

# First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



May 13, 2018  
8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

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**Ascension of The Lord**

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Prelude

*Canterbury March*

H.C. Perrin

\*\*Processional

Brandon Bowles & Bronwen Burch

Greetings

\*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather this morning as the people of God.

**People: We gather together with praise and thanksgiving.**

Leader: As God breathed life into creation,

**People: Let the Holy Spirit breathe new life into us.**

Leader: Open our ears to hear your Word;

**People: Open our hearts that we would be shaped by your Word.**

**All: *Let us worship the Lord our God!***

\*Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, by raising Jesus from the dead you proclaim His victory, and by His ascension you declare him Lord of all. Lift up our hearts to heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

\*Hymn

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

No. 260

Call to Confession

Our Messiah suffered, died and rose from the dead on the third day so that repentance and forgiveness of sins could be proclaimed in his name to all nations. Because of that sacrifice, we are able to confess our sins without fear.

Prayer of Confession

**God of grace and glory, you have given us the gift of Scripture, but we fail to read and study your Word with diligence. You commanded us to teach our children your laws and the story of your people, but we put other things and activities at a higher priority. You commanded us to instruct all new disciples in your ways, but we fall short. You gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit, yet we find excuses to avoid sharing the good news of the gospel. Forgive us for those times when our words and actions are in direct conflict with your teaching. Inspire us to find ways to bear witness to those who do not know your redeeming grace. Amen.**

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia. Amen.

\*Song of Joy *I've Got Peace Like a River* No. 368

\*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 *You are My Sunshine*

\*\* Dedication of Jesse David Gutierrez (son of Javier and Sarah Gutierrez)

\*\* Song of Dedication *Child of Promise*

First Reading Acts 1: 1-11

Anthem *I Will Give Thanks* Joseph Martin

I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart. I will proclaim all His wonders. I will give thanks to the Lord most high!

Chorus: Sing Alleluia, hosanna. Sing praise to the Lord.

I will praise him, I will sing praise to the Lord most high!

I will sing praise to the Lord with all my heart. Lift up a song of thanksgiving. Chorus.

Highest heavens now adore Him. All creation sings His praise. Let His glorious name sound throughout the earth, And let the sound of praise be heard. Chorus.

Second Reading Luke 24: 44-53

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Don't Look Up! Look Around!"  
Pastor Judy Connors

Welcoming Patrice Cummings, Our Newest Member, into Life of the Church

(8:30 Service only)

\*\*Recognition of Graduates (10:45 Service only)

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

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Call to Stewardship

Offertory 8:30 Service

*Family Tree*  
Steve Bixler, Guitar

Tom Chapin

10:45 Service

Wanting Memories  
Khyah Van Es, alto

Yesae Barnwell

\*Doxology

No. 592

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn

*The Witness Song*  
Steve Bixler

(Echo Song)

\*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\*\*Recessional

\*Postlude

*A Mighty Fortress*

John Leavitt

\*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

\*\*denotes 10:45 service

### **Worship Leaders**

Senior Pastor

Parish Associate

Director of Music

Organist

Brent O. Johnston

Judy Conners

Steve Bixler

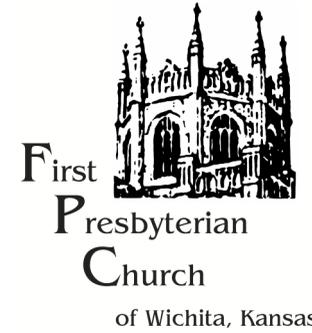
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## Calendar

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, May 13</b></p> <p>8:30 Worship (Chapel)            9:15 Coffee Fellowship (The Well)            9:30 Stephen Ministry (C109)            9:30 Sunday School (C109)            9:30 Youth Sunday School (Youth Lounge)            9:30 Journeys Class (WDR)            10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)            10:45 Refugee Worship (C204)            10:45 EPIC Worship (Sanctuary)            10:45 Graduates Recognition (Sanctuary)            11:45 Worship &amp; Music Committee Mtg (McComb)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, May 14</b></p> <p>4:30 Personnel Mtg (Hobbs)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, May 15</b></p> <p>11:00 Pastoral Staff Mtg (Hobbs)            1:00 Staff Meeting (Hobbs)            5:30 Session (Parlor)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, May 16</b></p> <p>9:00 Dorcas Circle (C105)            6:00 Faith in Films (<i>The Well</i>)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday, May 17</b></p> <p>8:30 Sr. Men's Breakfast (WDR)            11:45 Theological Themes in Literature (RR)            6:00 Dinner Club (WDR)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday, May 18</b></p> <p>12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (WDR)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday, May 19</b></p> <p>11:00 Brent's Bible Study (Hobbs)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, May 20</b></p> <p>8:30 Worship (Chapel)            9:15 Coffee Fellowship (<i>The Well</i>)            9:15 Luccock Class (C109)            9:00 Sunday School (C109)            9:30 Youth Sunday School (Youth Lounge)            10:00 Blood Pressure Check (<i>The Well</i>)            10:00 Dillon's Rewards &amp; Camp Mtg (<i>The Well</i>)            10:15 Choir Rehearsal (S211)            10:45 Refugee Worship (Sanctuary)            10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)            12:00 Potluck (WDR)</p>
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### JOURNEYS CLASS

