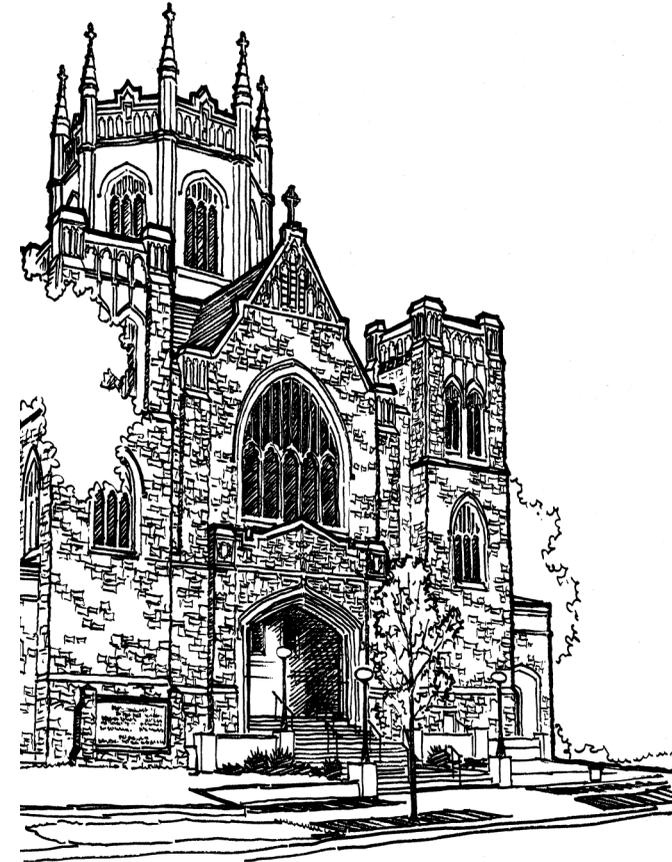


First Presbyterian Church



**September 22, 2019
8:30 & 10:45 a.m.**

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First Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Anthem

A Psalm of Praise

Benjamin Harlan

*Praise ye the Lord in the firmament of His power!
Praise ye the Lord for His mighty acts and for His excellent greatness!
With the sound of the trumpet praise Him! And with the sound of the harp!
Praise Him with the timbrel and dance, with stringed instruments and organ!
With every breath, praise ye the Lord!
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
His mercy is deep and His love so pure, the Lord is greatly to be praised.
And as far as the east is from the west, and the mountains from the sea,
Even so is our Father's great love for me; He is greatly to be praised!*

Second Reading

Luke 16:1-13

Sermon: *"The Dishonest Steward to Lead this Year's Stewardship Campaign "*
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Affirmation of Faith excerpt from Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 73. Which is the Eighth Commandment?

A. The Eighth Commandment is, "Thou shalt not steal."

Q. 74. What is required in the Eighth Commandment?

A. The Eighth Commandment requireth the lawful procuring and furthering the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others.

Q. 75. What is forbidden in the Eighth Commandment?

A. The Eighth Commandment forbiddeth whatsoever doth, or may, unjustly hinder our own, or our neighbor's, wealth or outward estate.

Q. 79. Which is the Tenth Commandment?

A. The Tenth Commandment is, "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's."

Q. 80. What is required in the Tenth Commandment?

A. The Tenth Commandment requireth full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbor and all that is his.

Q. 81. What is forbidden in the Tenth Commandment?

A. The Tenth Commandment forbiddeth all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbor, and all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his.

News & Upcoming Activities

Finish out the Summer with great adventures with the FPC Playgroup!

First Church invites all youngsters (age infant to 5.5 years old) and their parents to join in the fellowship and fun we have designed for you! Mark your calendars and meet us at the following event. Siblings are welcomed! Contact Michelle Murray-Cline for questions at 794-1195.

October 5	Klausmeyer Pumpkin Patch 8135 S 119th Street W Clearwater, Ks 67026	3 p.m.
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CHILDREN & YOUTH WEDNESDAY CLUBS ARE BACK!

Join us each Wednesday for an enriching evening filled with worship, faith, food, friends, fellowship and fun. The kindergarten through 8th grade students will be using the LOGOs curriculum. The 9-12 grade youth will be diving into Genesis and learning how to read the Bible through this year. We are very excited to launch each study and hope you consider joining us each week.



