: healthy relationships, interview skills, stress management, meals on a dime, holistic healing, effective organization and more. Community members who have expertise on the various issues will assist with the educational portion of the evening. Activities and a healthy snack will be provided and the evening will end with an hour of yoga by a certified instructor. These classes are open to women residing in Buffalo, Franklin, Harlan, Kearney and Phelps Counties. As class size is limited, priority will be given to women who have survived domestic violence, but sessions are open to any woman looking for a fun way to learn new skills and focus on their mental and physical health. All sessions are free of charge. Registration is required by calling Nina at 308-237-2599.

FUNDRAISER AND SILENT AUCTION

For United Campus Ministry @UNK



\$7.00 per Person
4 for \$25 - Age 4 & under Free

*All You Can Eat-9” Belgian Waffles
7 Different Flavored Syrups
Sausage & Drinks*

With SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

Hundreds of crafts, gift cards, products and services donated by area businesses and individuals for you to bid on.

When: September 25, 2011

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Where: First United Methodist Church
4500 Linden Drive, Kearney**

For more information contact--Laura Stubblefield @ 308 627-6225

Or email laura@ucmunk.org

UCM is sponsored by: First United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian, Disciple of Christ, And United Church of Christ Churches of Nebraska,

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 so that we may arrange transportation for you.

If you would like a tape recorded copy of the Sunday Worship Service, please call the church office at 234-4543.

Persons of the Month selected by the Worship and Music Committee for **September** are the **People who provided special music during the worship services this summer.** Thank you so much for sharing your talent with the congregation.

Dimes for Mission. The Session has voted to allocate all dimes collected July through September will be designated for our youth groups for local mission projects.

Equal Exchange Products. Why not consider giving a gift of Fair Trade coffee, tea or hot cocoa? These products make great additions to a gift basket. Just add some mugs to the basket and you're set for an easy gift!

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. Some *Best Choice* products excluded are aluminum soda cans, aerosol cans, and cigarettes.

Coffee Host Chart. The Deacons Need YOUR Help! **Wanted: Coffee Hosts for 2011.** 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.*

CONVERSATION WITH TOM FEARER

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

7:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

Tom Fearer, mission co-worker in Turkey, is traveling in Central Nebraska October 1-5. Tom has been active in building training leaders in Turkey in the newly emerging Protestant/Reformed tradition.

He will describe what he does in Turkey as a leadership developer and mentor to young Turkish leaders, and share his insights on Christian-Muslim relations, the Muslim perception of Jesus, and what it means to build a first generation church in a non-Christian society.

Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. Event hosted by the Mission Committee.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 25

9:00 a.m.	Sunday Church School	All Church
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Following Worship Service	Coffee Fellowship	Family Life Center
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	“Waffleman” UCM Fundraiser	1st Methodist Church
4:00 p.m.	Installation of Stephen Price-Gibson	Sanctuary/FLC

Monday, September 26

7:00 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study	Family Life Center
9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting	Pastor’s Office
4:00 p.m.	Arc Cooking Class	Kitchen

Tuesday, September 27

5:00 p.m.	Senior High Youth Kayaking	
6:30 p.m.	Arc Inclusive Agency Fair	Family Life Center
7:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons	Library

Wednesday, September 28

10:30 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study Steering Committee	Library
5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Live (WNL)	All Church
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice	Sanctuary
8:00 p.m.	Gloria Dei Bell Choir Practice	Sanctuary

Friday, September 30

8:00 a.m.	Mission Committee	Barista’s
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Saturday, October 1

8:30 a.m.	Girl Scout Council Training	Family Life Center
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Sunday, October 2

9:00 a.m.	Sunday Church School	All Church
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service with Communion	Sanctuary
Following Worship Service	Coffee Fellowship	Family Life Center
6:00 p.m.	Prime of Life	Family Life Center

September 18, 2011

Church School Attendance: 39 – Youth 10, Teacher 9, Adult 20

Church Attendance: 143

Dimes for Mission: 68

For Our Prayers

Our Loved Ones In Service To Our Country:

Brent Anderson-Guard	David Hild-Guard
Max Beltzer-USMC	Ben Jacobson-Coast Guard
Brian Betthausen-Army	Clint Johnson-Army
Nicholas Brooks-USAF	Robert Lentz-Army
Patrick Brooks-USAF	Kristin Lindenstein-USAF
Matt Dubbs-Guard	Michael Miller-USAFR
Sarah, Brian and Aaron Felty-Army	Blake Popple-Guard
Jesse Florez-Navy	Ryan Rowher-Army
Thomas Gibson-USAF	Greg Stevens-USMC
Kyle Gilliland-USMC	Linda Youberg-Navy
Gary Haines-USAF	

Our Members:

Bryan Allen and family	Angela Regenos and Family
Richard Elliott	Jackie Rosenlof
Lorraine Feind	June Sergeant
Susie and Abraham Hernandez	Kathy Shade
Audrey and Bill Nelson	Doug and Emily State
Bev Pickens	

Our Friends of the Church:

Roland Anderson (former church custodian)
 Brad Bundy (nephew of Sharon Swett)
 Liane Gateley (aunt of Tiffany Tarvestad)
 Jake Hild (brother of Jack Hild)
 Willa Keifer (mother of Kay Keifer)
 Shirley Krysl (sister of Ivy Hanson)
 Rachel Maxwell (daughter of Eldin and Annabelle Wells)
 Lori Nelson (friend of Pat Hild)
 Al Scism (father of Mary Kulhanek)
 Megan Swartwood (cousin of Jamie Wright)
 Serita (friend of Angie Palmer)
 John Teter (father of Ivy Hanson)

Our Presbytery and the Wider Church:

Invitation to the Journey – God’s Mission Needs a Church
 Rev. David McCarthy, Hastings College Chaplain Presbyterian Border Ministry

Please help our Church office keep our prayer list current.

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Wednesday, September 14 through Wednesday, November 16

Framework of the WNL program for Fall 2011

WNL	Adults/ Kids (PreK- 5 th Grades)	Youth Groups (Middle/High School)
Time	5:30-7:30 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Free Will Donation	\$2 per Adult each session \$1 per child each session	\$2 per Adult each session \$1 per child each session

Schedule of the WNL program for Fall 2011

Time	Adults/ Kids (PreK- 5 th Grades)		Youth Groups (Middle/High School)	
	Adults	Kids	Middle School Explorers	Senior High
5:30-6:00	*Sunday Spice	Bible Study		
6:00-6:30	Dinner	Dinner	**Dinner	**Dinner
6:30-7:00	Bible Study	Bells/Vocal	*Sunday Spice	*Sunday Spice
7:00-7:30	Games or Choir	Games	Games	Games
7:30-8:00			Group Time	Bible Study
8:00-8:30			Bible Study	Group Time

*Sunday Spice is a time where participants will split into groups to prepare a worship activity for future worship services.

** Youth Groups strongly encouraged to attend Dinner Time.

September 28

Baked Chicken
 Mashed Potatoes
 Green Beans
 Cupcakes

October 5

BBQ Sandwiches
 Coleslaw
 Chips
 Brownies/Bars

October 12

Pizza
 Carrot/Celery Sticks
 Cake

October 19

Swedish Meatballs
 Mashed Potatoes
 Corn
 Cookies

Food donation sign-up sheets are located in the Narthex

*Bridge your week together
 and come to worship God
 with your church family!*