

# First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas

## Prophetic Discourse



## in the King's Court.

July 15, 2018

9:30 a.m.





## 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: Jill & Eric Coldwater, Bill DeVore, Jack & Mary Hollowell, Judy Bogart, Katie Waddell-Ritz & family and Bob & Peggy Moore.

**Flowers**—The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ron and Marshall Miner by Jeanetta Miner and family.

**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).

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## Activities & Announcements

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### Transportation volunteers needed

Our Transportation Service is desperate for drivers right now, mornings or afternoons. We need YOU! If you're looking for a meaningful and rewarding experience, this is it.

I'm Bruce Cole, a volunteer driver since 2005. People who can't drive need to get to doctors, dentists, the beauty shop, the grocery store, and other places. We schedule rides 5 days a week in our comfortable cars, but we may need to cut services due to lack of drivers. We have morning and afternoon openings right now. We have subs for weeks you can't drive.

Come ride along with me sometime. You'll see it's not a difficult job, and the rewards are tremendous. Our riders truly appreciate getting out in the world. Ask any of our drivers to share their good experiences.

If you need more information, please call Bruce Cole at 316-250-5554 or write me at [bpvcole@gmail.com](mailto:bpvcole@gmail.com). Make this good decision today. Thank you.

### Come for a "dip" Wednesday, July 18

"I scream. You scream. We all scream for ice cream!" Remember that summertime chant? Our youth like to have fun with summer "Splash" at the camp. The rest of us are invited to come for a "Dip" (or two of ice cream) at the church in *The Well*. The fun will be on the third Wednesday of July the 18th. Bring a friend or your neighbor; come and go or come and stay between 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. We're looking forward to seeing you for some really cool refreshments and fellowship!



### 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!

### **Amos 7:7-15**

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

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### **Mark 6:14-29**

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

## Calendar

### Sunday, July 15

- 9:00 Blood Pressure Check (*The Well*)  
9:00 Dillon's Rewards & Camp Mtg  
(*The Well*)  
9:15 Coffee Fellowship (*The Well*)  
9:30 Worship (Sanctuary)  
10:45 Refugee Worship (Parlor)

### Monday, July 16

- 4:30 Personnel (Hobbs)

### Tuesday, July 17

- 1:00 Staff Meeting (*The Well*)  
5:30 Session (Hobbs)

### Wednesday, July 18

- 9:00 Dorcas Circle (C107)  
1:00 Summer Splash (Camp)  
2:00 The Dip (*The Well*)

### Thursday, July 19

- 11:45 Theological Themes in Literature  
(RR)

### Saturday, July 20

- 11:00 Brent's Bible Study (Hobbs)

### Sunday, July 22

- 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 (items: school supplies)



\*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

Amos 7:7-15

Anthem

*At The River*

Aaron Copland

Terry McManis- Baritone

*Shall we gather by the river,  
Where bright angels feet have trod,  
With its crystal ride forever  
Flowing by the throne of God.*

*Yes, We'll gather by the river,  
The beautiful the beautiful river,  
Gather with the saints by the river  
That flows by the throne of God*

*Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
Soon our pilgrimage will cease,  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver  
With the melody of peace.*

Second Reading

Mark 6:14-29

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Prophetic Discourse in the King's Court."

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

\*Hymn

*O For a World*

No. 386

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

P.H. Pg. 16

Susan Jones

Call to Stewardship

Offertory

*The Gift to Be Simple*

Dale Wood

\*Doxology

No. 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!* No. 341

\*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Recessional

\*Postlude *Trumpet Tune* Wilbur Held

\*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

**Worship Leaders**

Senior Pastor

Brent O. Johnston

Parish Associate

Judy Conners

Director of Music

Steve Bizler

Associate Organist

Garry Huffman

Deacon

Susan Jones

**Wednesday, August 8th 5:00p.m. - Thursday 10a.m.**

We will be hosting our first ever "End of the summer Lock-Inn Bash" @ Whisper Winds Church camp, Valley Center, Kansas. This is an overnight event for children and their families to commune with nature, develop deeper relationships with God and each other, and to enjoy the many amenities of our beautiful camp. (K-2nd grade must have a parent or adult with them or if your child has special needs). We will also have youth and adults present for everyone's safety. You are welcome to bring your dinner. Snacks and breakfast will be provided. Please bring your swim gear, sleeping gear, and a game to play. We will swim, have a short devotional time, and then play games and spend time together.

There will also be a time to talk about the upcoming 2018-2019 Wednesday night programs, fill out enrollment paperwork, and sign up for meal rotation.

We are hoping to make this an annual event and hope it is the start of a new tradition for FPC.