

Give us today our daily bread.

Matthew 6:11



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 contact the church office.

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

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

Connie Moon & Susan Wallace, Organists

Kelsey Cobb & Madison Cobb, Nursery

Dennis Shultz, Custodian

Web-site: www.fpc Kearney.org

February 4, 2018

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

10:30 AM

5th Sunday after Epiphany

***All rise in body or spirit.**

Preparation for Worship

God, I bring all that I am today before you.
Thank you for always welcoming me with open arms.

PRELUDE "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Benjamin Culli

WELCOME John McKirahan, Liturgist

Greeting and Announcements

Welcoming One Another

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Where can we go from God's spirit? Where can we flee from God's presence?

There is no place we can go where God cannot find us.

If we stray so far from God's path we cannot find our way back,

Even there, God's hand shall lead us and keep us safe.

Even if darkness covers us and we can see no light,

The night is as bright as day, for God is the light of the world.

Come, let us worship our God,

Let us follow Jesus our Savior, who leads us into light.

*HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" No. 611

***CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Call to Confession

Why do we confess our sins?

By telling God we are sorry, we ask God not to hold our sins against us, but to accept us again by grace. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

We come to you, Holy God, confident in your goodness and mindful of our brokenness. You have shown us how to live and have set before us your gift of life, but too often we see following you as another way to prove our worth. We fill our lives with possessions and accomplishments and still struggle to feel that we are enough in the eyes of our friends and families. What do you expect from us, good Teacher? Is it as simple and as difficult as following you? Help us to let go of the burdens that keep us from walking with you. Help us to trust that nothing is impossible for you. (Silent Confession)

Sung Response

"Alleluia"

No. 586



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Declaration of Pardon

Hear the witness of scripture: God listens; God helps. God forgives. Open wide your hearts and receive God's forgiveness.

This is the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Polly Deppen-Williams

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Second Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Exodus 13:17-22

Sermon

“In-between Time”

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

“My God, Thy Table Now is Spread”

arr. Connie Moon

Prayer of Dedication

Help us who have received so freely from you to give as freely in our turn, and so have the pleasure of giving as well as the happiness of receiving. Amen.

*HYMN

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

No. 526

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.

The 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.

Breaking the Bread

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Please eat the bread as it is served and hold the cup to drink together as a congregation.

Anthem

“Taste and See”

Michael Helman

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Bread of life, cup of salvation, come to the banquet of love. (repeats after verses)

Lord, you write your name upon our hearts; praise and thanks we give to you.

Come and share the Word of life and love; gracious God we give you glory.

Lord, you rule o’er all creation, tending all with loving hand.

You gave us your Son, the Bread of Life; Loving God we give you glory.

Praise to you, O God, Creator. Praise to Christ, Redeemer, King.

Praise the Spirit who brings unity. Triune God we give you glory!

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

No. 65

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Great Are You, Lord”

Michael W. Smith

*POSTLUDE

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Ludwig van Beethoven

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

Liturgist: John McKirahan
Acolyte: Addison Miller
Greeters/Ushers: Georgia Byrn, Barb Friskopp, John and Bev Gustafson,
Gayle Woodruff, and Ann Young
Communion Servers: Karen Diestler, Phil and Fia Feese, John and Bev Gustafson,
and Jean Johnson
Coffee Host(s): ARC Benefit Lunch
Organist: Connie Moon
Chancel Choir Director: Clayton Moyer
Chancel Choir Accompanist: Sharon Rees
Sound System Technician: Mark Nelson
Nursery Attendants: Kelsey Cobb and Madison Cobb

WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT REV. POLLY DEPPEN-WILLIAMS

Rev. Polly K. Deppen-Williams is the Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of Central Nebraska. Prior to this work, she served as Pastor in North Platte and Interim Pastor in Lexington. She has been in ministry for over 25 years serving in Alabama, Pennsylvania, Kansas, and Florida. Polly and her husband Matt Williams live in Kearney. Matt is the Library Director at the Kearney Public Library.

ARC BENEFIT LUNCH Sunday, February 4 11:45 am – 2:30 pm First Presbyterian Church Freewill Donation

Come support The ARC of Buffalo County and have a great Chicken and Noodles Lunch on Sunday, February 4th from 11:45 am to 2:30 pm at the First Presbyterian Church. The ARC and its programs for individuals with developmental disabilities. A freewill donation is appreciated. Please come and support The ARC.

