

Love the **Lord** your **God**
with all your **heart** and with all your **soul**
and with all your **strength**.



Deuteronomy 6:5

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

236-6996

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.

A Word to our Guests

We are so glad to have you with us this morning!

Join us for refreshments and fellowship after the service in the Family Life Center, down the hall to the right as you leave the Sanctuary.

Please help yourself to a gift bag that is on the table in the foyer as you leave the building.

Prayer for Use Before Worship

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence,
that we may be at peace
and may worship you with all our mind and spirit;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

October 23, 2011 **WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY** 10:30 A.M.
30th 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**

PRELUDE "Love Divine, All Love Excelling" arr. Carl Schalk
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND A TIME FOR GREETING Stephen Price-Gibson
CHORAL INTROIT "Holy Ground" Geron Davis

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 90:1-6, 12, 14 Vern Plambeck, Liturgist

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.

You turn us back to the dust and say, "Go back, O child of earth."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night.

You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and flourishes;

in the evening it is dried up and withered.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

*OPENING HYMN "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" No. 210

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,

so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON Colossians 1:13, 14

Friends, hear the Good News!

Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.

He has rescued us from the power of darkness

and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,

in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Friends, believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO PARDON “The First Song of Isaiah” No. 2030
*Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.*

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” Steven Porter

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**O God,
In you we live and move and have our being.
You have made us for yourself
so that our hearts are restless
until they rest in you.
In the light of your love, may we see more clearly.
In your service, may we find perfect freedom.
In your words, may we hear the Word of life.
Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 22:34-46 Red Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 25
Gold Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 33

WNL Spice---from *The Nutmeg Gang*

SERMON “*THE BOTTOM LINE*”

*HYMN “Praise the Lord, God’s Glories Show” No. 481

*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.**

SPIRITUAL GROWTH TESTIMONY Myron Haines

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.**

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love” arr. John Carter
Piano Duet

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING “Doxology” “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.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Powerful and loving God, this offering is a special time. We give money. You
gave your life. You are ever with us. In giving, we admit that we cannot save
ourselves but we trust in your power. Receive these gifts, O God, as our
expression of thankfulness for your steadfast love which you give us through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” No. 438

*BLESSING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION “Irish Blessing” Traditional
Hannah, Nate and Ben York, singers – Tom York, accompanist

*POSTLUDE “Come, We That Love the Lord” arr. Edwin T. Childs

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: Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; 1
Thessalonians 2:9-13; and Matthew 23:1-12.

HYMN NOTE

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” is a hymn by Isaac Watts (1674 –1748), known as the "Father of English [Hymnody](#)." The hymn, originally published in [1719](#), is a paraphrase of [Psalm](#) 90. Other famous hymns by Watts include “Joy to the World!”, “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”, “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”, and “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”. Stephen Marini, professor of religion at Wellesley College, has observed that Watts’ hymns combine “emotional subjectivity” and “doctrinal objectivity” is such a way that they express the singer’s personal religious experience with the faith affirmed by the church.

Liturgist: Vern Plambeck

Acolyte: Molly Hoback

Greeters: Mike and Sally Bryson

Ushers: Dean and Alma Gaeth, John McKirahan, Charlie and Bev Pickens, and Janet Pickens

Coffee Host: Mike and Sally Bryson

Organist/Chancel Choir Director: Sandy McKirahan

Accompanist: Sharon Rees

Sound System Operator: John McKirahan

Nursery Attendant: Alexis Elliott or Tyler Newby

WNL Spice “Nutmeg Gang”: Barb Friskopp, Thea Houser, Charlie Pickens, Barbara Stevenson, Eldin Wells, Lissa Woodruff, and Wilma Woodruff

The flowers this morning are given by Doug and Emily State to the Glory of God.

October 16, 2011
Church School Attendance: 39 – Youth 11, Teachers 10, Adults 18
Church Attendance: 148
Dimes for Mission: 126

ALL SAINTS’ DAY

We will celebrate All Saints’ Day on Sunday, November 6th. Any member of First Presbyterian Church who has died since All Saints’ Day last year will be remembered. If you have someone who has died in the last year you would like to have remembered, please give their name to Rose by Wednesday, October 26th.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Senior High Youth Group is planning a Tomahawk Throwing and Cookout on Tuesday, October 25. Contact Jeff or Rona Newby at 440-4664 or 440-4665.

