



Reformation Sunday

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.fpc Kearney.org

Presbyterian Church USA

Presbytery of Central Nebraska

236-6996

www.pcusa.org

www.centralnepresby.org

Should you have a need for pastoral care, please contact

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

October 30, 2016

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

10:30 AM

24th Sunday after Pentecost
***Please 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 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME Stephen Price-Gibson

Greeting and Announcements

Person of the Season Recognition – Earl Rademacher

Welcoming One Another

CHORAL INTROIT "I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say" England
Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP Judy Rothenberger, Liturgist

(The classic opening sentence of Reformed and Presbyterian worship is Psalm 124:8.)

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

Let us worship God.

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

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

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

"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

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

“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

“How Can I Keep From Singing?”

Bradley Ellingboe

Sandy McKirahan, flute

My life flows on in endless song above earth’s lamentation.
I hear the real, tho’ far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I’m clinging.
Since love is lord of heav’n and earth, how can I keep from singing?
Thru’ all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing!
It sounds and echoes in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I’m clinging.
Since love is lord of heav’n and earth, how can I keep from singing?
What tho’ the tempest ‘round me roar, I hear the truth. It liveth.
What tho’ the darkness ‘round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I’m clinging.
Since love is lord of heav’n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

THE WORD

Prayer for 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.**

First Reading

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm

(Psalm 124) “Our Help Is in the Name of God”

No. 330

Second Reading

Luke 19:1-10

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“COME DOWN”

*HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

No. 450

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Scots Confession (1560, 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 "Celtic Amen" arr. Mark Hayes

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Meditation on "Slane" Ellen Jane Lorenz

*Presentation "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 608



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all



peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -



more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

*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
- *CHORAL BENEDICTION "Carry the Light" Stan Pethel
- *POSTLUDE "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" Gordon Young

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

- Liturgist:** Judy Rothenberger
 - Acolytes:** Hewitt Moyer and Derrick Nonhof
 - Greeters/Ushers:** Larry and Barb Meyer, Rodger and Kay Payne, and Barbara Stevenson
 - Coffee Hosts:** Mary Jo and Gordon Morrow
 - Organist:** Connie Moon
 - 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 memory of her sister Cheryl McWaters.**

October 23, 2016
Church Attendance: 105 Dimes for Mission: 92

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting following the 10:30 am worship service on Sunday, November 6, 2016. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the slate of officers for the Class of 2019 presented by the Nominating Committee. Also the 2017 Members-at-Large for the Nominating Committee will be nominated and approved.

KEARNEY LIONS CLUB SOUP SUPPER

Thursday, November 3, 2016 -- 5:30-7:30 pm

First Presbyterian Church, Family Life Center

Adults \$5.00 -- Children under 5 FREE

DESSERTS are available for purchase to satisfy your sweet tooth cravings.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Sunday, November 6th

Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night.

MARTHA CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

Thank you for your contributions for The S.A.F.E. Center, both money for their needs and hygiene items. I am sure it is appreciated and let's also remember the staff and clients in our prayers that their lives will be meaningful and productive.

In November we are remembering the Salvation Army and their needs: canned vegetables and fruit, peanut butter, jelly, mac and cheese, and baby items such as shampoo, lotion, wash cloths, and diapers. Your gifts will be appreciated.

Here are the dates for coming events:

November 9, 2016

10:00 am

Pastor Stephen previewing Lesson Three
"Who Is Jesus?" based on the gospel of Luke
Church Classroom

November 16, 2016

2:00 pm

Circle Meeting
Church Classroom

2017 STEWARDSHIP BRUNCH

Sunday, November 13, 2016

9:00 AM

Family Life Center

The Finance Committee and the In-Reach Committee invites the congregation to a Stewardship Brunch on Sunday, November 13 at 9:00 am in the Family Life Center. Reports from the Ministry Emphases Teams will be presented during the brunch.

Everything will be provided—food, tableware, and drinks. Just bring your appetite and listening ears.

2017 STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY

November 20, 2016

10:30 AM Worship Service

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.

November 8 drivers – John and Sandy McKirahan, Bob and Sue Wallace, and Barbara Stevenson and Jill Sage

NOVEMBER MINISTRY OF COMPASSION

Your Board of Deacons will sponsor the November Ministry of Compassion. The recipient for this month will be The S.A.F.E. Center. Please bring hats, gloves/mittens, scarves, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, old cell phones, etc. to the church and deposit them in the bin in the Narthex. As the bin fills, the products will be delivered to The S.A.F.E. Center. Thank you for serving God, your church and the women and children at The S.A.F.E. Center.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX

November 14-21, 2016

Operation Christmas Child is so much more than delighting a child in need with a simple gift. In the hands of local churches, every gift-filled shoebox is a powerful tool for evangelism and discipleship – transforming the lives of children and their families around the world through the Good News of Jesus Christ! After receiving shoebox gifts, boys and girls are invited to enroll in The Greatest Journey, our 12-lesson discipleship program where children learn what it means to faithfully follow Christ and share their faith with others. Many children are coming to Christ as they study the lessons. A girl from Mongolia said: “Through these lessons, I became a Christian and started going to church. Now I pray to God. Before I received Jesus as my Savior, I had fear in my heart. Now I feel peace and all my fears are gone. I thank God.”

