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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
- Children's bulletins, activity backpacks, and Bibles

Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices 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.fpc Kearney.org

Should you have a need for pastoral care, please contact

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

January 7, 2018

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

10:30 AM

Baptism of the Lord
***All rise in body or spirit.**

Preparation for Worship

All of you who were given to Christ through baptism, have put on Christ. Here there is no longer any difference between Jew or Greek, or between slave or freed, or between man and woman: but all of you are one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:27-28)

PRELUDE "Tell the Good News" Lani Smith

WELCOME Stephen Price-Gibson

Greeting and Announcements

Welcoming One Another

CHORAL INTROIT "Holy is the Lord" William Bay
Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP Richard Elliott, Liturgist

Over the waters of creation, God spoke:

Let there be light!

Over the waters of the Jordan, God spoke:

This is my beloved Son.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN "Shall We Gather at the River" No. 375

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM "Gather By the River to Pray" arr. Pepper Choplin

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ole way;

And who shall wear the starry crown? Good Lord, show me the way.

O brother, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

O brother, let's go down, down to the river to pray,

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,

With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;

Grace our spirits will deliver and provide a robe and crown.

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;

Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray.

**God of goodness and light, as you created the world
by your Word and Spirit, breathe new life into us this day;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 19:1-7

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm

"Sing Glory to the Name of God" (Psalm 29)

No. 10

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"LISTEN TO HER"

*HYMN "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry" No. 488

*REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT AND SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Reaffirmation

Presentation

Scripture Sentences

Ephesians 4:4-6

Renunciations

*Profession of Faith

With the whole church, let us confess our 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 will 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.**

Question to New Members

Prayer

Welcome

BAPTISM

Scripture Sentences

Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 2:39

Presentation

Questions to the parents and congregation.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism...

The Baptism

Prayer

Introduction and Welcome

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Choral Response

“Amen”

Dresden Amen

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

“The Three Kings”

Gordon Young

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God:

When earth was dark and a formless void

you spoke and there was light to shine upon the earth.

Your voice is over the waters and you bless us with peace.

Therefore we praise you, joining the song

of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
 might, heav'n and earth are full, are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior:

When Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan, your Spirit descended

and your voice came from heaven, proclaiming him your beloved child.

Through him we are born of water and the Spirit and called your own.

Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude

as we share this joyful feast.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup;
 make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Your Spirit empowers us to be bold disciples,
 giving us courage to proclaim your love and grace to all people
 and making us one with all who share this feast.
 Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit,
 we bless you, God of glory, now and forever.



And now, with the confidence of the children of God, we pray:
**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.**

Breaking the Bread

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray:
**Holy God, we give you thanks that you have claimed us as your own
 and nourished us in this meal as members of Christ's body.
 By the work of your Spirit within us give us the grace to glorify you
 as one, living body in the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN "Baptized in Water" No. 482

*BLESSING

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT OFFICERS

Open with Prayer

Report of the Nominating Committee

Election of Officers

Adjourn with Prayer

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Great Are You, Lord" Michael W. Smith

*POSTLUDE Variations on "Duke Street" Rex Koury

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

Liturgist: Richard Elliott

Acolyte: Kili Diestler

Greeters/Ushers: Jon and Leslie Abegglen, Robin Bowers, Doug Giles and Joan Giles

Communion Servers: Jean Johnson, Kay and Rodger Payne, Bev and Charlie Pickens, and Barbara Stevenson

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 Steve and Rose Miller in celebration of our January birthday girls – Amanda and Aletheia.

PICKENS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Family of Charlie and Bev Pickens invite you to join them in an Anniversary Celebration following the worship service in the Family Life Center. Charlie and Bev will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on January 11th.

**TRAINING, ORDINATION, AND INSTALLATION
 OF NEW ELDERS/DEACONS**

JANUARY 7 – TRAINING

JANUARY 14 – ORDINATION/INSTALLATION

Following the worship service on Sunday, January 7 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 14, during the worship service.

FAITH FRIENDS PROGRAM

Do you remember that special person who took you under their wing when you were growing up in the church? Now is your chance to pass on that wonderful experience to a young person at First Presbyterian Church. The Faith Friends program will launch on January 10, 2018. We would like to match up as many youth and adults in the church as possible. Faith friend pairs will meet together to love, learn, and serve in the church – many ideas will be provided, or create your own memories! If you would like to mentor a youth or if you have children that would like a mentor, please contact Orlena Moyer at 308-289-3867 or orlenamoyer@hotmail.com; or Sharon Rees at 308-293-6279 or sharonrees64@gmail.com.

