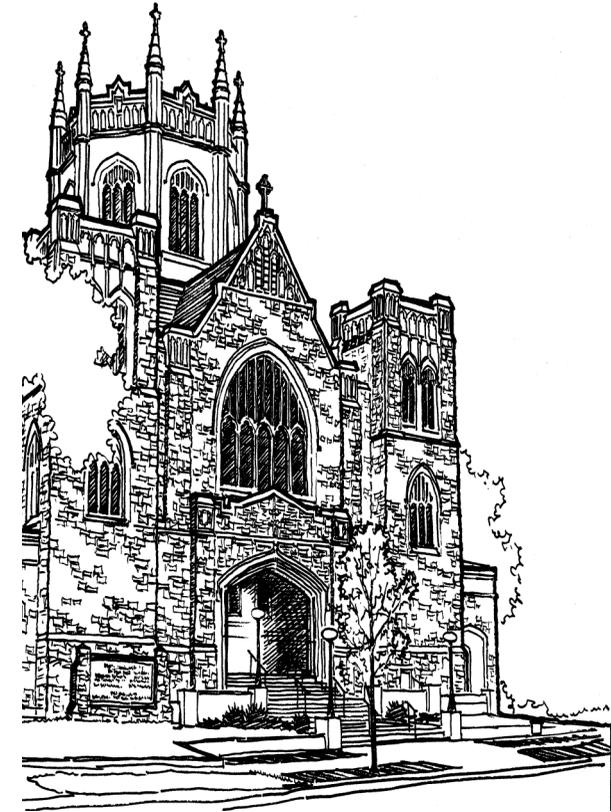


# First Presbyterian Church



**February 10, 2019**  
**8:30 & 10:45 a.m.**

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**5th Sunday after Epiphany**

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Prelude *Immortal, Invisible* Robert Powell

\*\*Processional Khyah Van Es

Greetings

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

\*Call to Worship

Leader: We have come from different backgrounds on various roads to get here.

**People: But we are all here seeking an experience of the holy.**

Leader: Listen for the promise of God's steadfast love and God's faithfulness.

**People: We are listening for God's call in our lives.**

Prayer of the Day

\*Hymn *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* No. 462

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of the universe and Creator of all that is, we admit that we fail to be honest about our lives and in the politics of life. Sometimes we are deceitful; other times we judge ourselves harshly and feel unworthy of your call on our lives. Touch us with your grace and dispel our fear, that we may arise with renewed spirits to serve you, our true Sovereign. This we pray in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

\*Song of Thanksgiving *Gloria Patri* 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.**

First Reading

Galatians 4:1-7



## 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.

**Sympathy**—The white rose this morning on the baptismal font is in memory of Bob Brown. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers as they grieve their recent loss.

**Flowers**—The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Phillip Little by Doris Little and the family.

**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: Robin & Alan Gales and family, Mary Burgett, Bob Brown, Kennady Gales, Linda Boyle and Julia Boone.

**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).

## Activities & Announcements

### Journeys Class for January

#### The Church: The First 100 Years

As we come to church on Sunday mornings, many of us are probably following our normal routine and don't give a lot of thought about how we came to be. Come join us in the Journeys class as we hear from member Brian Howard on the formation of the church and its infancy—the first hundred years. The class meets in the West Dining Room at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. Brian's classes will be on February 10, 17, and 24. We hope to see you there!

### Brent's Bible Study & Books of Interest Adult Education Class

For 8 weeks beginning January 9, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor, we will look at Bart Ehrman's New York Times Best Selling Book, *How Jesus Became God: The Exaltation of a Jewish Preacher from Galilee*. Bart Erhman is the James A. Gray Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Quoting Erhman as to why he wrote this book, "As a historian I am no longer obsessed of how God became man, but with the historical question of how a man became God." Come to the class beginning January 9<sup>th</sup> to find out. Pastor Brent **Books can be purchased online for approximately \$15.00 dollars.**

### PW Study Circle meets February 13

The February study circle meets the second Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Pat Welker will lead lesson #6, "God with Us Through Our Trials." Bora, one of our refugee friends, will participate in the meeting and share her experiences around the following questions: 1. Tell us about your feelings as you found yourself in a strange country. 2. How did you reach out to others who had come from the Congo for support, comfort, and love? 3. What things did you leave behind that you long for? 4. How have you been able to keep your culture and your way of practicing your religion? This will be a special time of open and honest sharing. Guests are welcome to this study and fellowship. Contact Mary Knecht with any questions at [knechtmary@hotmail](mailto:knechtmary@hotmail) or 942-8068.

### Wednesday Night Clubs

Wednesday night clubs are at 5:30 p.m. We have a sign up sheet available in *The Well* on Sundays to help contribute to our weekly meal. Thank you to all who have been a part of our Wednesday nights.

