

First Presbyterian Church

“God is Still at Work and So Are We”

Thursday, January 7, 2021

Sunday, January 10, 2020 – 9:30 a.m. In-Person, Live Streaming, and Facebook Live

Baptism of the Lord

Prelude:	<i>“The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away”</i>	J. S. Bach
Hymns:	<i>“As with Gladness Men of Old”</i> (Vs. 1, 3, 4) <i>“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”</i> (vs. 1, 2, 4)	No. 63 No. 70
First Reading:		Acts 19:1-7
Second Reading:		Mark 1:4-11
Anthem:	<i>“Arise, Shine, Your Light Has Come”</i>	Mary McDonald
Sermon:	<i>“Baptism: A Question of Immersion”</i> Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston	
Offertory:	<i>“Miracle”</i> Steve Bixler, Guitar	David Wilcox
Postlude:	<i>“As with Gladness Men of Old”</i>	Raymond Haan

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: Heidi & Sean Barker and family, Keaton Pedrino, Liz & Robert Workman, and Stephanie Penny.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We would like to announce the birth of Ryan Cole to Katherine, our custodian. Baby and mother are both doing fine. If you would like to send a card you can send it to the church office.

Ryan Cole weighed 6 lbs. and 11oz and was 19 inches long. He was born at 2:19 a.m. on December 27th.



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Journeys Class

CAN LISTENING TO VOICES OF OTHER RELIGIONS AND FAITH COMMUNITIES LEAD US TO A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING AND PRACTICE OF OUR FAITH TRADITION?

Over 5 Sundays we will study and discuss other faiths and our own with a new lens seeking to understand other traditions and deepening our own faith traditions. Facilitated by Pat Welker. For questions, please call Pat at (720) 273-2124.

ALL SESSIONS WILL BE ON ZOOM.

The week before Jan. 3 an invitation to the congregation will be sent by Pastor Brent with the code to enter the Zoom meeting. Class will begin at 10:45 a.m. and conclude at 11:45. **(Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, and Feb 7)**. You may enter the meeting at 10:40 and all meetings will begin right on time. We are covering 7 weeks of material in 5 weeks, so time is critical.

An email attachment packet of information will accompany the invitation so you may have information about the class and a syllabus. Each week you will receive a reminder link to enter the class that week.

If you feel the church office does not have the correct email for you, please email or call the office and make the correction.

Please obtain a copy of Barbara Brown Taylor's book "HOLY ENVY." Available on Amazon (e-books for about \$10.00). Please read Introduction, Chapter 1 and 2 before our first meeting.

REGISTERING FOR KLC'S YOUR LEADERSHIP EDGE

2021 Virtual Session Dates:

February 3-4, March 3-4, April 14-15, May 5-6, June 2-3, July 7-8, August 4-5, September 1-2, October 6-7, November 3-4. (Registration closes two weeks prior to each program.)

1. Go to the Kansas Leadership Center Website (www.kansasleadershipcenter.org). You can also go directly to the information page for the Your Leadership Edge course by pointing your browser to (www.kansasleadershipcenter.org/yourleadershipedge)
2. You will be required to create an account so that you can receive the training agenda and other course materials. Look for a blue box that says, "Create Account Here to Register" and click on that box to start your registration, then select the option to create your account.
3. The first part of creating your account will be to enter your name, email address and to create and confirm a password.
4. Once your account has been created, you can proceed with the course registration. (NOTE: There is a section that says Headshot/Bio that appears to be mandatory. Although KLC would like to have a photo of you, this is not necessary.)
 - a. If you do opt to upload a photo, note that this is a two-step process. The participants will have to "choose file" and select a picture and then "upload" the picture onto the registration as well. If you have trouble it may be because you clicked the "choose file" and haven't also clicked the "upload" button to make the picture stick. The other possible issue is that the picture file you are may be too large.
 - b. You will need to enter some information in the bio section, but this does not have to be an extensive personal resume. Something as simple as "I am participating as a member of First Presbyterian Church" will suffice.
5. Toward the end of the registration, there will be an option to enter a promo code. Be sure to enter FirstPrez2020 which should remove the registration fee in its entirety.
6. If you successfully complete your registration, you should receive an email confirmation shortly thereafter. If you do not, be sure to check your SPAM folder. If you do not believe you have it after about 24 hours, let me know and I will have the KLC staff check the class list to see if they can find and resend your confirmation.

CHURCH SESSION MOTIONS APPROVED

There will only be one Worship service each week at 9:30 a.m. both in-person and live streaming through May 2021.

(In order to maintain social distancing during worship, please do not sit in the pews that are roped off.)

- The Session voted to suspend all meetings and on-site activities, except for Sunday Worship and the Community Breakfast (as limited below).
 - The volunteers who make the Community Breakfast possible will be allowed to operate inside the building. The Community Breakfast guests will continue to be served outside of the building.
- Member key cards will be active only during office hours from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday. If you need access at some other time, please call or text our Facilities Manager, Roy Yarbrough at 516-4772.
- The Session has discussed the issues created by COVID-19 at every meeting since March 2020. They will continue to evaluate the situation and act accordingly each month. They wish they could provide a 100% reopening date for all church activities, but that is just not possible.
- Sunday Worship services continue to require the following protocols be adhered to: face masks are required, maintain social distancing, the west entrance is the only open entrance to the building, temperatures of all participants will be taken, the collection plates will NOT be passed but instead will be placed at the doors, and there will be no congregational singing during services.

Youth Member in Need

We have a youth member who needs a full-sized box springs and mattress. Please contact Geri Doll at 737-8855 if you are able assist with this need. Thank you.

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 10

9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Streaming, & Facebook Live
10:00 Refugee Worship (Rm 204)
10:45 Journey's Class (Zoom)
5:00 Worship & Music Comm Mtg (Zoom)

Monday, January 11

6:00 Mission Comm Mtg (Zoom)

Tuesday, January 12

1:00 Staff Mtg (MS Teams)
2:00 Pastoral Staff Mtg (MS Teams)
5:30 Finance Mtg (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 13

10:00 PW Study Circle (Zoom)

Sunday, January 17

9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Streaming, & Facebook Live
10:00 Refugee Worship (Rm 204)
10:45 Journey's Class (Zoom)