HALLOWEEN SPOOK-TACULAR

Date: October 30

Time: Following Worship Service

Location: Family Life Center

Stay after the worship service for a picnic style lunch of hot dogs, chips, and brownies provided by the Christian Education Committee.

Crafts, games, stories, and pumpkin decorating.

Costumes are encouraged but not required☺

Join us for some Halloween fun and bring a friend!!

PRIME OF LIFE

Prime of Life will meet in the Family Life Center on November 6th at 6:00 p.m. (remember to set your clocks back). Bonnie Payne, outreach coordinator for International Education at UNK will provide the program and several international students will also be attending. Margaret and Elmer Holzrichter, Shirley and John McCammond, and Jill and Dwayne Hibbs will be hosts. Please plan to attend.

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. Singles and couples are welcome.

KEARNEY LIONS CLUB SOUP SUPPER

Thursday, November 3, 2011 -- 5:30-7:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, Family Life Center

Adults \$4.00 -- Children under 5 FREE

DESSERTS AVAILABLE

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.

<u>October 26</u>	<u>November 2</u>	<u>November 9</u>	<u>November 16</u>
Lasagna	Polish Dogs	Soups	Potato Bar
Garlic Bread	Baked Beans	Chili & Chicken/Rice	Cookies
Columbus Salad	Chips	Carrot/Celery Sticks	
Cupcakes	Brownies/Bars	Cake	

Food donation sign-up sheets are located in the Narthex

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

For Our Prayers

Our Loved Ones In Service To Our Country:

Brian Adams-Army	Gary Haines-USAF
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 Lindenstien-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

Our Members:

Bryan Allen and family	Angela Regenos and Family
The Family of Olive Cleland	Jackie Rosenlof
Lorraine Feind	June Sergeant
The Family of Doc Fitch	Kathy and Phil Shade
Susie and Abraham Hernandez	Carol Smith
Fred Krause	Doug and Emily State
Audrey and Bill Nelson	

Our Friends of the Church:

Roland Anderson (former church custodian)	Jake Hild (brother of Jack Hild)
Bernice Andreasen (mother of Bruce Carlson)	Lori Nelson (friend of Pat Hild)
The Brayton Family (friend of Mary Jo Morrow)	Al Scism (father of Mary Kulhanek)
Brad Bundy (nephew of Sharon Swett)	The Family of Gary Sup (brother of Craig Sup)
Jon Elliott (brother of Richard Elliott)	Megan Swartwood (cousin of Jamie Wright)
Harold Fisher (brother of Dewaine Fisher)	Serita (friend of Angie Palmer)

Our Presbytery and the Wider Church:

North Platte First Presbyterian Church	Presbyterian Border Ministry
Rev. David Matheke, Honorably Retired	

**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 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.

Person of the Month selected by the Worship and Music Committee for **October** is **Bev Pickens** for designing and quilting the new Ordinary Times parament.

Dimes for Mission. The Session has voted to allocate all dimes collected in October will be designated to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund.

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.***

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX

November 14-21, 2010

We will be collecting items for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox. Make up your own shoebox or donate some items and the shoeboxes will be made up with the donations. We will have a collection box in the Narthex by the church office door for your donations. Items you can donate are: **School Supplies, Hygiene Items, Toys, Hard Candy, T-shirts, Small Stuffed Animals**, etc.

Shoeboxes and brochures are available in the Narthex. Donations for shipping costs will also be accepted. It costs \$7.00 per shoebox for shipping.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 23

9:00 a.m.	Sunday Church School	All Church
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Following Worship Service	Coffee Fellowship	Family Life Center

Monday, October 24

7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Family Life Center
11:00 a.m.	Olive Cleland Funeral	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting	Pastor's Office
4:00 p.m.	Arc Cooking Class	Kitchen

Tuesday, October 25

11:00 a.m.	Girl Scout Council Training	Family Life Center
5:00 p.m.	Sr. High Youth Group	Newby's Home
7:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons	Library

Wednesday, October 26

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

Thursday, October 27

5:30 p.m.	Ft. Kearney Genealogy	Family Life Center
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Sunday, October 30

Reformation Sunday

9:00 a.m.	Sunday Church School	All Church
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Following Worship Service	Spook-Tacular	Family Life Center