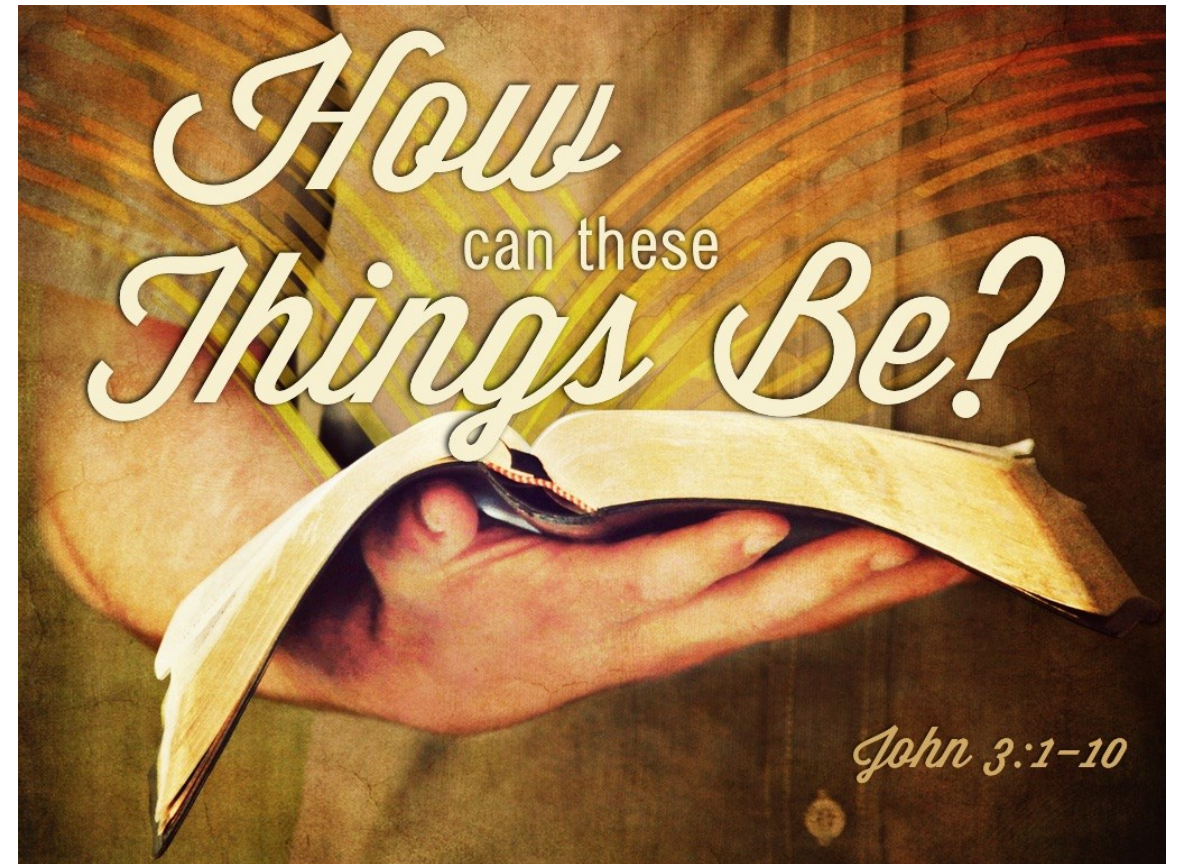


First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



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Prelude *Holy, Holy, Holy* Piet Post

Processional Katelyn Young

Greetings

*Call to Worship

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

O blessed Trinity, in whom we know the Maker of all things seen and unseen, the Savior of all both near and far: By your Spirit enable us so to worship your divine majesty, that with all the company of heaven we may magnify your glorious name, saying: Holy, holy, holy. Glory to you, O Lord most high. Amen.

*Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* No. 138

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name that we have come to know as Father, as Son, and as Holy Spirit. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Joy *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.

Time with the Children

First Reading

Romans 8:12-17

Anthem

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord

Craig Courtney

Jarl Moreland, director; Asher Isaac, Trumpet

*Chorus: One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died,
One voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore.*

*There is one body, one spirit, as you were called to one hope.
One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all who is in you all. (Chorus)*

*Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts,
We are given to each other for the unity of faith,
that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God,
In the fullness of Christ. (Chorus)*

Second Reading

John 3:1-17

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Uncertainty Meets Certainty: How Can These Things Be?"

