

First Presbyterian Church

“God is Still at Work and So Are We”

Thursday, October 15, 2020

Sunday, October 18, 2020 – 9:30 a.m. – Live Stream and In Person

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude:	<i>“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”</i>	Dale Wood
Hymns:	<i>“God of Grace and God of Glory”</i> (vs. 1, 4, 5) <i>“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”</i> (vs. 1, 2, 4)	No. 420 No. 540
First Reading:		Exodus 33:12-23
Second Reading:		Matthew 22:15-22
Anthem:	<i>“I Will Give Thanks”</i> Jesse Warkentin, Piano	Joseph Martin
Sermon:	<i>“Mistrust Leads to a Revelation of Character”</i> Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston	
Offertory:	<i>“Close Every Door”</i> (from <i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat</i>) Asher Isaac, Bass	Andrew Lloyd Webber
Postlude:	<i>“Praise to the Lord”</i>	Richard Williamson

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Sympathy-The white rose on the baptismal font today is in memory of Bob Schneider. Please keep his wife Dot and his family and friends in your prayers as they grieve their loss.

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: Dolores Granger, Heidi & Scott Iwig and family, Robert Heaton, Helen Steindler, and Darryl Ott.

SAVE THE DATE-SPECIAL HERITAGE SUNDAY SERVICE ON OCTOBER 25!

The unveiling of our 150th Anniversary Documentary will be premiered during the Heritage Sunday service. We look forward to finally unveiling the documentary of our church history.

Please plan to join us for this special service!



ECONOMY CORNER OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The Economy Corner is open for regular purchases, donation drop-offs and vouchers on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons from 1 to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SUNDAY KIDS CONNECTION-Kids Connection is prerecorded as part of the live stream worship service on Sundays. If you have questions on how to participate or find the group online, please call Liz at 316-214-4318 or via email at Norris@firstchurchwichita.org.

YOUTH CLUB MEETS ON WEDNESDAYS

The Youth Club is meeting on Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m. in the Youth Lounge. Masks and safety precautions will be followed as required. Call Geri Doll at 737-8855 for additional information or questions.

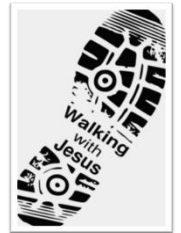


CAMP NEWS!!

Good News!!! The outdoor portions of the camp are open including the trails, basketball court, picnic tables, and RV campground. We are offering 50-amp camper hookups (limited). These are limited to small groups, family groups, day use, picnics, and overnight stays. We can only hope and pray that COVID19 will subside so we can get back in the business of camp life. Re-opening will still include precautions such as face coverings, social distancing, hygiene, and other practical measures to as required. Please contact Dave at (316) 371-1050 for availability, limits of use, and to set up your visit. **Please note the buildings and cabins are closed until further notice.**

“Walking with Jesus on Sunday Afternoons”

On Sunday afternoons from 4 - 5:30 p.m. children of all ages and their families are invited to join us at Whispering Winds Camp for “Walking with Jesus on Sunday Afternoons”. This is an opportunity for children and families to gather in a safe environment and grow in their faith. If you plan to attend, please call Liz at 316-214-4318 or via email at Norris@firstchurchwichita.org.



Journeys Class on Sundays at 10:45 via Zoom.

- **October 4-November 1 -*Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory***
Jeff Van Sickle will lead this session on Tod Bolsinger’s book excellent 2015 book. In it, he outlines a strategy for addressing the issues facing our church as well as other mainline denominations. Bolsinger compares our current situation to the expedition of Lewis and Clark. These explorers, expecting to find a waterway to the Pacific Ocean, instead encountered the Rocky Mountains. That was a real game changer! Canoes wouldn’t work. They had to find other ways to complete their journey. But they persevered, continued their mission of discovery, and completed the treacherous journey over the mountains to the ocean. We, too, need to embrace that spirit of discovery. Books are available at no cost in the church office. Come join us as we all learn how to canoe the mountains!
- **November 8-29 - *Trouble I’ve Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism* by Drew I.G. Hart**
Called “A savvy and balanced blend of topics that should serve as a useful introduction for Christians of all races,” Hart covers subjects that will make us all more attuned to what it means to be black in a white-dominated world. Hart is a theologian, blogger, and activist. His blog is hosted by *Christian Century*, and he speaks regularly at churches, universities, and seminaries. Books are available at your favorite bookstore.

