

First Presbyterian Church

Wichita, Kansas



July 22, 2018
9:30 a.m.

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9th Sunday After Pentecost

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Prelude *Two Liturgical Preludes* George Oldroyd

Processional Samantha Gales & Sailor Sulier

Greetings

*Call to Worship

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord

People: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made

People: let us rejoice in it and be glad.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Prayer of the Day

the Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ and make yourself our guest. Amid
through our cares of our daily lives, make us attentive to your voice and alert to your
Holy Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Spirit, One God forever and ever. **Amen**

*Hymn *The Church's One Foundation* No. 442

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of green pastures, we confess that we can get so busy and
distracted that we lose sight of your love and care for us. We forget to live in
gratitude and fail to live lives of goodness and mercy. Forgive us, heal us, and lead
us down gentle paths that restore our souls. 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.

Time with the Children

First Reading 2nd Samuel 7:1-14a



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: Donovan McCall, Kathy McVey, Carol Orr, Shirley Pankratz, David & Becky Deckard and Glen & Janet Shurtz. Please pray for these members that we are aware of that are in the hospital or have been in the hospital: Kenny Lewis, Norma Tucker:

Flowers—The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God by Becky and David Deckard.

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

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. Make this good decision today. Thank you.



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!

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you." But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

Ephesians 2:11-22

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" --a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands--remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Calendar

Sunday, July 22

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

Tuesday, July 24

- 1:00 Staff Meeting (*The Well*)

Wednesday, July 25

- 9:00 Dorcas Circle (C107)
- 1:00 Summer Splash (Camp)
- 2:00 PW Board Meeting (RR)

Saturday, July 28

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

Sunday, July 29

- 8:30 Session Mtg (Parlor)
- 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (*The Well*)
- 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Refugee Worship (Parlor)
- 11:00 Youth Sunday Planning (Youth lounge)

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. If you have any questions please contact Liz Norris @ childrendirector@firstchurchwichita.org or by cell @ 316-214-4318

Anthem *Water From Another Time* John McCutcheon

Steve Bixler, bass

... It don't take much, but you've gotta have some

Old ways help the new ways come

Just leave a little extra for the next in line

Gonna need a Little Water from Another Time.

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:11-22

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Tearing Down Walls that Divide Us, Building Up One Another in Christ ”

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Hymn *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* No. 379

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer P.H. Pg. 16

Call to Stewardship

Offertory

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown

Scottish tune "Candler"/arr Mansfield

*Doxology No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* No.441

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Recessional

*Postlude *Heroique* Gordon Young

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

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)

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor
Parish Associate
Director of Music
Associate Organist

Brent O. Johnston
Judy Conners
Steve Bizler
Gary Huffman