



First Presbyterian Church

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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 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 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

9:15 am 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

Connie Moon, Organist

Dennis Shultz, Custodian

Sandy McKirahan, Music Director

Sharon Rees, Accompanist

Kelsey Cobb, Nursery Coordinator

Madison Cobb, Nursery Attendant

Susan Wallace, Organist

Rona Newby, Website Coordinator

Web-site: www.fpk Kearney.org

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Should you have a need for pastoral care, please contact

Rev. Stephen Price-Gibson at 308-380-0908 or email spicegibson@hotmail.com.

October 2, 2016

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

10:30 AM

20th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
*Please rise in body or spirit.

Preparation for Worship

“Peace is the deliberate adjustment of my life to the will of God.”
--Unknown

PRELUDE “Joyful Reflections” Cynthia Dobrinski
Gloria Dei Bell Choir

WELCOME Stephen Price-Gibson

Greeting and Announcements

Welcoming One Another

CHORAL INTROIT “I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say” England
Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP Doug Giles, Liturgist

Bless the Lord, this day and always.
Let us praise God's name together.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Happy are those who trust in good.
Let us worship God.

*HYMN "Here in This Place" Verses 1, 3, and 4 No. 401

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.
God of the prophets, we confess that we have failed to heed your word.
You stand as our all-powerful God, yet we are lured away by other powers.
You offer to help, heal, and guide us, yet we want to rely on our own efforts.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Set us free from the idols of our culture.
Reveal to us your presence and path so that we may know and follow you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sung Response

“Holy Lamb of God”

No. 602

Ho - ly Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world. Have mer - cy on us.

Declaration of Pardon

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for you,
and for his sake God forgives you all your sins.
To those who believe in Jesus Christ
he gives the power to become the children of God
and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God!

Sung Response

“God of Great and God of Small” Verse 1

No. 19

God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,

Refrain

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM

“O God Beyond All Praising”

Host/Forrest

O God beyond all praising, we worship You today
 And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
 For we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
 At blessings without number and mercies without end:
 We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word,
 We honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.
 For we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
 At blessings without number and mercies without end:
 For Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
 And we through Him are given the final victory.
 Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring,
 that we who know your favor may serve you as our King.
 And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
 We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:
 To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,
 And ways make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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.**

First Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Lamentations 3:19-26

Response

The Steadfast Love of the Lord” Refrain

No. 59

Gospel Reading

Luke 17: 5-10

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“CEASELESS LOVE”

*HYMN

"This Is My Song”

No. 340

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Nicene Creed”

Glory to God page 34

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Meditation on “St. Thomas”

Edward Broughton

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:

We find hope in your great faithfulness,

for your steadfast love never ceases

and your mercies never come to an end.

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:
 Jesus teaches us the power of faith
 and calls us to a life of faithfulness,
 all for the glory of your holy name.
 Remembering your goodness and grace,
 we offer ourselves to you with gratitude
 as we share this joyful feast.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.
 Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

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.]

By your Spirit at work within us,
 keep us faithful to the gospel,
 proclaiming the message of your grace to all.

Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit,
 we bless you, God of glory, now and forever.

A - men, a - men, a - men!
 A - men, a - men, a - men!

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, we are bold to 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

**Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us
as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his body and blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord.**

*HYMN	“How Firm A Foundation”	No. 463
*BLESSING		2 Corinthians 13:13
*CHORAL BENEDICTION	“Carry the Light”	Stan Pethel
*POSTLUDE	“Cry of My Heart”	arr. Carol Tornquist

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

Liturgist: Doug Giles

Acolytes: Carol and Raygan Wright

Greeters/Ushers: Judy Rothenberger, and Bob and Evelyn Vohland

Communion Servers: Barb Friskopp, John McKirahan, Ingrid Orsted, Rodger Payne,
Alan Rees, and Barbara Stevenson

Coffee Hosts: Georgia Byrn and Paul Lytle

Organist: Susan Wallace

Chancel Choir Director: Clayton Moyer

Chancel Choir Accompanist: Susan Wallace

Sound System Technician: Josh Hofer

Nursery Attendants: Kelsey Cobb and Madison Cobb

The flower bouquets this morning are given by Emily State in memory of her husband, Doug State.

September 25, 2016

Church Attendance: 108

Dimes for Mission: 228

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

Peace Begins With Us. When we think of conflict, many of us think of places mired in war, a world away. Yet often, some of our greatest opportunities to witness to the Prince of Peace are right outside our doors. When you give to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, 25% of your gift stays local, bringing the power of reconciliation and the peace of Christ to your own community. During this Season of Peace, consider the difference your gift can make to challenges like these.

Your generous support of the Peace & Global Witness Offering compels change in cultures of violence. Together with the Peacemaking Program and World Mission, our community in Christ builds communities of peace.


Peace & Global Witness Offering envelopes are located in the pews for your donations.

OCTOBER FE(A) ST

Sunday, October 16th

The seasons are changing and so are our appetites. What are your favorite fall foods to share? We will discover the answer to that question as we gather for an all-church potluck on Sunday, October 16th in the Family Life Center following Worship.

Some of our favorites are beef stew, lasagna, smoked sausage and kraut, chili and corn bread, squash, sweet potato casserole, apple crisp, peach cobbler, pumpkin spice cookies, etc.

See you on October 16th to celebrate our harvest blessings. Table settings and drinks will be provided by the In-Reach Committee 

OCTOBER MINISTRY OF COMPASSION

In October the Board of Deacons will be collecting items for the Salvation Army's food bank. The food bank can always use food items but a bigger need is for hygiene items such as soap, shampoo, toilet paper, laundry detergent, diapers, cleaning supplies, etc. A box is located in the Narthex for you to put the items in. If you prefer, you can submit a monetary donation to the office; be sure to indicate that the donation is for the Salvation Army (make check payable to First Presbyterian Church with Salvation Army in memo).

