



First Presbyterian Church, 4511 Sixth Avenue, Kearney, NE 68845

www.fpckearney.org

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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 Adult/9:30 am Youth Sunday 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
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.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
Rev. Stephen Price-Gibson at 308-380-0908 or email spricegibson@hotmail.com.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

December 24, 2016

7:00 PM

PRELUDE "Gesu Bambino" arr. W. A. Goldsworthy
Susan Wallace, organ
Sharon Rees, piano

GREETING Stephen Price-Gibson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is born!

Give him glory!

Christ has come down from heaven!

Receive him!

Christ is now on earth!

Exalt him!

O earth, sing to the Lord!

O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified!

*LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE Isaiah 9:2 and 6

Prayer

God of all glory, we give you thanks

for the wonder of this night

and the grace upon grace you have given us.

You turn our mourning into dancing

and our sorrow into joy.

Be with us, Lord Jesus,

our light and our salvation.

Hold us close to your heart

and let us rest in your love. Amen.

*HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful" No. 133

CHILDREN'S TIME "Who Is Coming To Our House?"
by Joseph Slate and Ashley Wood

ANTHEM "Come Now, O Prince of Peace" arr. Jeremy Bankson
Chancel Choir
Sandy McKirahan, flute

Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Come now, O God of love, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Come now and set us free, O God our Savior.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Loving God, on this holy night we gather—

to stand with shepherds, amazed at your glory;

to sing with angels, rejoicing in your work;

to wait with Joseph, trusting in your promise;

to sit with Mary, cradling your love.

May the good news of this night inspire us

to tell the world of our great joy:

for to us is born a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord. Amen.

The Christmas Story

Luke 2:1-20

Meditation

"BURYING THE LEAD"

Response

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

No. 121

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

*HYMN "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" No. 119

OFFERING

Offertory

"What Child Is This?"

John M. Rasley

SERVICE OF LIGHT

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-4, 14

Prayer of Light

*Sharing the Light

*[At this time we will light our candles, one from another,
with light from the Christ Candle brought out by the ushers.]*

*Carol

“Silent Night”

No. 122

*Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all in bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.
Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven a-far, Heavenly hosts sing “Alleluia”;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.
Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light,
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at thy birth, Jesus Lord at thy birth.
Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light:
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.*

*Closing Prayer

*CLOSING HYMN

“Joy to the World”

No. 134

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

“Noel in G”

Louis-Claude Daquin

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The church office will be CLOSED for the Christmas Holidays Monday, December 26th through Friday, December 31st. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, January 2, 2017.

Acolytes: Addison Miller and Hewitt Moyer

Organist: Susan Wallace

Chancel Choir Director: Clayton Moyer

Chancel Choir Accompanist: Susan Wallace

Sound System Technician: Mark Nelson

The evergreen arrangement this evening is given by Bonnie Hall in memory of Heidi Cobb.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

The Christmas Joy Offering provides tangible support to church workers who have faithfully served the church for many years and to the eight Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges where the gifts of students are being developed. Contributions should be clearly marked “Christmas Joy Offering.” The Christmas Joy offering will be accepted on Advent Sundays and Christmas Eve. Christmas Joy offering envelopes are available in the pew racks.

IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

A tax consultant has advised us to inform you that any contributions to be credited to this year 2016 must have a postmark on the envelope of December 31st or prior to that date. The church office will be closed for the Christmas Holidays -- December 26th through January 1st. Thank you!

FLOWER CHART

The new 2017 Flower Chart will be up soon on the bulletin board by the church office. January 2017 flower signups are available on the current 2016 flower chart. 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! A \$30 donation to help offset the cost of the 2 flower bouquets for each Sunday is greatly appreciated.

