



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

9:15 am/9:30 am Adult/Youth 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

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.fpckearney.org

October 29, 2017

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

10:30 AM

21st Sunday after Pentecost

500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation

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

Preparation for Worship

Out of the religious ferment of sixteenth-century Europe the Reformed tradition emerged as a particular way of believing and practicing the Christian faith. Its message was simple: *all glory goes to God alone, who is authoritatively revealed by scripture alone, which proclaims salvation by grace alone, achieved by God through Christ alone, and received by believers through faith alone.* . . . Today there are Christians all over the world, both inside and outside of Reformed churches, whose faith has been nurtured, knowingly and unknowingly, by the ethos and theology of the Reformed tradition. --from the Preface to *The Reformed Reader*, edited by William Stacy Johnson and John H. Leith

PRELUDE "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" David H. Hegarty

WELCOME Stephen Price-Gibson

Greeting and Announcements

Welcoming One Another

CHORAL INTROIT "The Steadfast Love of the Lord Never Ceases" Edith McNeill
Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP Earl Rademacher, Liturgist

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

All have sinned and fallen short of God's glory,

but by the grace of God we are redeemed.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" No. 624

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession Romans 6:3, 6

Prayer of Confession

Adapted from John Knox's Liturgy of 1560

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin:

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Sung Response "You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy" No. 437

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

Declaration of Pardon

Hear the good news!

If you are in Christ, you are a new creation.

Everything old has passed away;

now everything is made new!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Sung Response

“Glory to God”

No. 583

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

CHILDREN’S TIME

ANTHEM

“At the Name of Jesus”

Lloyd Larson

At the name of Jesus ev’ry knee shall bow,
 Ev’ry tongue confess Him King of glory now;
 ‘Tis the Father’s pleasure that we should call Him Lord,
 Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name
 from the lips of sinners unto whom He came,
 Faithfully He bore it spotless to the end,
 Brought it back victorious, Jesus, Savior, Friend.

In your hearts enthrone Him, there let Him subdue
 all that is not holy, all that is not true.
 Crown Him King of glory in temptation’s hour;
 Crown Him and let His will enfold you in its light and power.

All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
 Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;

At the name of Jesus ev’ry knee shall bow, and ev’ry tongue confess Him King
 King of glory now! Crown Him Lord of all!

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

John Calvin (1509-1564)

Let us pray:
**Grant unto us, O Lord, to be occupied
 in the mysteries of thy Heavenly wisdom,
 with true progress in piety,
 to thy glory and our own edification. Amen.**

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Psalm

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell” (Psalm 100)

No. 385

New Testament

Ephesians 2:1-13

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“DYING IN THE LAND OF MOAB”

*HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

No. 450

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Scots Confession (1564, Chapter 1)”

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone,
 to whom alone we must cleave,
 whom alone we must serve,
 whom only we must worship,
 and in whom alone we put our trust;
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
 by whom we confess and believe
 all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible,
 to have been created,
 to be retained in their being,
 and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence
 for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed,
 and to the manifestation of his own glory.**

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.**

Choral Response

“Amen”

Brad Ellingboe

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

“Thy Word”

John Carter

*Presentation

“We Lift Our Voices”

No. 710



*Dedication Prayer

(adapted from the Westminster Divines, 1647)

Let us pray:

**O God, who has so greatly loved us, and mercifully redeemed us:
 Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves,
 our wills and our works, a continual thank offering to you;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

No. 275

*BLESSING

Hebrews 13:20-21

*SUNG BENEDICTION

“Surely the Presence”
(Choir and Congregation)

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

“A Mighty, Fortress Is Our God”

arr. Diane Bish

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

Liturgist: Earl Rademacher

Acolyte: Derrick Nonhof

Greeters/Ushers: Pat Hild, Josh Hofer, Mary Kulhanek, Larry and Barb Meyer,
 Tiffany Tarvestad, and Bob and Evelyn Vohland

Coffee Host(s): Bev, Janet and Charlie Pickens

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 Mary Kulhanek in honor of Jesse Freeland and in memory of sister Cheryl McWaters.

THE REFORMATION -- 500TH ANNIVERSARY

November 1 and November 8 -- 5:45-6:45 pm

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted "95 Theses on Indulgences" on the door of Wittenberg Cathedral. This is generally considered the beginning of the movement known as the Reformation. On Wednesday nights - **November 1 and November 8 - from 5:45 pm to 6:45 pm**, we will have an opportunity to learn more about this event and the new Christian theology that resulted. Each evening we will be viewing and discussing parts of the new PBS film, *Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed the World*. Bring your sack supper, pizza slice or whatever you want to eat - or just bring yourself and join this lively program.