JOYFUL EVENTS COORDINATOR

Would you like to plan a multi-generational event for families each month? This is a 12 month position with a stipend. The complete job description and application is available in the church office.

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS

Members from our church deliver Meals on Wheels every Tuesday. 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.

October 11 drivers –Bob and Sue Wallace, John and Sandy McKirahan, and Fia and Phil Feese

MARTHA CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

Greetings! It feels like fall and the cooler weather is a welcome change. Martha Circle has met once and you are welcome to join the group.

In October we will study Jesus through the lens of the gospel of Matthew. Our offering will be for The S.A.F.E. Center. They need shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, hair brushes and combs, shampoo for kids, all sizes of diapers, and other hygiene items.

Here are the dates for coming events:

October 12, 2016

10:00 AM

Pastor Stephen previewing Lesson Two
“Who Is Jesus?” based on the gospel of Matthew
Church Classroom

October 19, 2016

2:00 PM

Circle Meeting
Church classroom

WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY

The Weather Cancellation Policy for First Presbyterian Church follows this procedure in the event of inclement weather.

1. In the event of inclement weather, the Chair of the Worship and Music Committee and the Chair of the Property and Grounds Committee will confer and decide whether to hold church events. Advice of the Teaching Elder will be sought.
2. If a decision is made to cancel an event, all events for that day will be canceled.
3. If it is a school day, the church will cancel events if school and school events are canceled.
4. If church events are canceled, the One Call Now system will be activated to notify church members of the cancellation.

OCTOBER JOYFUL EVENT

(Let's all be kids again!)

Pumpkin Carving and Painting
Wednesday, October 26, 2016
5:30 PM-7:00 PM
Family Life Center

Grilled Hotdogs and S'mores
will be served.

All Ages Welcome
Please invite your friends
and
Let's have some *FUN!*

We are in need of a few large items, and would appreciate the congregation's help as we prepare. We would like to borrow/need:

- 10 hay/straw bales to be used as seating
- a guitar man (or woman)
- pumpkins, gourds and corn for decorating

Contact Judy Rothenberger (236-6733) if you can help.

For Our Prayers

Our Members:

Kit Alff
Bryan Allen
Marlene and Lloyd Andrews
Heidi Cobb
Jesse Cobb
Annette Dowdy
Gordon Gealy
Susan Ingram
Owen Johnson

Marcia and Andrew Lowe
Sandy McKirahan
Gordon & Mary Jo Morrow
Jennifer Nicol
Alan Oldfather
Phil Shade
Cecil Smith
Evelyn and Bob Vohland
Ann Young

Our Friends of the Church:

Tom DeLaet (son of Sally Olsen)
Lloyd Haack (father of Carol Smith)
Cindy Malone (daughter of Vi Pimper)
Tammy May (friend of Pat Hild)
Becky Adair & Mary Ann Jacobson (mothers of Gordon & Mary Jo Morrow's daughters-in-law)
The Family of Charles Clark (brother of Charlotte Wence)
The Family of Marcia Elder (friend of Gary and Donna Murphy)
Ian Galloway (grandson of Mary Kulhanek's friend)
Cycelie Gustafson and children (granddaughter of Suzi Hankins)
Holly Hild (daughter-in-law of Jack and Pat Hild)
Luke Nelson (son of Marda Sheen and grandson of Gordon and Jill Gealy)
Lorraine O'Quinn (sister-in-law of Ann Young)
The Family of Norma Jean Oglvie (mother of Robin Bowers)
Dave Repsher (son of Marilyn Repsher & Dave Raymond; friends of McCammonds)

Craig Smith (foster son of Jean Johnson)
Gail Stover (cousin of Lynn Shaffer)
Bernie Wherry (sister-in-law of Mary York)

Our Loved Ones In Service To Our Country:

Brian Adams—Army
Danelle Nelson—ANG
David Hild—Guard
Amy Jacobson—Guard
Jason Keen—USAF
Kristin Lindenstein-Shnell—USAF
Ryan Rowher—Army
Greg Stevens—USMC
Linda Youberg—Navy

Our Presbytery and the Wider Church:

Orleans First Presbyterian Church
David McCarthy, serving Hastings College/Hastings Second

Please help our Church office keep our prayer list current.

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

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.

Person of the Fall selected by the Worship and Music Committee is **Earl Rademacher** for his dedication and many positions he has held for our church.

Dimes for Mission. The Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity is designated as the recipient of dimes donated in September through November. Please keep donating your dimes to help build homes in our community.

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 2016.** 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, October 2

World Communion Sunday

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
12:00 pm	Confirmation Journey	Sr. High Room

Monday, October 3

4:00 pm	ARC Relations Class	Classroom
7:00 pm	Sisters In Spirit (SIS) Study Group	Classroom

Monday, October 3-Monday, October 10

Rose – APA Conference

Tuesday, October 4

10:00 am	Girl Scout Council Meeting	Family Life Center
6:30 pm	<i>Worship & Music Committee Meeting</i>	Classroom
7:00 pm	<i>Property & Grounds Committee Meeting</i>	Library

Wednesday, October 5

7:00 am	Men's Bible Study	Family Life Center
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Practice	Sanctuary
8:00 pm	Gloria Dei Bell Choir Practice	Sanctuary

Thursday, October 6

6:30 pm	Nurture Youth & Family Team	Library
6:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop #898	Classroom

Sunday, October 9

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
11:45 am	Outreach to Inactives Team	Classroom