West Dining Room- 9:30 Sunday mornings  
 Join us as we continue on our journey of asking questions to grow in our faith, develop and advance our spirituality. Each Sunday we look deeply into doctrines of the Church in the light of 21st century knowledge and experience. We seek to understand who we are and what we are to be within this grand experiment we call life. Facilitated by Pat Welker.



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### 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:** God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house. Children are welcome in worship. We offer children's busy 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*. We ask that you please be respectful of others who might be worshipping in *The Well*. We also have a nursery located at the south end of the Case Building with trained staff to engage and attend children 0-5 years of age. Remember that the way we welcome children in the church directly affects the way they respond to the church, God, and to one another. Let them know they are at home in this house of Worship. \*On EPIC Sundays the Nursery is closed. (Liz Norris—Director of Children's Ministry)

**A quick reminder:** Under the Child Protection Policy, children are not allowed to leave the Sanctuary 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: Mary Burgett, Dale & DJ Spaeth, Don & Janet Setser, Mary Beth Wegerle, James Lindsay, and Scott & Nancy Jones. Please pray for these members that we aware of that are in the hospital: Sharon Gates (Integris Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City).

**Flowers**—The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Kubik and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wiley by J. Fred and Chris Kubik.

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

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## Activities & Announcements

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### Faith in Films Presents: *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2*

May 9, 16, & 23 from 6-7:30 p.m. in *The Well*

Join Pastor Brent & Geri Doll for movie viewing and discussion. Bring your own dinner. Snacks will be available. Movie is rated PG13.

There will be choir, recreation, and other fun activities for the children

**All ages** are welcome!

#### Join Us, as we celebrate our grads!

The congregation is invited to celebrate the graduation of Christopher Gales, Zach Blessant, Khyah Van Es, Sailor Sulier, and Samantha Gales on Saturday, May 19, 1:00-4:00 p.m. in *The Well*.

#### Sunday, May 20, Birthday of the Church!

- Wear RED to celebrate
- Remember your Pentecost Offering (25% stays locally to help children at risk)
- Wichita Refugee Congregation Church members and choir will join us for worship at 10:45 a.m.
- Bring a large covered dish and plan to stay for lunch at noon

#### Vacation Bible School

June 4th-8th 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. Snacks will be provided. Please have children wear comfortable shoes and bring sunblock as some of our day is outside. ALL registration is due by May 20, 2018. If you have any questions, please call Liz Norris@ 316-214-4318 or email [childrendirector@firstchurchwichita.org](mailto:childrendirector@firstchurchwichita.org)

#### Kids Games Camp

9601 W. 73rd street N. Valley Center, KS 67147, June 18th-22nd, 9:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. @ Whispering Winds camp. Parents are responsible for transportation to church camp unless they make other arrangements with the Director of Children's Ministry. Cost of camp is \$40 for the week (scholarships are available upon review). This camp is centered around team building and sharing God's love for one and other. This year's theme will be, "Together everyone achieves more." The camp offers energizers, a variety of games we will play each day indoors and outdoors, a scripture lesson each day, provided snack, and swimming each afternoon. Please bring a plastic sack, bug spray, sunscreen, hats, sunglasses, and pool toys to share. Each day children will need to bring a sack lunch, swimsuit and towel. Questions please contact Liz Norris @ (316)-214-4318 or Cynthia Rekoske @ (316)992-9595

#### Camp Needs

The list of items needed for camp is now on the bulletin outside the nursery.

#### First Reading Acts 1: 1-11

In the first book, O The-oph'ilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Sama'ria and to the end of the earth." And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

#### Gospel Reading Luke 24: 44-53

Then he said to them, "These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled."

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany and, lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven.. And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy and, were continually in the temple blessing God.