

First Presbyterian Church

Thursday, April 29, 2021

Sunday, May 2, 2021 – 9:30 a.m. In-Person, Live Streaming, and Facebook Live

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Prelude:	<i>"Trust in Jesus"</i>	Raymond Haan
Hymns:	<i>"Christ is Alive"</i> (Vs. 1, 2, 5) <i>"Take My Life"</i> (Vs. 1, 3, 6)	No. 108 No. 391
First Reading:		Acts 8:26-40
Second Reading:		John 15:1-8
Anthem:	<i>"For the Beauty of the Earth"</i> Jesse Warkentin, Piano	John Rutter
Sermon:	<i>"The Dreaded 'E' Word"</i> Rev. Dr. Brent Johnston	
Offertory:	<i>"Grateful"</i> Khyah Van Es, Alto; Jesse Warkentin, Piano	Hezekiah Walker
Postlude:	<i>"Carillon"</i>	Gordon Young

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

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: Roger and Jane Klocke, Steve & Kristen Ivy, and family, Kenneth Long, and Marilyn Heffner.

Sympathy-The rose on the baptismal font this Sunday is in memory of Harriet Lewis. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers as they mourn their recent loss. Services are pending at this time.

Calling all graduates!

We need your help! If you or anyone you know is graduating this spring, from high school, college, or any other school, please let us know so they can be recognized on Sunday, May 9 during the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **The deadline for this information is Sunday, May 2.** This information will also be helpful in updating our college-age student list.

Please contact Geri Doll at 316-737-8855 or by e-mail at doll@firstchurchwichita.org.

Barista Trainees Needed for Coffee Fellowship in the *The Well*

We would like to start training a few volunteers to become Baristas' during the Sunday Coffee Fellowship in *The Well* before and after Sunday Worship services. We need a few people willing to train sometime in the next couple of months. Please contact the church office at 263-0248 if you are interested in learning and volunteering so we can begin providing this service and time of fellowship to our members again. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATES!

Games Camp - Ages K-5th

Date: June 1-4, 2021

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: Whispering Winds Camp

Cost: \$40 per person (Scholarships available upon request)

VBS Camp - Ages Pre-K-5th

Date: June 8-11, 2021

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: Whispering Winds Camp



We ask that each participant bring a sack lunch, swim wear, towel, and a change of clothes if needed. Wear clothes designed for running and playing, including appropriate shoes. No sandals or flip flops. Bring sunscreen and insect repellent.

Camp Registration forms for both camps can be found on the table outside of the church office and on our website. Call Liz Norris at 214-4318 or Geri Doll at 737-8855 with any questions or concerns.

Camp forms are due by May 15th.

Transportation Services are Coming Back in June!

We have not been able to provide any transportation services during the last year and are looking forward to starting services again. We are planning to return to scheduling and driving the first part of June. Riders will be asked to provide proof of vaccination and wear a mask while riding. Needless to say, there have been many changes during the past year. Not all our drivers are able to continue driving and not all schedulers are able to continue working in the transportation office. So, we are looking for volunteers! Please consider donating 1/2 day a week of your time to either drive or do scheduling in the office. Days are flexible so you can pick a day that works best for you. Once you have chosen a day to volunteer, that will be your day! There are always substitutes available when you are out of town or busy.

If you might be interested in driving or working in the office, please contact Bruce (316-250-5554) or Patty Cole (316-250-4577) with your interest or questions or e-mail us at bpvcole@gmail.com. This is a valuable service our church provides, and it is a very rewarding experience.

Upcoming Journeys Classes

Join us on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. via Zoom or in *The Well*

May 2 through 23, join us for the following: *"You've Got to Hear These! Listening to Voices We (Probably) Haven't Heard From"*

Using short videos followed by time to reflect and discuss, this series will feature journeys through our Christian faith from four intriguing vantage points.

