

First Presbyterian Church

Weekly News Update

Thursday, March 26, 2020
Sunday, March 29, 2020 - 10:45 a.m. - Livestream
5th Sunday in Lent

Prelude	<i>Prelude Modale</i>	Jean Langlais
Hymns:	<i>Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers</i> (vs. 1,2,5) <i>Breathe on Me, Breath of God</i> (vs. 1,2,4)	No. 325 No. 316
First Reading		Romans 8:6-11
Second Reading		John 11:1-45
Anthem	<i>None Other Lamb</i>	Craig Courtney
Sermon:	“God’s Astonishing Word in Unique Times!” Rev. Dave Fulton	
Offertory	<i>I Can Only Imagine</i> Emily Chancellor, Mezzo Soprano: Asael Gonzalez, Piano	Mercy Me
Postlude	<i>Ricercar</i>	Johann Pachelbel

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Sedgwick County has issued a stay-at-home order, with many exceptions, in an effort to slow the spread of the coronavirus. The order will be in effect for 30 days, but that is subject to change. Consequently, the church will be closed to the public until further notice.

Dear FPC Family,

We must continue to find ways to practice Social distancing but not Spiritual distancing, encouraging faith, not fear. Towards this end, the Session has passed the following measures:

- Cancel all meetings as instructed according county and/or state orders
- Cancel Sunday services-conduct a 10:45 a.m. livestreaming service with the help of music staff and Liz will record Kids Connection
- Cancel Wednesday Night Activities; conduct Adult Education via Zoom, conduct Youth via Facebook Live Streaming, post resources on website for our parents and school age children
- Make Zoom video conferencing application available to conduct other meetings like Session and CE for those self-quarantining
- Publish weekly worship service information and news updates via e-mail and mailing that same information to those without e-mails instead of a monthly PresbyNews
- Email daily devotionals
- Make available those who need assistance in getting groceries and medication through Parish Nurse and Deacons

- Melodrama has been postponed TBD
- No communion until this crisis is over
- Community Breakfast - TBD

As always, we want to remain connected to Christ and one another through this pandemic, feeding faith and not fear. And, yet, always ready to be a Good Samaritan to those in need. We have established a COVID 19 Fund to help those financially impacted by this virus. You may help by sending contributions to this fund knowing guidelines have been established in its administration. As always, your patience is appreciated as well as your sense of humor and creativity. If you have further suggestions, how we might feed our faith and not our fear, let me know.

Worship online with us at 10:45 am by going to this link www.firstchurchwichita.org/media/Live-Streaming. Invite a friend to join us. We will also be livestreaming through our Facebook page **First Presbyterian Church Wichita, KS**.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Brent

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble. Therefore, we will not fear.” Psalm 46:1-2.

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: Jackson Haltom, Velta Clough, Elfie Alexander and Pearl Whittit.

First Presbyterian Memorial Scholarship Applications Due by April 1, 2020.

The FPC Memorial Scholarship awards up to \$1000 for books, tuition, and fees each year to eligible students. You can find more information about eligibility and the applications on the table outside the office. Contact Alice Price at 267-6853 with any questions.

Sunday Kids Connection

Kids Connection will be prerecorded and part of the livestream worship service at 10:45 a.m. to stay connected with our children ages 4 through 11. Each week we complete a chapter and share how to apply the word of God to our everyday lives.

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 29

10:45 Worship Livestream (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, March 31

11:00 Staff Mtg (MS Team Livestream)

Wednesday, April 1

7:00 Wednesday Clubs-Facebook Live

Sunday, April 5, 2020

10:45 Worship Livestream (Sanctuary)

We will not be publishing the PresbyNews for April due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. The information available and restrictions for public gatherings is changing so rapidly that publishing the PresbyNews would not contain accurate information for our members. Instead we will be creating a Weekly News Update which will be posted on the website and sent to members via e-mail to keep everyone informed of church activities that will be available through livestreaming, social media, teleconferencing applications, etc. The Weekly News Update will provide more up to date information as new it becomes available. Members without e-mails will receive the same information contained in the Weekly News Update through the mail. **If your e-mail, phone number and/or address has changed please e-mail the office at publications@firstchurchwichita.org so we can update your information in the church database.**

A NOTE FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

Please reach out to your church family and friends with a personal call or note to check in with them. These are very isolating times and staying connected will be beneficial, especially for our mental and spiritual health. Keep the prayers lifted, too.

Please note that if you need help with grocery shopping or picking up other essential items, like medicines, several church members have offered to help in getting necessities to you. You can also download the Dillon's app or the Instacart app (for many other grocery stores like Aldi, Sprouts, Target, CVS, etc.) on your phone or computer to order and deliver your groceries. If you need help, especially during these trying times, please call me.

Stay home and stay safe. **If you do become sick with symptoms of the flu: fever (100.4 or higher), trouble breathing with tightness in your chest, dry cough, body aches, please call your health provider immediately for instructions. Do not go to the ER unless you have been instructed to do so.**

Joan Aldrich, Parish Nurse
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If you need a Stephen Minister, or would like more information about the Stephen Ministry, please contact Rev. Brent Johnston or Louise Farmer at lfarmer4164@gmail.com.