CHURCH ACCESS & SESSION MOTIONS APPROVED

- **October 4, 2020 through May 2021, there will only be one Worship service. Services begin at 9:30 a.m. There will be services both in person and via live streaming on our website and Facebook Live.**
- In person Worship services require the following protocols to be followed: face masks required, maintain social distancing, only one entrance (to the building) will be open, 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.
- The church is open for meetings of 15 or fewer participants. Requirements for the meetings are as follows: face masks are to be worn in the building, practice social distancing and no shared food. In addition, due to the cleaning/sanitizing that will be necessary after a meeting, meetings must be scheduled through the office at least 2 days in advance of desired date/time.
- Members key cards are only active from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and for scheduled meetings. This will also allow the custodians time to clean and disinfect all areas used prior to the next scheduled meeting.

COFFEE FOR SALE!

If you would like to stock up on our delicious coffee, please come by the church during our current business hours. **The church office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** We have French Roast, Medium Roast, and Dark Roast in both whole bean and ground. Each 1-pound bag is \$11. We also have Decaf ground coffee for \$13 per pound. Thank you.

LEADERSHIP CLASSES OFFERED AT KANSAS LEADERSHIP CENTER

Background-As we pass through our 150th year, First Presbyterian Church can be proud of its rich history. Our church continues to provide its ministry through strong worship and numerous mission projects such as Economy Corner, the backpack project, and the community breakfast. But we, like so many mainline churches, face challenges. Many people, while claiming to be spiritual, have no interest in church membership. Christians are becoming a minority. Our downtown neighborhood is changing. Our congregation is getting smaller. **To thrive and survive, what will our church members do?**

Take a Leadership Class!

Through arrangement with the Kansas Leadership Center, we invite you to enroll in an excellent class called *Your Leadership Edge*. **These classes will outline the skills needed as the church faces the challenges and opportunities for the future.**

Here is what you do to enroll in a class:

- First, you will need a code: Contact Cynthia Berner, Chair of the Core Transformation Team, at ictbooks@gmail.com, 641-7587. You may also call the church office at 263-0248.
- Then, go to the KLC website kansasleadershipcenter.org and follow the instructions. You will need the code number, as noted above. Future classes are scheduled for November 11-12.
- Finally, pick up your books in the church office. These are *Your Leadership Edge: Lead Anytime, Anywhere* and a spiral-bound notebook "KLC Guidebook." There is no charge for these books.

Please consider joining us for these very informative classes!

FALL SMALL GROUP -JOIN US AS WE CANOE THE MOUNTAINS!

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The groups are as follows:

- **Sundays-Oct. 4-25- from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Led by Jeff Van Sickle via Zoom. Contact jtvansickle@hotmail.com or ph. 680-0344.**
- **Tuesdays-Sept. 29-Nov. 3rd from 2-3:00 p.m. Led by Alice Price at 807 N. Nims. Contact amarietp7819@att.net or ph. 841-7942.**
- **Wednesdays-Oct. 7-Nov. 4th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Led by Brent Johnston in *The Well* & Zoom. Contact pastor@firstchurchwichita.org or ph. 263-0248.**
- **Thursdays-Oct. 1-29th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Led by Cynthia Berner and Melinda Sears via Zoom. Contact sj.ml.sears@att.net or ph. 993-2763.**

A NOTE OF THANKS!

Thank you for all the cards and expressions of sympathy and support following Donald's passing. You have helped us through a difficult time. ~ Sara, Douglas, and Stephanie Hutchison.

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 18

9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In Person, Live Stream and Facebook Live

10:45 Journeys Class (*The Well/Zoom*)

10:45 Refugee Worship (Whispering Winds Camp)

4:00 "Walking with Jesus on Sundays"- Children & Families (Whispering Winds Camp)

Tuesday, October 20

10:00 Pastoral Staff Mtg (*The Well/MS Teams*)

1:00 Staff Mtg (*The Well/MS Teams*)

6:30 Session (Zoom)

Wednesday, October 21

9:00 Dorcas (C105)

6:00 Youth Club (Youth Lounge)

6:30 Small Group Study-"Canoeing the Mountains"-(*The Well/Zoom*)

Sunday, October 25

Heritage Sunday-Featuring the 150th Anniversary Documentary

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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.