May 2	Native American Theology
May 9	<i>"Colored Orneriness"</i>
May 16	Latin American Theology
May 23	<i>"An Uncompromised Commitment"</i>

**Terry Le Blanc, PhD
Emilie Townes, PhD
Juan F. Martinez
Gina Stewart, D. Min**

Columbarium Update & Information

The Shirley Tilford Memorial Garden is a beautifully landscaped space that includes a semi-circular fountain and benches for meditation. The garden is sacred ground that speaks of life and immortality which brings comfort and hope to those who participate in the Christian life.

Our Columbarium, located in the Shirley Tilford Memorial Garden, offers a place of interment for members of First Presbyterian Church. We know that considering final arrangements can be difficult. In an effort to reduce any stress to you and/or your loved ones, if you wish to be interred in a niche, you should consider purchasing the niche sooner rather than later. We have thirty open niches in our Columbarium.

If you are a member of FPC and wish to purchase a niche for yourself or members of your family (spouse and children), please contact the church office for the required paperwork. Also, please note that the cost of a niche is \$725 and the current cost of the required plaque is \$164.

Whispering Winds Camp News

The Camp is open to groups of any size, with appropriate precautions for COVID-19. The pools are currently closed but are planned to re-open Memorial Day weekend. Anyone interested in renting should submit an application with their proposed schedule (Date in, Date out, # people, proposed activities) to Dave Duncan (Camp Manager, 371-1050) and must complete a Rental Agreement with the Finance Office.

YOUR LEADERSHIP EDGE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The next sessions of the Kansas Leadership Center's Your Leadership Edge class will be held on May 5-6, June 2-3, and July 7-8. Courses are held online using Zoom. Sessions begin at 8:30 a.m. and end by 2 p.m. with generous breaks built into each day.

To enroll in a class:

1. Go to the Kansas Leadership Center's Your Leadership Edge page (www.kansasleadershipcenter.org/yourleadershipedge)
2. Look for a blue box that says, "Create Account Here to Register." Click on that box to start your registration, then select the option to create your account.
3. Toward the end of the registration, there will be an option to enter a promo code. Be sure to enter FirstPrez2020 to waive the registration fee.
4. Watch for an email confirmation of your class registration.

The two books used in the class are available at no charge and located in the church office. These are "Your Leadership Edge: Lead Anytime, Anywhere" and the "KLC Guidebook."

If you have questions about the training or need assistance with your registration, contact Cynthia Berner, facilitator of our Core Transformation Team, at ictbooks@gmail.com or 641-7587.

-Cynthia Berner, Transformation Team Facilitator

A NEW WAY TO DONATE USING BY AMAZON ON YOUR SMART PHONE

Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "First Presbyterian Church" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They will donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

How it works:

1. Open the Amazon application on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
3. Select "First Presbyterian Church" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile application.



CALENDAR

Sunday, May 2

- 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Stream, & Facebook Live
- 10:00 Refugee Worship (Rm 204)
- 10:30 Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Journeys Class (Zoom/*The Well*)
- 11:00 "Family Connection" (EDR/WDR)
- 1:00 WOW Bible Study (YL)

Tuesday, May 4

- 1:00 Staff Mtg (MS/Teams/*The Well*)
- 2:00 Pastoral Staff Mtg (MS Teams/*The Well*)
- 4:30 Camp Comm. Mtg (*The Well*)
- 5:30 Facilities Comm. Mtg (Zoom)
- 5:30 CE Mtg (Zoom)

Wednesday, May 5

- 9:00 Dorcas (Rm C105)
- 6:00 Youth Club (YL)

Saturday, May 8

- 9:30 Transportation Mtg (C109)
- 10:30 WRCC Worship Prep Mtg (Parlor)

Sunday, May 9

- 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Stream, & Facebook Live
- 10:00 Refugee Worship (Rm 204)
- 10:30 Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Graduate Recognition (*The Well*)
- 10:45 Journeys Class (Zoom/*The Well*)
- 11:00 "Family Connection" (EDR/WDR)
- 1:00 WOW Bible Study (YL)