

First Presbyterian Church

WELL DONE,
—GOOD—
AND
faithful
SERVANT.

**November 18, 2018
8:30 & 10:45 a.m.**

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Church
of Wichita, Kansas

Welcome, Visitors!

We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting First Presbyterian Church this morning. We are glad you are here!

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from an usher. Transistor hearing aids are also available for your use. Please ask any usher for one and feel free to sit wherever you wish in the Sanctuary while using one.

All persons are encouraged to sign the Ritual of Friendship Pads as they are passed to you in the pews. Please include your address, email address, and telephone number. **Please remember to turn off your cell phone before worship this morning.**

Children's Information—Children are welcome in worship. We do not mind a little fidgeting and fussing in the pew. We offer children's worship bags with various quiet activities in cloth bags located just outside the Sanctuary doors. But if you feel that your child is having a difficult time sitting through church, you are welcome to worship in *The Well*. Remember, quiet play in *The Well* is appropriate so as not to disturb others who are trying to worship. Also, the McComb room is available as a Cry room. And, finally, we encourage you to consider the Nursery, which is located in the South end of the Case Building, where we have trained Staff to look after and engage your child from Birth to Kindergarten. If we need to contact you during worship, just give us your cell number and we will text you. You and your child's (spiritual, emotional, and social) needs are important to us. (Liz Norris—Director of Children's Ministry)

A quick reminder: Under the Child Protection Policy **children are not allowed to leave the Sanctuary or *The Well* without an adult escort.** Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Congratulations to the proud parents, Margaret and Cassandra Leidig-Carrillo, over the birth of Greyson Anastacius Leidig-Carrillo on November 7th at 1:20 a.m.

Sympathy—The white rose this morning on the baptismal font is in memory of Beth Devins who entered the Church Triumphant on Wednesday, November 14. We extend our Christian sympathy to Jerry Devins over the death of his beloved wife, Beth. A Celebration of Life service will be held November 21, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel of our church. A reception will follow in the Parlor.

Praying for the Church Family—As a congregation we weekly focus our personal and corporate prayers upon a selection of church members and friends. Let us remember in prayer this week the following: John & Judy Weber, Dick & Margaret Wieland, Kristine Blough, Patrick Martin, and Brad & Wendy Bowles and family.

If you need a Stephen Minister, or would like more information about the Stephen Ministry, please contact Dr. Brent Johnston at 263-0248 or Louise Farmer at lfarmer4164@gmail.com.

Activities & Announcements

The Theology of Paul Tillich Through His Sermons in November

On November 28 we will be continuing the class I was not able to finish before our Small Group study of *An Altar in the World*. On November 28th we will be looking at his sermon, “The Eternal Now.” Tillich’s sermons have been thought provoking and challenged our traditional way of thinking. Once we begin to understand his theological method called “Correlation” and the way he uses language, it begins to make sense. We have a deeper appreciation how God is related to the world we live and the possibility for transformation that exists as we participate in the power of New Being revealed in Jesus Christ. As you can see I already sound little like Tillich. Come and discover why God is not a Supreme Being among other beings.

Prophetic Hope: Study of the Prophets for Advent

For the three Wednesday nights in December, I will be teaching a class on “Prophetic Hope” for God to do what only God can do. . . . bring deliverance to Israel, bring deliverance to creation through the sending of the Messiah and ushering in the Messianic Age. We will look at those verses used in the Lectionary Texts from the Prophets during Advent and see them in their larger context. So, make plans to get reacquainted with Isaiah, Hosea, and Malachi.

JOURNEYS CLASS IN NOV-DEC

A FRESH LOOK AT THE PARABLES OF JESUS

In the West Dining Room 9:30 a.m. each Sunday

For November 25th, please read :

Parable of The Pearl of Great Price, Matthew 13:45-46

Facilitated by Pat Welker with video of Amy Jill Levine, author of *Short Stories by Jesus*.

Intergenerational Advent Workshop & Church Dinner

Celebrate the Advent season with crafts, friends, family, and a pot-luck dinner on **Sunday, December 2** in the East Dining Room. CE will cook up the turkeys; you provide the side dishes. The fun will begin at 12 p.m. with a turkey dinner and your favorite side dish. Then, the festivity of Advent will begin with music, wassail, and diverse craft stations from decorating cookies to creating your own fresh, greenery wreath. Join your church family for the coming of Baby Jesus! Assistance will be available for those who need an extra hand. **All folks are welcome**, so invite your friends and neighbors!

Yellow Bags are special blessings

The last Sunday of the month is the designated day for our yellow bag sharing of hygiene and household products for our refugee families. With winter weather arriving early and cold and flu season underway, facial and bathroom tissues are much needed. The children need clean clothes for school,. Laundry detergent is expensive when you have limited income. Cleaning supplies for hands, bodies, kitchens and bathrooms can help keep families stay healthy throughout the winter. You don’t have to wait for the last Sunday to help. Bring items any time and place them in the basket outside the church office. Thank you.

***Charge and Benediction**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

****Recessional**

***Postlude**

Now Thank We All Our God

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*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

**signifies 10:45 service only

Update on Stewardship Campaign: Partnering with God Through Stewardship

As of this week we are half way of meeting our goal of raising \$420,000 in pledged giving. With half of the pledges in, on behalf of the Stewardship and Finance Commissions, we say, "Thank you." But to those who haven't gotten in your pledge, the good news is that it is not too late. You can drop in your pledge in the Joyous Chest or drop it by the office or find that self-addressed envelope with a stamp on it and mail it in. For the truth is that God's work cannot be done without nor can we do God's work without God. God has willed that we partner together through his Son in the power of the Holy Spirit to carry out his will and work. Our work is not finished so turn in your pledge as a sign of your intent to partner with God this Stewardship Season.



Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor
Parish Associate
Liturgist
Director of Music
Organist

Brent O. Johnston
Judy Conners
Brian Howard
Steve Bixler
Mark Sweeney

November Mission Memos

Needed for the Saturday, December 1, community breakfast guests: stocking caps, thick socks, warm gloves (plenty of size extra large gloves). We average 185 people at each breakfast, 80% men, 15% women and 5% children. Place items in the container outside the church office or leave a gift of money for a bulk purchase by Sunday, November 25. Guests are so thankful for these warm tokens of love!



If you receive complimentary 2019 calendars that are not needed, please bring them to the church office to share with the members of the Wichita Refugee Congregation Church. They are good tools for learning English and so important for them to use to track holidays and appointments.

It's time to support InterFaith Ministries' Operation Holiday



In it's 58th year in 2018, Operation Holiday served 13,553 low income Wichitans last year with non-perishable food items, coats, blankets and a grocery gift card. The US Marine Corps Reserves' Toys for Tots provides toys for children and the IFM Teen2Teen program provides gifts for those 15 to 17 years old. Pet food is distributed through a partnership with Skaer Veterinary Clinic. Here's how we at First Presbyterian can help:

1. Bring **FOOD** items and place them in the Operation Holiday container outside the church office by Sunday, December 9. Distribution takes place December 13, 14, and 15. Items especially needed include peanut butter, canned meats, cereal and canned fruit. Our children and youth will be helping provide canned fruit.
2. Write a **CHECK ASAP** to FPC with the memo "Operation Holiday" and place it in the offering plate. This is the primary need since cash can be used to make bulk purchases of food.
3. **VOLUNTEER** at the distribution site in the old Sears building at Towne West Square. Volunteers are vital to the success of Operation Holiday for pre-distribution sorting and during distribution as escorts, food stockers, toy runners and more. To volunteer contact IFM at 316-264-9303 or email volunteer@interfaithwichita.org. To experience the real meaning of Christmas you can participate with hands on at Operation Holiday. Let's help make our neighbors' tummies full and their hearts happy by helping provide them with a generous Christmas Blessing!

Calendar

<p>Sunday, November 18</p> <p>8:30 Worship (Chapel)</p> <p>9:00 Mini Alternative Gift Market (<i>The Well</i>)</p> <p>9:15 Coffee Fellowship (<i>The Well</i>)</p> <p>9:30 Youth Sunday School (YL)</p> <p>9:30 Luccock & Journeys Class (WDR)</p> <p>9:30 Blood Pressure Check (<i>The Well</i>)</p> <p>9:30 Camp Whispers (<i>The Well</i>)</p> <p>10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)</p> <p>10:45 Refugee Worship (C201 & C204)</p> <p>10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p>12:00 Worship & Music Mtg (McComb)</p> <p>Wednesday, November 21</p> <p>9:00 Dorcas Circle (C105)</p> <p>Friday, November 23</p> <p>12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (WDR)</p> <p>Sunday, November 25 Yellow Bag Sunday</p> <p>8:30 Worship (<i>Chapel</i>)</p> <p>9:15 Coffee Fellowship (<i>The Well</i>)</p> <p>9:30 Youth Sunday School (YL)</p> <p>9:30 Luccock & Journeys Class (WDR)</p> <p>10:15 Choir Rehearsal (S211)</p> <p>10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p>10:45 Refugee Worship (C201 & C204)</p> <p>12:00 Hanging of the Greens (Sanctuary)</p> <p>12:00 Youth Care Package Meeting (YL)</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <p>Poinsettia trees will once again adorn the Sanctuary for the Advent season. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of a loved one, the suggested donation is \$12. Please place your order by December 12. Order envelopes are available in the office and on the information table in the hall.</p> </div> <div style="flex: 1; text-align: center;">  </div> </div> <hr style="border-top: 1px dotted black;"/> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex: 1; text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="flex: 1; padding-left: 20px;"> <p>Sunday, November 25, will be our Hanging of the Greens at 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>We will be decorating the church for the Advent</p> </div> </div>
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*Song of Thanksgiving	<i>Gloria Patri</i>	No. 579
*The Peace	Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.	
	People: And also with you.	
**Time with the Children		
First Reading		Psalm 123
Anthem	<i>Sing to the Lord of Harvest</i>	Healey Willan
	<p><i>Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise; With joyful hearts and voices Your alleluias raise! By Him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move; Sing to the Lord of harvest a song of happy love.</i></p> <p><i>By Him the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring, The hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing. He filleth with His fullness, all things with large increase; He crowns the year with goodness, with plenty, and with peace.</i></p> <p><i>Heap on His sacred altar the gifts His goodness gave, The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls He died to save. Your hearts lay down before Him when at his feet ye fall, And with your lives adore Him who gave His life for all.</i></p>	
Second Reading		Matthew 25: 14-30
Leader:	The Word of the Lord.	
People:	Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	"What's in Your Wallet" Pastor Judy Connors	
Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer		Gerry Winters
Call to Stewardship		
*Offertory	<i>God is My Shepherd</i> Asher Isaac (Bass)	A. Dvorak
*Doxology		No. 592
*Prayer of Dedication and Dedication of Joyous Chest		
*Hymn	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	No. 555