

# First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



May 6, 2018  
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**6th Sunday of Easter**

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Prelude *Canzonet* Raymond Haan  
\*\*Processional Bailey Bowles

Greetings

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Sing to our God a new song.

**People: God has done marvelous things!**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

**People: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Leader: Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

**People: Let the world and its people sing together for joy!**

Leader: Let us worship God.

\*Prayer of the Day

Loving God, help us to love others as Christ has loved us. Bring us into the spiritual joy of living our lives as your friend, and teach us to abide in your love, that we may show that love to the world. **Amen.**

\*Hymn *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* No. 466

Call to Confession

We have been called to follow Christ by obeying his one commandment: that we love one another as he has loved us. Let us confess how we have fallen short of that love.

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Christ loves us so much that he laid down his life for us and calls us his friends. If we can forgive our friends, how much more does Christ forgive us!

\*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.**

\*\*Time with the Children

First Reading

1st John 5:1-6

Second Reading

John 15:9-17

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Abiding in Christ, Abiding in Love, Keeping His Commandment"

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

\*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles Creed

(pg.14 Traditional, PH)

Call to Stewardship

Offertory

*In the Stillness of This Moment*  
by Joseph Martin & David Angerman

*In the stillness of this moment, in the quiet of this place,  
We pause in silent wonder at the miracle of grace. As our hearts reach out in mercy, heaven's  
arms reach from above,  
And we touch the hope of glory and we hold the gift of love.  
Chorus: How marvelous! How Wonderful! And my song shall ever be: How marvelous! How  
wonderful is my Savior's love for me!  
In the stillness of this moment, as we calm our hearts and minds,  
We feel Your tender mercy and the gift of peace divine. Let us gather at the table. Let us find  
our place of rest Where the bread and wine of mercy feed our souls with heaven's best. In the  
stillness of this moment, as we give Him full control,  
There is comfort for the weary, there is healing for the soul. And the tears of our surrender are*

*an offering made of praise. For the wonder of salvation is a miracle of grace. Chorus.*

\*Doxology No. 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
(Around the Table in Groups of approximately 12)

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People that Fosters Community

(As directed by Ushers please go to one of the three tables in groups of 12 to serve each other the consecrated bread and juice. After all have been served please return to your seats. And the process will repeat.)

Communion Music *Penitencia* *Peter Pindar Stearns*

Prayer After Communion

\*Closing Hymn *Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed* No. 501

\*Charge and Benediction

\*\*Recessional

\*\*Postlude *O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* David Cherwien

\*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

\*\*denotes 10:45 service

### Worship Leaders

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| Senior Pastor      | Brent O. Johnston           |
| Parish Associate   | Judy Conners                |
| Director of Music  | Steve Bixler                |
| Organist           | Mark Sweeney                |
| Presiders at Table | Rev. Tom Church, Bob Farmer |

## Calendar

### Sunday, May 6

- 8:30 Worship (Chapel)
- 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (The Well)
- 9:30 Sunday School(C109)
- 9:30 Journeys Class (WDR)
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:30 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Refugee Worship (C204)
- 12:00 Camp Counselor Training (*The Well*)

### Tuesday, May 8

- 11:00 Pastoral Staff Mtg (Hobbs)
- 5:30 Finance Meeting (Hobbs)

### Wednesday, May 9

- 9:00 Dorcas Circle (C105)
- 9:30 PW Brunch (Parlor)
- 6:00 Faith in Films (*The Well*)
- 6:15 James Ringers (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (S211)

### Thursday, May 10

- 9:00 Economy Corner Board Meeting
- 4:30 Promote the Growth (*The Well*)

### Friday, May 11

- 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (WDR)

### Saturday, May 12

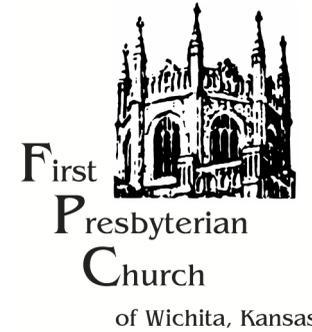
- 9:00 Garden & Grounds
- 9:30 Transportation Mtg (C109)
- 11:00 Brent's Bible Study (Hobbs)

### Sunday, May 13

- 8:30 Worship (Chapel)
- 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (The Well)
- 9:30 Stephen Ministry (C109)
- 9:30 Sunday School(C109)
- 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 & Music Committee Mtg (McComb)

### 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**—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 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: Jill Young & family, Cassandra Swenson & family, Trebor Rekoske, Bob & Cathy Marley, Jolene Satterthwaite, Betty Christian, and Glenn & Lynne Zeigler.

**Sympathy**—The white rose this morning is in memory of Robert Coldwater. Please pray for his friends & family as they grieve his recent death.

**Flowers**—The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, R. Keith and Marian Schaffner and Thomas W. Church Jr., by Peggy and Tom Church. .

**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.

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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!

### Reservations needed for PW brunch May 9

Ladies wanting to attend the Wednesday, May 9 brunch and lesson, 9:30 a.m., West Dining Room, should make a reservation with [knechtmary@hotmail.com](mailto:knechtmary@hotmail.com) or 942-8068 by noon on Friday, May 4. The \$6.00 cost for food will be collected at the door. Rev. Dawn Flippin, pastor of the Kingman church, will present the final lesson from Hebrews.

### 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 Saturday, May 19, 1:00-4:00 p.m. In *The Well*

### Cookies for *The Well*

I hope you all have been enjoying the delicious cookies and treats in *The Well* each Sunday during the Coffee Hour. You may wonder where these great treats come from! We have a group of about 15 people who bring treats on a rotating schedule. Some people have needed to retire from their cookie baking and some have moved. So, we are in need of additional individuals to bring cookies for *The Well*. You can bake or you can buy treats! You would be asked to bring treats once every six weeks or so. We ask you to bring 3 dozen cookies or treats or some loaves of sweet bread. I send out a schedule as well as reminders. If you would be available to assist in this ministry of welcoming, please let me know ([pattycole21@gmail.com](mailto:pattycole21@gmail.com) or 316-250-4577) and I would be happy to schedule you in the next rotation. Patty Cole

### Work Day

Camp Work Day has been re-scheduled due to weather. Please join us for the Spring Work Day at the Camp on Saturday, May 12, from 9 to 3 (come when you can, leave when you need). We'll have coffee and donuts to get us fired up in the morning. Lunch will also be provided by the Camp Committee, including smoked meats, sides, dessert, and drinks. Please bring wheelbarrows, garden rakes, long handled flat shovels, chainsaws, loppers, and trimmers, if you have them, and related safety gear (gloves, boots, ear/eye protection, etc.). Thank you for helping us maintain the legacy and missions of the Camp.

### **First Reading 1 John 5:1-6**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

### **Second Reading John 15:9-17**

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

### **Birthday of the church celebrated May 20, Wear RED, stay for lunch**

Pentecost is considered the birthday of the church, the time when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus. They began to speak in different languages. Red is the color of Pentecost because it is recorded that they heard a sound like strong winds blowing and saw something that looked like flames of fire. Wear your best red garment on May 20. Also, to help us celebrate this special occasion, some leaders and the choir of the Wichita Refugee Congregation Church will participate in the 10:45 a.m. service. There will be scripture read in different languages and music heard in different styles. This congregation of Congolese refugees now has 20 families with 109 members; two families are new to Wichita in the last few weeks. They are anxious to share some of their ethnic food with us and practice speaking English. Plan to bring a large covered dish and stay for the congregational potluck lunch at noon on May 20. What an interesting and meaningful birthday celebration we will enjoy!