



You're Invited

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

Sandy McKirahan, Music Director

Sharon Rees, Accompanist

Angela Wright, Bell Director

Web-site: www.fpckearney.org

Presbyterian Church USA

Presbytery of Central Nebraska

www.pcusa.org

236-6996 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

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord. Give us this day such a blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

October 9, 2011 **WORSHIP FOR THE LORD’S DAY** 10:30 A.M.

28th 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 “All’ Offertorio” Domenico Zipoli

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND A TIME FOR GREETING Stephen Price-Gibson

CHORAL INTROIT “Holy Ground” Geron Davis

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 106:1 Doug Giles, Liturgist

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

God’s steadfast love endures forever!

Praise the Lord!

The Lord’s name be praised!

*HYMN OF PRAISE “Gather Us In” No. 2236

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving-kindness; according to your great compassion blot out our transgressions.

Wash away all our iniquity and cleanse us from sin.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation and grant a willing spirit to sustain us.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

Psalm 103:8, 10-12

Friends, hear the Good News!

The Lord is merciful and gracious;

slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

God has not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us with according to our iniquities.

As the heaven is high above the earth, so great is God’s mercy toward the God-fearing.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us.

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 “Come Ye Sinners” arr. Jack Schrader

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.

WNL SPICE—**The Sunday Morning Hymes**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 22:1-14

Red Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 24
Gold Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 32

SERMON

“AN INVITATION”

*HYMN

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

No. 408

*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.

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

“Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive”

arr. Carl Schalk

*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

God of our faith, our hope, and our love: Take our offerings, and use them and us for your purposes, in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. Hear us, Merciful God, as we pray as your son our savior taught us: Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

No. 2241

*BLESSING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“The Trees of the Field”

S. Dauermann

*POSTLUDE

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Purcell/Schalk

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 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; and Matthew 22:15-22.

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

OCTOBER IS CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH

Clergy Appreciation is always the second Sunday in October (October 9, 2011) while October is celebrated as Clergy Appreciation Month.

Clergy Appreciation Month is a special time that congregations set aside each year to honor their pastors and pastoral families for the hard work, sacrificial dedication and multiple blessings provided by these special people.

Liturgist: Doug Giles

Acolyte: Forrest McCrea

Greeters: Rodger and Kay Payne

Ushers: Mary Jo Morrow, Leonard and Sue DeBrie, Dwayne and Vi Anderson,
and Barb Friskopp

Coffee Host: Ruth and Ken Slominski

Organist/Choir Director: Sandy McKirahan

Accompanist: Sharon Rees

Sound System Operator: John McKirahan

Nursery Attendant: Alexis Elliott or Tyler Newby

The Sunday Morning Hymns: Lorraine Feind, William Hoback, Sue Hankins,
Jean Henke, Janet Pickens, Tiffany Tarvestad, Bob Wagner, and Gayle Woodruff

The flowers this morning are given by Jean Johnson in memory of parents, Thurston and Leona Nelson.

October 2, 2011

Church School Attendance: 37 – Youth 13, Teachers 8, Adults 17

Church Attendance: 122

Dimes for Mission: 44

CROP WALK

Sunday, October 16, 2011

1:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church, 4500 Linden Drive

Mark Your Calendars for Sunday, October 16th and plan now to participate in this year's CROP Walk. The CROP Walk begins at First United Methodist Church, 4500 Linden Drive, with registration at 1:30 p.m.; walk begins at 2:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church is on the route and will serve as a snack/rest break site. 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 (236-9891) or Julia Tye (233-5391) 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.

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.

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.greatplainsafety.com, at www.facebook.com/safecenter or in person at The S.A.F.E. Center at 3710 Central Avenue.

CLEANUP BUCKETS ARE NEEDED!

Many parts of the United States have experienced a large amount of flooding this year due to rapid melting of an above-average snowpack in the Upper Midwest, above-normal precipitation during the spring, and after-effects from Hurricanes Irene and Lee. One of the ways that PDA helps in response to flooding is through Gift of the Heart kit Clean-up buckets. These buckets are extremely helpful as a first step in the recovery process. Unfortunately, the large number of disasters has pretty much exhausted the Church World Service supply of Clean-up buckets. A shipment of 250 Clean-up buckets was recently sent to a Presbyterian church near Binghamton, New York, to help that community begin the recovery process, but more are needed for other locations. Please prayerfully consider participating in this important mission. Instructions for putting together the buckets can be found on the PDA website www.pcusa.org/pda.

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.

October 12

Pizza
Carrot/Celery Sticks
Cake

October 19

Swedish Meatballs
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Cookies

October 26

Lasagna
Garlic Bread
Columbus Salad
Cupcakes

November 2

Polish Dogs
Baked Beans
Chips
Brownies/Bars

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:

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
Gary Haines-USAF	

Our Members:

Bryan Allen and family	Audrey and Bill Nelson
Lorraine Feind	Angela Regenos and Family
The Family of Doc Fitch	Jackie Rosenlof
Susie and Abraham Hernandez	June Sergeant
Fred Krause	Kathy Shade

Our Friends of the Church:

Roland Anderson (former church custodian)
The Brayton Family (friend of Mary Jo Morrow)
Brad Bundy (nephew of Sharon Swett)
John Elliott (brother of Richard Elliott)
Harold Fisher (brother of Dewaine Fisher)
Liane Gateley (aunt of Tiffany Tarvestad)
Jake Hild (brother of Jack Hild)
The Family of Willa Keifer (mother of Kay Keifer)
Shirley Krysl (sister of Ivy Hanson)
Lori Nelson (friend of Pat Hild)
Al Scism and Tony Scism (father and brother of Mary Kulhanek)
Megan Swartwood (cousin of Jamie Wright)
Serita (friend of Angie Palmer)

Our Presbytery and the Wider Church:

Ord First Presbyterian Church	Rev. Roy Byrd, Honorably Retired
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.**

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.*

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.**

Crafts, games, stories, and pumpkin decorating.

Costumes are encouraged but not required☺

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 9

9:00 a.m.	Sunday Church School	All Church
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Following Worship Service	Coffee Fellowship	Family Life Center
7:00 p.m.	TAIZE Worship Service	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	ARC Volunteer Training	Classroom

Monday, October 10

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, October 11

5:00 p.m.	Evangelism Committee	Library
6:30 p.m.	Finance Committee	Library

Wednesday, October 12

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 13

10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study Leaders Study	Classroom
12:00 p.m.	Kearney Ministerial Association	Crossroads Center
6:30 p.m.	Kearney Girl Scout Unit	Family Life Center
7:00 p.m.	ARC Board Meeting	Classroom

Saturday, October 15

9:00 a.m.	Girl Scout Program Event	Family Life Center
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Sunday, October 16

9:00 a.m.	Sunday Church School	All Church
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Following Worship Service	Coffee Fellowship	Family Life Center
1:30 p.m.	CROP Walk	First Methodist Church