2017 PER CAPITA

Our per capita is \$30.00 per member for 2017. This money goes to offset the administrative cost for the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly which supports Presbyterian programs, missions, and ministries.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS 2016

Jon & Leslie Abegglen in memory of Paul and Polly Abegglen
Bob & Georgia Byrn in memory of Marilynn Bonney, Jack & Mildred Byrn,
Ed & Geraldine Jasa, and Stanley & Dorothy Ohrt
K.C. & Karen Diestler in memory of our parents
Gordon and Jill Gealy in honor of every member of this congregation
John & Bev Gustafson in memory of family members
Sue Hankins in memory of Carolyne Sammons and Betty & Eldon Spray
Jean Henke in honor of family
Margaret Holzrichter in memory of Elmer Holzrichter
John & Barb Icenogle in memory of Dayton & Ruth Rollins, and Tom & Betty
Icenogle
Peggi Jenkins in honor of the church family of First Presbyterian Church of
Kearney
Jean Johnson in memory of Gary G. Johnson
Beverly Kimball in honor of the staff and congregation of First Presbyterian Church
Mary Kulhanek in honor of church family
Betty Lewis-Fisher to memory of Dewaine Fisher
Memorial Committee in memory of Heidi Cobb
Memorial Committee in memory of Elmer Holzrichter
Memorial Committee in memory of Bethine Ninegar
Memorial Committee in memory of Kenneth Whittaker
Memorial Committee in memory of Wilma Woodruff
Steve & Rose Miller in memory of Billy & Jeanette Miller, Vance Ulmer,
and Elmo Sughroue
Alan & Germaine Oldfather in memory Harold & Marcia Oldfather and
Albert (Pete) & Frances Christensen
Charles & Beverly Pickens in memory of Jill Pickens Lindsay and Matt Lindsay
Earl & JoAnn Rademacher in honor of our family
Emily State in honor of Jesus Christ and in memory of Doug State
Barbara Stevenson in memory of David Stevenson
Craig & Sara Sup in memory of family

Merry Christmas!
from First Presbyterian Church of Kearney

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Don't forget to "Like" us on Facebook! You can search for First Presbyterian Church, Kearney, Nebraska or go to: <https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresKearney>. If you have an Android phone or tablet, just scan the QR code below!



TRAINING, ORDINATION, AND INSTALLATION OF NEW ELDERS/DEACONS

JANUARY 8 – TRAINING

JANUARY 15 – ORDINATION/INSTALLATION

Following the worship service on Sunday, January 8 there will be an Officer Training Class for new officers and any returning Elders and Deacons who wish to refresh their understanding of the duties and responsibilities of their office. A light lunch will be provided.

Officer training is of vital importance, and all newly elected Elders or Deacons are strongly encouraged to attend. Newly elected Elders and Deacons will be ordained and installed on Sunday, January 15, during the worship service.

JANUARY MINISTRY OF COMPASSION

The January Ministry of Compassion will be sponsored by the Presbyterian Women of the Martha Circle. The highlighted organization is the **Crossroads Center Rescue Mission**. The Mission's critical needs are: 13-gallon trash bags, deodorant, coffee, food serving gloves and rubber cleaning gloves. Also needed: cleaning supplies, paper goods, diapers, laundry soap, personal/feminine hygiene items and non-perishable food items. Please bring these items to the church and deposit them in the bin in the Narthex. As the bin fills, the products will be delivered to Crossroads. Thank you for serving God, your church and the clients at the Crossroads Center Rescue Mission.

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.

Dimes for Mission. The Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity is designated as the recipient of dimes donated in September through December. 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 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 Offering Envelopes. Your 2017 stewardship envelopes for your pledges are available in the Narthex. Please contact Rose in the church office if you don't find a set of envelopes for you.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

	No Adult or Youth Sunday School	
10:30 am	Worship Service	Family Life Center
Following Service	Coffee Fellowship	Family Life Center

Monday, December 26-Friday, December 30

Church Office Closed for Holidays

Thursday, December 29

	Heidi Cobb Memorial Service	Sanctuary
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Sunday, January 1, 2017

New Year's Day

	No Adult or Youth Sunday School	
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Following Service	Coffee Fellowship	Family Life Center

Monday, January 2

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

Tuesday, January 3

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

Wednesday, January 4

	Men's Bible Study	Family Life Center
7:00 am		
6:30 pm	Compassion Ministry Emphasis Team	Classroom
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Practice	Sanctuary
8:00 pm	Gloria Dei Bell Choir Practice	Sanctuary

Saturday, January 7

	Girl Scout Troop #610	Family Life Center
9:00 am		

Sunday, January 8

	Adult Sunday School	Classrooms
9:15 am		
9:30 am	Youth Sunday School	Classrooms
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Following Service	Coffee Fellowship	Family Life Center
12:00 pm	Officer Training	Library