Guest Preacher, Gregg Van Sickle

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles Creed (Traditional)

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

P.H. Pg. 16

Call to Stewardship

Offertory

Eternal Father, Strong to Save (Navy Hymn)

Whiting/Dykes

Terry McManis, baritone

P.H. Pg. 562

*Doxology

No. 592

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

No. 564

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Choir Response

*Recessional

Postlude

The Star-Spangled Banner

Dudley Buck

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Worship Leaders

Guest Preacher
Parish Associate
Liturgist
Director of Music
Organist

Gregg Van Sickle
Judy Conners
Jeff Van Sickle
Steve Bixler
Mark Sweeney

Calendar

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, May 27</p> <p>9:15 Coffee Fellowship (<i>The Well</i>)</p> <p>9:30 Journeys Class (WDR)</p> <p>10:15 Choir Rehearsal (S211)</p> <p>10:45 Refugee Worship (C204)</p> <p>10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday, May 28</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Memorial Day (Office Closed)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, May 29</p> <p>1:00 Staff Meeting (<i>The Well</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, May 30</p> <p>9:00 Dorcas Circle (C105)</p> <p>1:00 Summer Splash (Camp)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, June 2</p> <p>8:00 Community Breakfast (EDR)</p> <p>8:00 Guadalupe Clinic (EDR)</p> <p>11:00 Brent's Bible Study (Hobbs)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, June 3</p> <p>8:00 Cowtown Worship</p> <p>9:00 Cowtown Worship</p> <p>9:15 Coffee Fellowship (<i>The Well</i>)</p> <p>10:15 Choir Rehearsal (S211)</p> <p>10:45 Refugee Worship (C204)</p> <p>10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p>12:15 Volunteer/ Counselor Training (<i>The Well</i>)</p>	<div style="border: 1px dotted black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Memorial Day</p> <p>For the holiday both the office and the building will be closed all day. Sorry for any inconvenience. Have a blessed Memorial Day.</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px dotted black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Worship Schedule for Next Few Sundays!</p> <p>June 3, 2018: 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. at Cowtown, 10:45 a.m. at Church in Sanctuary</p> <p>June 10, 2018: Summer Schedule Begins, worship at 9:30 a.m. in Sanctuary</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px dotted black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Volunteer/ Counselor Training</p> <p>June 3, in <i>The Well</i> at 12:15 p.m. lunch will be provided for all who attend.</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px dotted black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Congregation Meeting</p> <p>We will be having a congregation meeting to elect class of 2021 after the 9:30 a.m. Service June 10, 2018. We will hear a report and recommendation from the Nomination Committee.</p> </div>
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First
Presbyterian
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—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: Alice Robertson, Adam & Christal Jones & family, Tom Whealdon, Jim Gross, Karen Fleming, and Cheryl Runyan. Please pray for these members that we are aware of that are in the hospital or have been in the hospital: Donna Coldwater, and Sharon Gates.

Flowers—The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Winters and Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Rieckenberg by Tom and Gerry Winters.

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

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

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 board outside the nursery.

Shhhhhh! Silent Auction—Fall 2018

First Church is looking for folks who would like to submit a themed basket or items for a Silent Auction this September 9th. Along with a dinner, BINGO, and baked goods, proceeds of the auction will go to spiritual growth programming for all age groups, like adult retreats, renowned guest speakers, camp tuition, and facility needs for children. Fill your "spiritual cup" and another's by donating a basket of goodies to be auctioned off! Contact Michelle Murray-Cline for details or questions! 794-1195

WHISPERING WINDS CAMP- Freedom Festival

Our third annual Freedom Festival will be held on Sunday July 1 at the Whispering Winds Camp (about 2 miles west of 73rd Street North and Ridge Road). The Pools will open at 3 p.m. with free admission and will remain open through the evening, with life guards on duty. The pool water will be warmed by solar-heat, the concrete pool decks and benches will be cooled by special paint, and the Lodge will be cooled by ceiling fans and air-conditioning. Games and activities will be provided for the kids. A golf cart will be available for transportation needs or to tour the Camp grounds and trails. We will have a Freedom-themed Vesper service at 5 p.m., in the Lodge. The service will include patriotic songs and ringing of our bell tower (Let Freedom Ring). Following Vespers, we will have dinner in the Lodge. The Camp will barbecue bratwurst, hamburgers, and hot dogs for dinner. Guests are requested to bring pot-luck side dishes and desserts. After dinner, activities will continue and families may set off BYO fireworks near the basketball court, provided a fireworks ban has not been issued by the County.

Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh--for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ--if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."