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Middle School and High School youth will have two meetings in February. The two dates are February 11th and February 25th after church until 1:00 pm in the youth room. At these meetings we will eat a light lunch, have learning time and talk about possible future activities for our group.



COFFEE HOSTS NEEDED

Please sign up on the chart by the
Family Life Center doors.

FLOWER CHART

The 2018 flower chart is up on the bulletin by the church office and is ready for you to sign up. Please take a few moments to sign up to contribute flowers to glorify God's house on Sunday and to honor or remember your loved ones! A \$30 donation to help offset the cost of the two flower bouquets for each Sunday is greatly appreciated.

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS

Members from our church deliver Meals on Wheels on Tuesdays on an every other week basis. 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.

February 13 drivers – Lorraine and Gary Feind, Phil and Fia Feese with Mary Jo and Gordon Morrow, and Barbara Stevenson and Emily State

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, February 14 -- 6:30 PM

MARTHA CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

In February we are remembering The S.A.F.E. Center and their needs. Their needs are hygiene items like shampoo and conditioner, hair brushes and combs, feminine hygiene products; household items like dishes, glasses, silverware, pots and pans, towels and wash cloths, and laundry soap. Thanks for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

February dates:

- 14** Lesson 6 preview with Eldin Wells, church classroom, 10:00 am
- 21** Martha Circle meets, 2:00 pm, church classroom

COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHEONS

Fridays during Lent -- 12:00-1:00 PM

Starting Friday, February 16

First Methodist Church, 4500 Linden Drive

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

In our nation and around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The recent devastation wrought by the hurricanes, earthquakes and storms that have ravaged many communities reminds us our help is needed more than ever – today, and every day.

Received during the season of Lent, One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world – sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural and human-made disasters, support for refugees, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

Gifts made to One Great Hour of Sharing support those in challenging situations through three life-saving programs –

- **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**
Restore Streets to Live In
- **Presbyterian Hunger Program**
Share your Bread with the Hungry
- **Self-Development of People**
Loose the Bonds of Injustice

For Our Prayers

Our Members:

Vianne Anderson	Jan Scriven
Mary Kulhanek	Cecil Smith
The Family of Donna Larson	

Our Friends of the Church:

Jim Deupree (brother of Bev Gustafson)	Judy Tracy (friend of Mary Kulhanek)
Adam Krause (nephew of Clayton Moyer)	Jennifer Weems
Cindy Malone (daughter of Vi Pimper)	
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)	

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 Lindenstien-Shnell—Air Force	Linda Youberg—Navy

Our Presbytery and the Wider Church:

Kearney First Presbyterian Church	Jouman, Erbil Province, Iraq
Polly Deppen-Williams, Executive Presbyter	

Please help our Church office keep our prayer list current.

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

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

- Have you got a new address?
- Have you got a new phone number or dropped your land line?
- Do you have a new email address? For church members' use only!

Please call the church office at 234-4543 or email fpchurch@citlink.net your information for a new church directory.

FEBRUARY MINISTRY OF COMPASSION

The Ministry of Compassion for February 2018 is the HelpCare Clinic.

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 Apple Market or Boogaarts.

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 want a set.

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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 4

9:15 am	Adult Sunday School	Classrooms
9:30 am	Youth Sunday School	Classrooms
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Following Service	Annual Meeting	Sanctuary
Following Meeting	ARC Benefit Lunch	Family Life Center

Monday, February 5

3:30 pm	Goodwill Training	Family Life Center
7:00 pm	Sisters In Spirit (SIS) Study Group	Classroom

Tuesday, February 6

3:30 pm	ARC TOPS Class	Classroom
6:00 pm	<i>Christian Education Committee Meeting</i>	Classroom
6:30 pm	<i>Worship & Music Committee Meeting</i>	Choir Room

Wednesday, February 7

7:30 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, February 8

4:00 pm	ARC Cooking Class	Kitchen
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Sunday, February 11

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
11:45 am	Youth Group	Youth Room

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 4 Following 10:30 AM Worship Service