Offertory *O Lord Have Mercy* Stradella  
Steve Bixler, Bass

*O Lord, have mercy, my soul is heavy, Lord, hear my prayer.  
Grant me Thy blessing, hear my prayer, let not Thy hand with harshness fall,  
Be wrathful never, forgiving ever,  
Shed Thy light upon me, and hear my prayer.  
May I never merit that in damnation my soul be tortured  
By fires eternal from Thy judgement, Lord, almighty.*

Doxology

\*Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* No. 263

\*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

\*\*Recessional

\*Postlude *Carillon* Gordon Young

\*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

## Mission Memos & Upcoming Activities

### February is Black History Month

Four hundred years ago, Africans from Angola embarked on the first transatlantic voyage as slaves to the United States in 1619. During this Quad-Centennial anniversary, let us honor the resilience of African Americans while acknowledging how slavery has led to policies and practices that, to this day, exacerbate malnutrition and hunger.

#### *A Prayer of Lament and Hope*

O God, we remember our ancestors.  
They left us a living testament to their  
**resistance and resilience.**  
May we follow them  
in their vision to  
**end the injustices**  
of poverty and hunger.

Amen.

#BlackHistoryMonth  
bread.org/devotional



During Black History Month, Bread for the World will honor the work of black leaders championing nutrition -a critical but hard-to-see component of hunger. We celebrate their commitment, perseverance, and strength in dedicating their lives to dismantling racially oppressive policies and practices that lead to poor nutrition and elevating policies and practices that ensure all communities, regardless of race or ethnicity, can enjoy optimal, equitable nutrition.

Join in the necessary work in our community of denouncing racism still present in our policies and practices. Donate to <http://www.bread.org/blog/black-history-month-celebrating-black-leaders-championing-nutrition>.

### HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Host families are needed for high school exchange students for the 2019-2020 academic year. The students will arrive in mid-August 2019 and will attend local high schools. The host family provides a bed, meals, friendship, understanding, and a genuine desire to share the American way of life with a student from overseas. The students speak English, are covered by medical insurance, and have spending money for their personal expenses. Approved families may choose from online applications. **For more information, call Wilma Fast, Regional Manager for Kansas High School Programs at 316-681-1236.**

## Calendar

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, February 10</b></p> <p>8:30 Worship (Chapel)            9:15 Coffee Fellowship (<i>The Well</i>)            9:30 Youth Sunday School (YL)            9:30 Journeys Class (WDR)            9:30 Stephen Ministry Supervision (C103)            10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)            10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)            10:45 Refugee Worship (C201 &amp; C204)            10:45 Worship &amp; Music Comm Mtg (McComb)            12:00 Melodrama Rehearsal (EDR)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, February 11</b></p> <p>4:30 Personnel Mtg (Hobbs)            5:30 Mission Commission Mtg (<i>The Well</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, February 12</b></p> <p>10:00 Pastoral Staff Mtg (Hobbs)            11:00 Staff Meeting (<i>The Well</i>)            5:30 CE/Evangelism Mtg (<i>The Well</i>)            5:30 Finance Mtg (Hobbs)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, February 13</b></p> <p>9:00 Dorcas (C105)            10:00 PW Study Circle (Parlor)            5:30 Wednesday Clubs            5:30 Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary)            6:15 James Ringers (Sanctuary)            6:30 Brent's Bible Study (The Parlor)            7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday, February 14</b></p> <p>9:00 Economy Corner Bd Mtg (EC)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday, February 15</b></p> <p>12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (WDR)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday, February 16</b></p> <p>6:15 Trivia Night (EDR)            11:00 Brent's Bible Study w/WRCC (Hobbs)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, February 17</b></p> <p>8:30 Worship (Chapel)            9:15 Coffee Fellowship (<i>The Well</i>)            9:30 Blood Pressure Check (<i>The Well</i>)            9:30 Camp Whispers (<i>The Well</i>)            9:30 Youth Sunday School (YL)            9:30 Journeys Class (WDR)            9:30 Stephen Ministry Supervision (C103)            10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)            10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)            10:45 Refugee Worship (C201 &amp; C204)            12:00 Melodrama Rehearsal (EDR)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2019 Christian Fellowship Groups</b>  <i>Building Christian Community</i>            See Hosts and Beginning dates!            (You may sign up for more than one!)  <b>Sign up in <i>The Well</i> or Contact the Host ASAP!</b></p>
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Anthem

*Holy Is the Lord*

Franz Schubert

*Holy, holy, holy, Holy is the Lord.  
 Holy is the Father, Holy is the Son,  
 Holy is the Spirit, Blessed three in one.*

Second Readings

Mark 1:14; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Series on

"The Questions of Existence and Meaning"

Week 4:

"Is History Doomed to Repeat Itself?"  
 The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

\*Affirmation of Faith Excerpt from "Brief Statement of Faith"

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.... In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Call to Stewardship