SEMINARY TALK

Sunday, January 21 – 9:15 AM

The third year of seminary has reached the half-way point! Come and find out what the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary is teaching when Sharon gives a talk on Sunday, January 21 at 9:15 am. She will discuss the texts and classes that she took this fall – Introduction to Biblical Hebrew and New Testament Interpretation. Come join Sharon on her ministry journey!

2018 PER CAPITA

Our per capita is \$32.00 per member for 2018. This money goes to offset the administrative cost for the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly which supports Presbyterian programs, missions, and ministries.

JANUARY MINISTRY OF COMPASSION

The Ministry of Compassion for January 2018 is the Crossroads Center Rescue Mission. Their needs are paper products, diapers, canned tuna, any non-perishable food item, laundry soap. Please bring items all during January and place them in the container in the hallway. Thank you for your generosity. Let us also remember clients and staff in our prayers. Annabelle Wells, Martha Circle Moderator

BRIGHTEN THE NEW YEAR FOR CASA KIDS

The Deacons are launching a January drive for items for children in out of home placement who are served by CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). January brings after Christmas sales and the children would enjoy small children's books, coloring books for all ages, gel pens, glitter pens, colored pencils and crayons. These should be new. There are about 98 children served by CASA volunteers and your donations will make a positive difference. Thank you for your generosity.

For Our Prayers

Our Members:

Vianne Anderson	Mary Jo Morrow
Arlene Bergstraesser	Jim Rohrer
Alma Gaeth	Steve Rothenberger
The Family of Beverly Kimball	Cecil Smith

Our Friends of the Church:

Dorrie Alff (mother of Kit Alff)	Cindy Malone (daughter of Vi Pimper)
Jim Deupree (brother of Bev Gustafson)	Judy Tracy (friend of Mary Kulhanek)
Adam Krause (nephew of Clayton Moyer)	Jennifer Weems
Jacob Hartman (friend of Gordon & Mary Jo Morrow)	
David & Holly Hild (son & daughter-in-law of Jack & Pat Hild)	
David Repsher (son of Marilyn Repsher & Dave Raymond; friends of John & Shirley McCammond)	
The Families of Roy tenBensel and Marvin Lorentz (uncles of Rose Miller)	

Our Loved Ones In Service To Our Country:

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

Our Presbytery and the Wider Church:

Lexington First Presbyterian Church	Jouman, Erbil Province, Iraq
Kathryn Bates serving Church of the Plains	

Please help our Church office keep our prayer list current.

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

MARTHA CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

In January we are remembering the Kearney Public School and their needs for students. They can use socks (youth and adult sizes), plain t-shirts (no picture or logo), long pants (sweat pants and others with stretchy waists-kindergarten through high school sizes), toiletry items and feminine hygiene products, and money. Jesus said, "As you did it to one of the least...of these my family, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40

January dates:

10	Lesson 5 preview with Pastor Stephen, 10:00 am, church classroom
17	Martha Circle, 2:00 pm, church classroom

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.

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. Susie Frerichs-Hernandez is the recipient of the Mission of Change donations collected in January and February. 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.

2018 Offering Envelopes. Your 2018 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, January 7

9:15 am	Adult Sunday School	Classrooms
9:30 am	Youth Sunday School	Classrooms
10:00 am	Special Session Meeting	Library
10:30 am	Worship Service with Communion	Sanctuary
Following Service	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
Following Meeting	Pickens Anniversary Celebration	Family Life Center
12:00 pm	Officers Training	Library

Monday, January 8

Committee/Group Annual Reports Due

7:00 pm	Sisters In Spirit (SIS) Study Group	Classroom
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Tuesday, January 9

3:30 pm	ARC TOPS Class	Classroom
4:00 pm	<i>In-Reach Committee Meeting</i>	Library
5:30 pm	<i>Out-Reach Committee Meeting</i>	Library

Wednesday, January 10

7:30 am	Men's Bible Study	Family Life Center
10:00 am	Horizon Lesson Preview	Classroom
6:00 pm	Faith Friends Program	Family Life Center
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Practice	Sanctuary
8:00 pm	Gloria Dei Bell Choir Practice	Sanctuary

Thursday, January 11

6:00 pm	ARC Board Meeting	Library
6:00 pm	PEO	Family Life Center

Friday, January 12

4:00 pm	ARC Relationship Class	Classroom
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Saturday, January 13

1:00 pm	Girl Scout Council	Family Life Center
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Sunday, January 14

9:15 am	Adult Sunday School	Classrooms
9:30 am	Youth Sunday School	Classrooms
10:30 am	Worship Service with Officer Ordination/Installation	Sanctuary
Following Service	Coffee Fellowship	Family Life Center