



**BROTHERS
AND SISTERS,
DO NOT BE WEARY
IN DOING WHAT
IS RIGHT.**

2 Thessalonians 3:13, NRSV

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.

November 13, 2016

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

10:30 AM

26th Sunday after Pentecost
***Please rise in body or spirit.**

Preparation for 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.

PRELUDE "Orison" Roger C. Wilson

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 Jill Hurt, Liturgist

Blessed be the Lord our God,
who has delivered us from evil.
Our help is in the name of the Lord,
maker of heaven and earth.
Let us worship God.

*HYMN "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" No. 757

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.
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.

[A Time of Silence]

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

Psalm 103:8, 10-12

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.
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 "Write Your Blessed Name" K. Lee Scott
Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart,
There to remain so indelibly engraved that no prosperity,
That no adversity shall ever move me from your love.

Be to me a strong tower of defence, a comforter in tribulation,
a deliv'rer in distress, and a faithful guide to the courts of heav'n
through the many temptations and dangers of this life.

O Jesu, my only Savior!
Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart,
There to remain so indelibly engraved that no prosperity,
That no adversity shall ever move me from your love. Amen.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray:

**Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word.
Silence in us any voice but your own,
so that, hearing,
we may also obey your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Isaiah 12

Response

"Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me" Refrain Only No. 71

New Testament Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Sermon

"BUSYBODIES"

*HYMN "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" No. 645

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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 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.**

Choral Response

"Celtic Amen"

arr. Mark Hayes

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

"Intermezzo in A Major"

Johannes Brahms

*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

Let us pray:

We bring our gifts to you, O God.

**Take our offerings, and use them and us for your purposes,
in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN "Go To the World!" No. 295

*BLESSING Numbers 6:24-26

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Carry the Light" Stan Pethel

*POSTLUDE "Go To the World" arr. Charles Callahan

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

2017 STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY
November 20, 2016
10:30 AM Worship Service

Liturgist: Jill Hurt

Acolytes: Addison Miller and Derrick Nonhof

Greeters/Ushers: KC and Karen Diestler, Kelly and Jill Koch, and Kent and JoAnn Lilly

Coffee Hosts: Finance Committee and In-Reach Committee members

Organist: Connie Moon

Chancel Choir Director: Ben Nonhof

Chancel Choir Accompanist: Sharon Rees

Sound System Technician: Josh Hofer

Nursery Attendants: Kelsey Cobb and Madison Cobb

The flower bouquets this morning are given by John and Sandy McKirahan in honor of our family.

November 6, 2016
Church Attendance: 133 Dimes for Mission: 73

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 us 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.

November 16, 2016

2:00 pm

Circle Meeting

Church Classroom

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE
Wednesday, November 23, 2016
7:00 PM
First Presbyterian Church of Kearney
featuring a Community Choir

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX

November 14-21, 2016

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.samaritanaspurse.org/occ

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!!!**

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.

For Our Prayers

Our Members:

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

Owen Johnson
Marcia Lowe
Gordon & Mary Jo Morrow
Jennifer Nicol
Alan Oldfather
Cecil Smith
John Strayer
Evelyn and Bob Vohland
Ann Young

Our Friends of the Church:

John Dale (father of Julia Tye)
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)
The Family of Becky Adair (mother of Gordon & Mary Jo Morrow's daughter-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)
Mary Ann Jacobson (mother of Gordon & Mary Jo Morrow's daughter-in-law)
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:

Cheryl Lamb, Member-at-Large

**Please help our Church office keep our prayer list current.
Unless otherwise requested we will keep names on the prayer list for four weeks.**

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 the Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity.



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.

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, November 13

9:00 am	Stewardship Brunch	Family Life Center
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

Monday, November 14

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

Monday, November 14-Monday, November 21 **Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection**

Tuesday, November 15

The Chimes Newsletter Article Deadline

SESSION MEETING

7:00 pm		Library
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Wednesday, November 16

7:00 am	Men's Bible Study	Family Life Center
2:00 pm	Martha Circle Bible Study	Classroom
6:15 pm	Middle School Confirmation Journey	Youth Room
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Practice	Sanctuary
7:15 pm	High School Confirmation Journey	Youth Room
8:00 pm	Gloria Dei Bell Choir Practice	Sanctuary

Thursday, November 17

6:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop #898	Classroom
6:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop #873	Classroom
7:00 pm	Kearney Women of Today	Library

Saturday, November 19

9:00 am	ARC Craft Group	Classroom
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Sunday, November 20

Dedication Sunday

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