WILMA WOODRUFF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Essays are being taken for the Wilma Woodruff Memorial Scholarship. Essay theme is "What Influence A Grandparent Has Had On Your Life And Educational Journey". This scholarship is open to members of First Presbyterian Church who are attending college and are at least in their 2nd year of college. Please send your essay to the church office. Deadline extended until October 31st.

KEARNEY LIONS CLUB SOUP SUPPER

Thursday, November 2, 2017 -- 5:30-7:30 pm

First Presbyterian Church, Family Life Center

Adults \$5.00 -- Children under 5 FREE

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Middle school and high school youth will be meeting twice a month to love, learn and serve! Join us again after church in the youth room on October 29. We will share fellowship around a meal (love), we will have a time of learning and sharing (learn), and we will discuss, plan, and accomplish service to the church and community (serve).

SAVE THE DATE

3rd Annual Ten Thousand Villages Sale

Saturday, November 11 - 9 am until 2 pm

Sunday, November 12 during Coffee Fellowship Time

Get your shopping lists ready and plan to attend!

Please make plans to shop at the Ten Thousand Villages Sales on November 11th. We are open from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. We will also have the "shop" open Sunday after church during the Coffee time.

Anyone with a couple hours to help please call Jill Hibbs at (308) 233-7541 and leave a message. Friday, November 10th is the time to set up the shop. Saturday baggers and receipt writers are needed. Sunday helpers are needed as well.

Proceeds for Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity

For Our Prayers

Our Members:

Marlene Andrews
Patricia Elliott
Joan Giles
Jean Henke
Margaret Holzrichter

Beverly Kimball
Alan Oldfather
Vi Pimper
Cecil Smith

Our Friends of the Church:

Dorrie Alff (mother of Kit Alff)
Jim Deupree (brother of Bev Gustafson)
Adam Krause (nephew of Clayton Moyer)
Cindy Malone (daughter of Vi Pimper)
Jacob Hartman (friend of Gordon & Mary Jo Morrow)
David & Holly Hild (son & daughter-in-law of Jack & Pat Hild)
Amy McCrary (niece of Earl & Jo Rademacher)
Sydney & Naomi Okoye (friends of Rose Miller)
David Repsher (son of Marilyn Repsher & Dave Raymond; friends of John & Shirley McCammond)
Kurt Siedschlaw (father of Sara Sup's daughter-in-law)

Ralph Mifflin (friend of Mary Kulhanek)
Rick Underwood
Jennifer Weems

Our Loved Ones In Service To Our Country:

Brian Adams—Army
Danelle Nelson—ANG
David Hild—Guard
Kristin Lindenstein-Shnell—Air Force
Reece Nicol— Air Force
Ryan Rowher—Army
Greg Stevens—Marines
Linda Youberg—Navy

Our Presbytery and the Wider Church:

Beth Fotinos serving Kenesaw Ewing United Methodist-Presbyterian Church

Please help our Church office keep our prayer list current.

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX

November 13-20, 2017

1. **NO CANDY AND NO TOOTHPASTE**
2. A donation of \$9.00 per box for shipping the boxes would be greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to: Samaritan's Purse.

Shoeboxes and brochures are available in the Narthex. Items you can include in your shoebox are: **School Supplies, Hygiene Items (NO TOOTHPASTE), Toys, T-shirts, Small Stuffed Animals**, etc.

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 Samaritan Loan Fund is the recipient of the Mission of Change donations collected in September and October. The Samaritan Loan Fund provides funds to people in need (rent, gas, hotel room, etc.) in our community. 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:

January 14, 2018

January 28, 2018

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 29

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
12:00 pm	Youth Group	Youth Room

Monday, October 30

4:00 pm	ARC Cooking Class	Kitchen
7:00 pm	SIS Study Group	Classroom

Tuesday, October 31

3:30 pm	ARC TOPS Class	Classroom
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Wednesday, November 1

7:30 am	Men's Bible Study	Family Life Center
5:45 pm	The Reformation Class	Classroom
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Practice	Sanctuary
8:00 pm	Gloria Dei Bell Choir Practice	Sanctuary

Thursday, November 2

5:30 pm	Lions Club Soup Supper	Family Life Center
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Friday, November 3

4:00 pm	ARC Relationships Class	Classroom
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Sunday, November 5

9:15 am	Adult Sunday School	Classrooms
9:30 am	Youth Sunday School	Classrooms
10:30 am	Worship Service with Communion	Sanctuary
Following Service	Lunch/Endowment Presentation	Family Life Center

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting following the 10:30 am worship service on Sunday, November 12, 2017. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the slate of officers for the Class of 2020 presented by the Nominating Committee. Also the 2018 Members-at-Large for the Nominating Committee will be nominated and approved.