JOURNEYS CLASS IN THE PARLOR

Come join us this fall as we start another exciting “Journeys” class! We will be looking at many, varied aspects of our journey in our Christian life. **This year we will be meeting in the Parlor** on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

First up will be Bob Workman, retired director of the Ulrich Museum at Wichita State, whose experience also includes key positions at the Crystal Bridges Museum in Bentonville, Arkansas; the Amon Carter Museum in Fort Worth, Texas; and the Flint Hills Discovery Center, in Manhattan, Kansas. We will continue that journey with the following topic: We will continue that journey with the following topic:

Christian Art: The Renaissance. Continuing the exploration of the development of Christian Art, this five-week survey will explore the art and architecture of the Italian Renaissance. With the growth of the influence of the Catholic Church and the Papacy, fueled in part by the rise of the Italian Merchant princes, Christian art and architecture reached new heights in the glory of God. Join us for a fast-paced survey of some of mankind’s greatest artistic accomplishments.

Future classes will be led by Pat Welker, Jeff Van Sickle, Gary Huffman, Brian Howard, and Russ Davisson. **Please join us!**

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

SEPTEMBER 25, 2019 at 6:00-7:15 p.m. in *The Well*.

A book discussion of: *SEEKING TO BECOME WHOLE: CREATING A TRANSFORMED CHURCH FOR ALL THE CHILDREN OF GOD*-By Patricia Ambrose Welker

SESSION IV DISCUSSION OF CHAPTER 7, 8, 9

Copies of the book are available on Amazon and Barnes & Noble plus other bookstores. \$13.95 (paperback) or \$9.99 (e-book). They are available for checkout at the Wichita Advanced Learning Library.

Seeking to Become Whole approaches the issue of marginalized persons—the other—by interpreting Jesus’ parables in the context of progressive Christianity to create a church of love and justice for all God’s children. Please go to the author’s website for more information: www.seekingtobecomewhole.wordpress.com.

SMALL GROUP STUDIES WILL BEGIN IN OCTOBER!

“Where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them,” said Jesus. And we at First Church have an opportunity to gather into small groups this fall for Christian fellowship and study starting in October. Two studies are being offered this year:

Neighborhood Church: Transforming Your Congregation into a Powerhouse for Mission

An NPR segment August 29th mentioned that two Anglican cathedrals in England had transitioned to appeal to the younger generation. One had its sanctuary converted to a miniature golf course; the other constructed a carnival ride inside. While those actions are excessive, there is an ongoing need for transformation.

In *Neighborhood Church*, authors Krin Van Tatenhove and Rob Mueller offer a variety of ways of transforming our churches: converting our mental attitude from scarcity to abundance; changing from self-absorption to considering our neighbors; putting the accent on listening; embracing transformative partnerships; integrating building and asset utilization; and sustaining vision. Books are available in the office for \$15.

What’s So Amazing About Grace?

Noted Christian author Philip Yancey gives us an entirely new way of looking at our Christian faith. This very readable book, given the Gold Medallion Christian Book of the Year in 1996, remains extremely relevant, probing the question of grace: what it looks like, what it doesn’t look like, and why only Christians can and must reveal the grace that the world is searching for. The study will include a series of short videos as well as the book. Books are available in the office for \$11.

SIGN UP!-Call the church office at 263-0248 or email Jeff Van Sickle at jtvansickle@hotmail.com. **See group sign up time and address information in *The Well*, on the bulletin board outside the church office or the bulletin insert.**



First
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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 or *The Well* without an adult escort. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Flowers-The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Clifford T. Johnson by Dolores Johnson and her family, and also in honor and recognition of my eight wonderful grandchildren by Esther Harrington.

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: Katie Guimond and family, Ross & Lindsey Hellwig and family and Teresita Saghi.

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.

Calendar

Sunday, September 22

- 8:30 Worship (Chapel)
- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship (*The Well*)
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal
- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Youth C.R.E.W. (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Refugee Worship (Rm 204)
- 12:00 Open Streets-ICT (Offsite)

Tuesday, September 24

- 10:00 Pastoral Staff Meeting (Hobbs)
- 11:00 Staff Meeting (Hobbs)

Wednesday, September 25

- 9:00 Dorcas (C105)
- 5:30 Wednesday Clubs
- 6:00 Wednesday Bible Study (*The Well*)
- 6:15 Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, September 27

- 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (C109)

Saturday, September 28

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

Sunday, September 29

Yellow Bag Sunday

- 8:30 Worship (Chapel)
- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship (*The Well*)
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal
- 10:45 Worship-Acolyte Recognition (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Youth C.R.E.W. (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Refugee Worship (Rm 204)



Save the Date!

Acolyte Recognition Sunday is September 29 at 10:45 Service

Acolytes who have served during the 2018-2019 school year will receive Certificates of Recognition during the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service. We hope all acolytes will be present.

~Lilly-Ann Huffman

Beginning October 1st new safety procedures will be implemented at church gatherings requiring all bags and backpacks to be checked and stowed.