Since 1993, Samaritan’s Purse has distributed over 135 million shoebox gifts to children in over 150 countries and territories in Jesus’ name. Every shoebox gift is an expression of God’s love that brings joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to a child in need.

Shoeboxes and brochures are available in the Narthex.

Items you can include in your shoebox are: **School Supplies, Hygiene Items, Toys, Hard Candy, T-shirts, Small Stuffed Animals**, etc. Other ways you can help:

1. Donate money to pay for shipping the boxes. A donation of \$7.00 per box would be greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to: Samaritan’s Purse.
2. Help during the week of the collections when boxes are received from around the area (over 10,000 boxes were collected and packed last year here at this collection site).
3. Your prayers.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is the collection site
for the Operation Christmas Child project.

For more information, go to www.samaritanspurse.org/occ

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday, November 23, 2016 -- 7:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church of Kearney

featuring a Community Choir

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Sunday, November 27 -- 4:00-7:00 PM

Pizza and pop will be provided by the In-Reach Committee for those helping prepare the sanctuary for the Advent season. Window painting and other activities will be available for all ages—youth to adult. *Everyone is welcome so come join the fun!!!*

HANDBELL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 4, 2016 -- 7:00 pm

Merryman Performing Arts Center

The handbell choirs from First Lutheran, First United Methodist, First Presbyterian, and Holy Cross Lutheran Churches will participate. A freewill offering will be collected to help support the handbell ministries at the four churches. A cookie reception will follow the concert.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, December 6, 2016 -- 12:00-6:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church, Family Life Center

First Presbyterian Church of Kearney is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, December 6th, between 12:00 and 6:00 pm. Drop in or contact Rodger Payne at 308-293-0355 to schedule an appointment. We are hoping to find at least 25 donors from the community.

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES SALE

Saturday, December 10, 2016 -- 9:00 am-5:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church, Family Life Center

The Out-Reach committee is hosting a Ten Thousand Villages Sale. This will be your opportunity to shop for special handmade gifts. Most of the congregation recalls shopping at the Ten Thousand Villages shop when it was open in downtown Kearney. **Now you will have one more chance!**

The sale will begin at 9 am Saturday December 10th and end at 5 pm that afternoon at First Presbyterian Church in the Family Life Center. This will be an excellent time to purchase holiday gifts for friends and family members.

Proceeds of this sale will be donated to local missions.



Poinsettia Sign-Up

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

2016

If you wish to order poinsettias for the sanctuary during the Advent and Christmas season, you may do so using the form below. Poinsettias for shut-ins will be delivered throughout the season.

YES! I would like to order a poinsettia for the Christmas Season.

How many? _____ (Cost is \$14.00 each – Payable to the church in advance)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

Given in Honor of _____

or

Given in Memory of _____

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR CHOICE BELOW: Thank You!

_____ Please deliver my poinsettia to a shut-in _____

or

_____ I will deliver my poinsettia to someone

If member of the church, please give name _____

or

_____ I wish to use my poinsettia at home.

Please place orders for poinsettias by Wednesday, November 30th.

Orders received after November 30th will not be guaranteed due to the high demand for poinsettias.

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 Lowe
Gordon & Mary Jo Morrow
Jennifer Nicol
Alan Oldfather
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)
Craig Smith (foster son of Jean Johnson)
Becky Adair & Mary Ann Jacobson (mothers of Gordon & Mary Jo Morrow's daughters-in-law)
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)
Dave Repsher (son of Marilyn Repsher & Dave Raymond; friends of McCammonds)

Rennie Rhodes (friend of Rose Miller)
Deanna Stewart (friend of Pat Hild)
Gail Stover (cousin of Lynn Shaffer)
Gary Wence (son of George Wence)
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:

Minden Westminster United Presbyterian Church
Linda Lambert, serving Fullerton

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.

Weather Cancellation Policy. In the event of a weather cancellation of church services or activities, you will receive a phone call with specific information. If Kearney Public School events are cancelled due to inclement weather, church events will also be cancelled. Please notify the church office if your phone number was incorrect or if you would like to specify the phone number at which you will receive notifications.

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 30

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	<i>Nominating Committee Meeting</i>	Classroom

Monday, October 31

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

Tuesday, November 1

6:00 pm	<i>Christian Education Committee Meeting</i>	Classroom
6:30 pm	<i>Worship & Music Committee Meeting</i>	Classroom
7:00 pm	<i>Property & Grounds Committee Meeting</i>	Library

Wednesday, November 2

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, November 3

5:30 pm	Lions Club Soup Supper	Family Life Center
6:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop #898	Classroom
6:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop #873	Classroom
7:00 pm	<i>Nominating Committee Meeting</i>	Classroom

Friday, November 4

6:00 pm	Girl Scout Council Bear Project	Family Life Center
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Saturday, November 5

10:00 am	Girl Scout Council Bear Project	Family Life Center
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Sunday, November 6

9:15 am	Adult Sunday School	Classrooms
9:30 am	Youth Sunday School	Classrooms
10:30 am	Worship Service with Communion	Sanctuary
Following Service	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
Following Meeting	Coffee Fellowship	Family Life Center