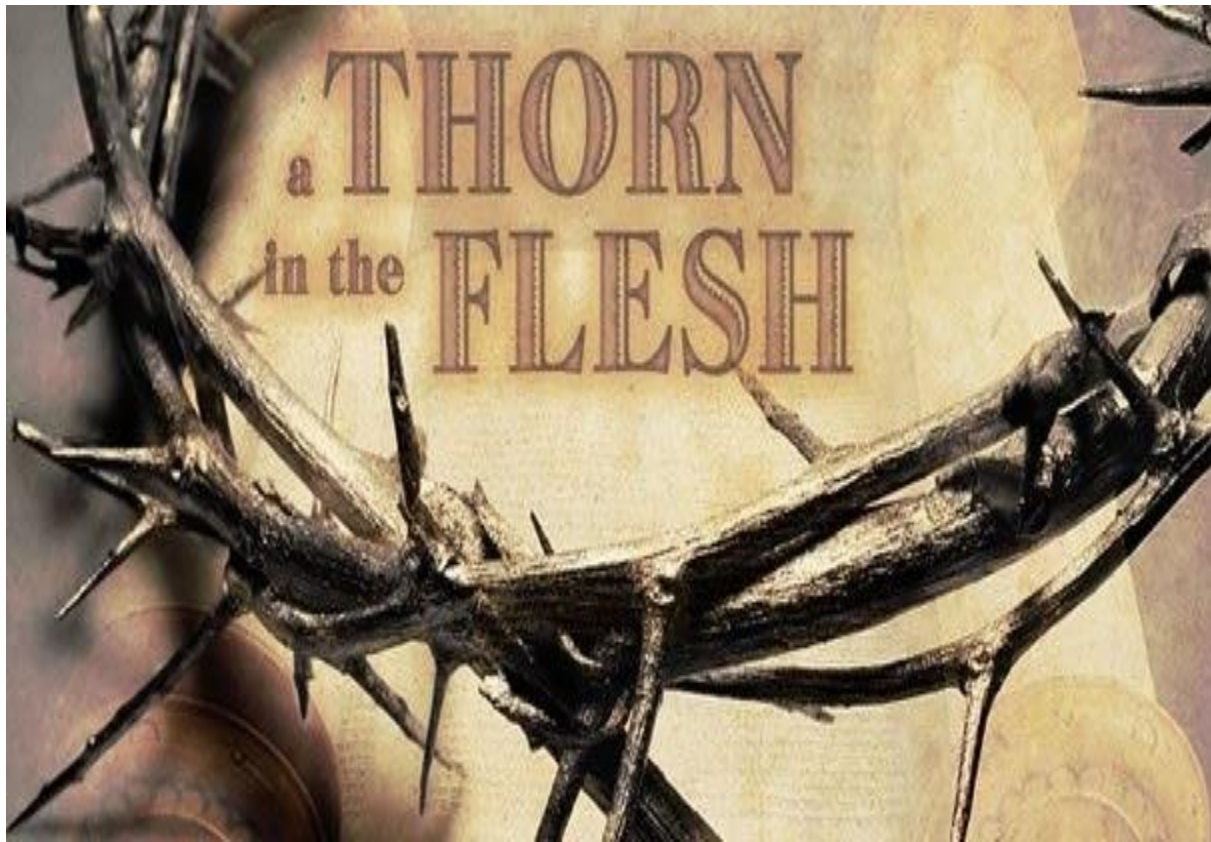


First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



July 8, 2018

9:30 a.m.

Prelude *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Dale Wood

Processional Griffin Barker & Chase Skinner

Greetings

*Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus Christ, the crucified Lord, calls us to believe the good news of salvation.

People: His grace is sufficient for us.

Leader: Let us enter into God's new realm rejoicing, not in our own strength,

People: but in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Prayer of the Day

and God the creator, God of the cross, you show your power in whirling galaxies
unseen forces. You show your love in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus
Christ. Drive out the evils that threaten to break our spirits and help us to
rely on your all-sufficient grace, for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* No. 281

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, whom we have come to know as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we confess there have been times when we live as if you did not overcome sin and death in the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus from Nazareth. Because of our thorns in the flesh, we are more in touch with our pain than we are with the power of your love. Grace, though it may be sufficient to perfect us in weakness, becomes powerless in despair. Our only hope is to reach out to You in faith. Truly, to be held in the everlasting arms of your Grace and Hope enables us to press on in faith despite what presses in on us at any moment.

O God of Grace and Hope, because we have been recipients of such grace and hope, send us out into the world with this good news: the victory of the cross and resurrection won for us in Jesus Christ sets the captives free, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

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: Dwight Corrin, Carol Haltom, Chris & J Kubik, Scott Lyon, Myrna McClure and Kyle & Lorena Kite.

Flowers—The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hugh and Dorothy Price by Alice Price.

If you need a Stephen Minister, or would like more information about the Stephen Ministry, please contact Dr. Brent

Activities & Announcements



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!

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)**

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows--was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Mark 6:1-13

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joseph and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Calendar

Sunday, July 8

Youth Mission Trip

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

Tuesday, July 10

- 1:00 Staff Meeting (Hobbs)
- 5:30 Finance Meeting (Hobbs)
- 6:00 Deacons (C105)

Wednesday, July 11

- 9:00 Dorcas Circle (C107)
- Session Reports Due

Thursday, July 12

- 4:30 Promote the Growth (*The Well*)

Saturday, July 14

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

Sunday, July 15

- 9:00 Blood Pressure Check (*The Well*)
- 9:00 Dillion's Rewards & Camp Mtg
(*The Well*)
- 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (*The Well*)
- 9:30 Worship (Chapel)
- 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary)

*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 Corinthians 12:2-10

Anthem *Reckless Love* Cory Asbury

Sarah Gutierrez, alto

Josh Holcomb on piano/singing and Austin on guitar

Second Reading Mark 6:1-13

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Grace, Thorn in the Flesh, and Traveling Light"

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Hymn *To God be the Glory* No. 485

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

Call to Stewardship
Offertory *Air for the G String* J. S. Bach

*Doxology No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* No. 387

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Choral Response

Recessional

*Postlude *Toccata in g minor* Johann Pachelbel

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor
Parish Associate
Director of Music
Organist

Brent O. Johnston
Judy Conners
Steve Bixler
Mark Sweeney