

# First Presbyterian Church



**November 25, 2018  
8:30 & 10:45 a.m.**

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Prelude                      *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*                      Peter Pindar Stearns  
   *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*                                      Raymond Haan

\*\*Processional    Griffin Barker & Isaac Cline  
Greetings

\*Call to Worship  
Leader: Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come,  
**People: and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.**  
Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.  
**People: The whole earth is full of God's glory.**  
Leader: Let us worship God.

\*Prayer of the Day  
Sovereign God, come to us now in silent, holy power. Still our distracted minds, our bruised hearts, our longing bodies. Then speak the power of Jesus' name in such a way that we might hear it, in such a way that we might bear it into the world— for we move and pray by the gift of your breath within us. **Amen.**

\*Hymn                                      *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*                                      No. 145

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession  
**Holy One, we dare to call you Lord, but yield to you only fragments of our lives. You had nowhere to lay your head; we surround ourselves with comfort. We expect to serve you with what remains after we have indulged our desires. Forgive our greed, our lack of trust, our desire to pick the times and places we will respond to our call. In your abundant mercy teach us what it means to follow, even at the cost of our lives. Amen.**

Silence  
Choral Response

\*Song of Thanksgiving                                      *Gloria Patri*                                      No. 579



## 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.

**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: Gary and Loyce Booher, Doug & Stephanie Hutchison, Mark Johnson, Mary & Mitch Crouch, Jr., and Virginia Garver.

**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](mailto:lfarmer4164@gmail.com).

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## Activities & Announcements

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### **The Theology of Paul Tillich Through His Sermons in November**

On November 28 we will be continuing the class Pastor Brent was not able to finish before the Small Group study of *An Altar in the World*. We will be looking at Tillich's 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 in and the possibility for transformation that exists as we participate in the power of New Being revealed in Jesus Christ. 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, Pastor Brent 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 December 1, please read :**

Parable of The Mustard Seed In Three Places, Mark 4:30-32, Matthew 13:31-32 and Luke 13:18-19.

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!

### **Today Is Yellow Bag Sunday**

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.

\*\*Recessional

\*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

\*Postlude

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

Healey Willan

## 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!



Hanging of the Greens Today—Everyone Is Welcome To Join



\*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

\*\*signifies 10:45 service only

### Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor  
Parish Associate  
Director of Music  
Organist

Brent O. Johnston  
Judy Connors  
Steve Bixler  
Mark Sweeney

### It's time to support InterFaith Ministries' Operation Holiday

In its 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](mailto: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 style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, November 25</b> <b>Yellow Bag Sunday</b></p> <p>8:30 Worship (<i>Chapel</i>)            9:15 Coffee Fellowship (<i>The Well</i>)            9:30 Youth Sunday School (YL)            9:30 Luccock &amp; Journeys Class (WDR)            10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)            10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)            10:45 Refugee Worship (C201 &amp; C204)            12:00 Hanging of the Greens (Sanctuary)            12:00 Youth Care Package Mtg (YL)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, November 27</b></p> <p>10:00 Pastoral Staff Mtg (Hobbs)            11:00 Staff Meeting (<i>The Well</i>)            5:30 Session Meeting w/Deacons (Parlor)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, November 28</b></p> <p>9:00 Dorcas Circle (C105)            5:30 Wednesday Clubs            5:30 Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary)            6:30 Brent's Bible Study (The Parlor)            7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday, November 30</b></p> <p>12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (WDR)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday, December 1</b></p> <p>8:00 Community Breakfast (EDR &amp; WDR)            8:00 Guadalupe Clinic (EDR)            11:00 Brent's Bible Study w/WRCC (Hobbs)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, December 2</b></p> <p>8:30 Worship (Chapel)            9:15 Coffee Fellowship (The Well)            9:30 Youth Sunday School (YL)            9:30 Luccock &amp; Journeys Class (WDR)            10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)            10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)            10:45 Refugee Worship (C201 &amp; C204)            12:00 Advent Workshop (EDR)</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dotted black;"/> <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. <b>Please place your order by December 12.</b> Order envelopes are available in the office and on the information table in the hall.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>POINSETTIA ORDERS</p> </div>
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**\*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 Revelation 1:4b-8

Anthem Jane Marshall  
*He Comes to Us*  
 Text by Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965)

*He comes to us as one unknown, without a name,  
 Without a name as of old, by the lakeside He came,  
 He came to those men who knew Him not.  
 He speaks to us, he speaks the same word:  
 "Follow thou me!" and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time.  
 He Commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple,  
 He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings  
 Which they shall pass through in His fellowship, And, as an ineffable mystery,  
 They shall learn in their own experience Who He is.*

Second Reading John 18:33-37

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Dismissing Jesus and His Kingdom"  
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer  
 Call to Stewardship

\*Offertory William Stickles  
*To Come, O Lord, To Thee*  
 Emily Chancellor (Alto)

\*Doxology No. 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn No. 155  
*Rejoice, the Lord is King*