

First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



July 1, 2018
9:30 a.m.

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Communion Sunday

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Prelude *America the Beautiful* Margrethe Hokanson

Processional Bailey Bowles & Khyah Van Es

Greetings

*Call to Worship

Leader: I wait for the Lord,

People: My soul waits, and in God's word I hope.

Leader: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,

People: More than those who watch for the morning.

All: In faith, let us turn to our God whose love is sure.

*Prayer of the Day

see our and
Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you show us the breadth of your power and the depth of your love. You listen to our cries of pain and hear our laments. You see the fear in our eyes and know the secrets of our hearts. You do not turn from our distress, but stretch out your hand to heal, to comfort, and to save. All thanks and praise be to you, O God; Your steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

*Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* No. 276

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

with We renew pray.
Trusting you does not always come easy when each day we are faced with the ugliness of the world. We do not believe that love conquers fear. We are not convinced that power comes through weakness. We cannot conceive how you could heal us. Forgive our lack of faith, O God, and our trust in you, for we would be disciples of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen

Silence

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.



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: Brett Aldrich, Zach Blessant, Tom & Monze Basham & family, Gary & Lilly-Ann Huffman, Amber Mattke and Nancy Clausing.

Flowers—The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God and dedicated to the members of the church for their prayers and support during my transplant and recovery period by Mary Jo and Dennis McCormack.

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

CAMP WHISPERS-Freedom Festival

Our third annual Freedom Festival will be held today, 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., on the south lawn. 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. The Festival will conclude with a "fire dancing" performance at dusk to celebrate the light of Freedom illuminating the surrounding darkness."



BIG, BANG, BINGO!.....and the not so Silent Auction

Sunday, September 9th, after the Epic Sunday church service in the East Dining Room. Don your Super Hero Cape and join your church family for a fabulous afternoon of fellowship with a church dinner, playing Bingo for prizes, and making bids on Silent Auction baskets. BRING FRIENDS!! All proceeds of the event will go to support spiritual growth and renewal of our congregation as we approach FPC's 150th Anniversary!! Contact Michelle Murray-Cline at 794-1195 if you have any concerns or would love to assist!

Needed: good used lawn mower

Three of the refugee families living close to each other on South Hydraulic Street need a good used lawn mower to cut their grass and weeds. They can share the mower. Do you have a can for gasoline too? Any extra rakes or shovels that you no longer need would be helpful tools for them too. Even if your mower has not been used for awhile, we'd like to take a look at it and see if it can be fixed. If you can help, contact Mary Knecht, 942-8068, knechtmary@hotmail.com.

First Reading: II Corinthians 8: 7-15

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you^[a]—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.^[b]

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act^[c] of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

Second Reading: Deuteronomy 10: 17-21

¹⁷For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, ¹⁸who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. ¹⁹You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. ²⁰You shall fear the LORD your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

Calendar

Sunday, July 1

- 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (*The Well*)
- 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Refugee Worship (Parlor)
- 3:00 Freedom Festival (Camp)

Tuesday, July 3

- 1:00 Staff Meeting (*The Well*)
- 5:00 CE/Evangelism Mtg (*The Well*)
- 5:00 Facilities Committee (WDR)

Wednesday, July 4

4th of July (Building Closed)

Friday, July 6

- 7:00 Kell First Friday (Off-Site)

Saturday, July 7

- 8:00 Community Breakfast (EDR)
- 8:00 Guadalupe Clinic (EDR)
- 11:00 Brent's Bible Study (Hobbs)

Sunday, July 8

- 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (*The Well*)
- 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Refugee Worship (Parlor)

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Help us reach our goal...

...to make sure every refugee child has what they need for success.

Items needed: Qty:

Elmer's Glue Sticks 1000

Erasers 500

Water Color Sets 120

2-Pocket Folders—Plain 750

Colored Pencils 350



Donate by: July 29th

Contributions accepted. Make checks payable to:
FPC Mission Commission (memo: school supplies)

Time with the Children

Commissioning of Mission Trip participants

First Reading

II Corinthians 12: 17-21

Second Reading

Deuteronomy 10: 17-21

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "The Republic for Which It Stands"

Pastor Judy Connors

Call to Stewardship

Offertory

Anthem (from Chess)

Benny

Andersson/Bjorn

Ulvaeus/Tim Rice

Justin Petersen, Tenor

No man, no madness

Though their sad power may prevail

Can possess, conquer, my country's heart

They rise to fail

She is eternal

Long before nations' lines were drawn

When no flags flew, when no armies stood

My land was born

And you ask me why I love her

Through wars, death and despair

She is the constant, we who don't care

And you wonder will I leave her -- but how?

I cross over borders but I'm still there now

How can I leave her?

Where would I start?

Let man's petty nations tear themselves apart

My land's only borders lie around my heart.

*Doxology

No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy...

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Closing Hymn *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

No. 561

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Postlude

Minuet Finale

G. F. Handel

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor

Parish Associate

Director of Music

Organist

Brent O. Johnston

Judy Conners

Steve Bizler

Mark Sweeney