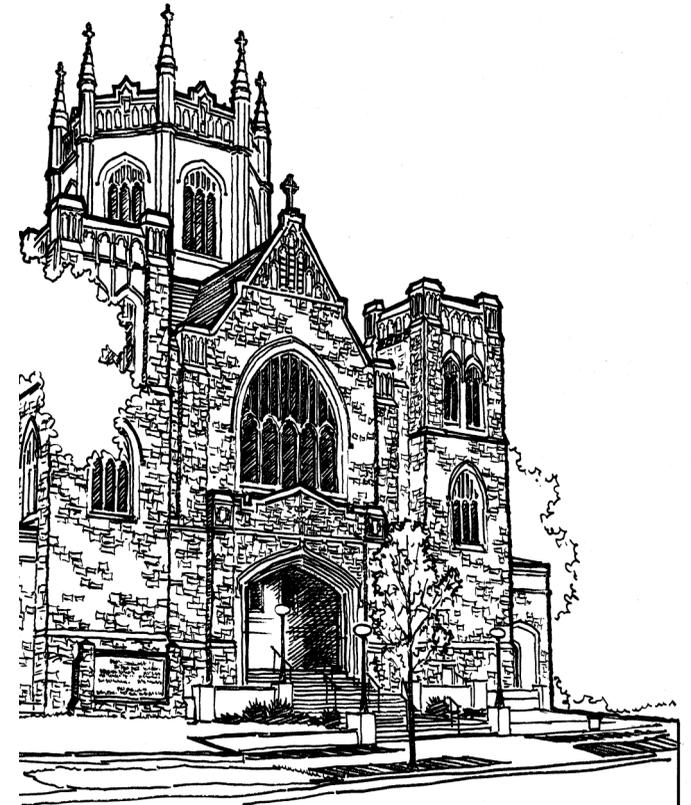


First Presbyterian Church



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9:30 a.m. In-Person & Live Streaming

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Second Sunday after Epiphany

9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Lamento

Denis Bédard

Greetings

Call to Worship - Psalm 139:1-4,6

Leader: O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

Leader: You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

People: Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely

Leader: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

People: Let us worship God.

Prayer of Adoration

Almighty God, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

*Hymn

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art (Vs. 1, 2) No. 457

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Leader: As God's own people, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Be always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven you. And, above everything else, be loving, and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for you. Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Kids Connection (pre-recorded)

First Reading 1 Samuel 3:1-20

Anthem *Give Me Jesus* L. L. Fleming

Second Reading John 1:43-51

Sermon *"When One's Vision Grows Dim and Deaf to the Word"*
Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

Affirmation of Faith - Excerpt from Barman Declaration

Leader: In view of the errors of the "[Christian Nationalists]" of the present Reich Church government which are devastating the Church and are also thereby breaking up the unity of the German Evangelical Church, we confess the following evangelical truths: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me." (John 14:6). "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber.... I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved." (John 10:1, 9.)

People: Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. We reject the false doctrine, as though the Church could and would have to acknowledge a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God, still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God's revelation.

Upcoming Classes

REGISTERING FOR KLC'S YOUR LEADERSHIP EDGE

2021 Virtual Session Dates

(Registration closes two weeks prior to each program.)

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

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. It 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.

Upcoming Events & News

Journeys Classes

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 was 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. **Due to the Congregational Annual Meeting on January 31, the final class has been rescheduled for February 7, 2020.**

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.

Please obtain a copy of Barbara Brown Taylor's book "HOLY ENVY." Available on Amazon (e-books for about \$10.00).

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.
- 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.



Welcome, Visitors!

We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting First Presbyterian Church this morning. We are glad you are here! If you recently had a change in address, e-mail, or phone number, please feel free to contact the office on Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. so that we may update your information.

Please remember to turn off your cell phone before worship this morning.

All persons must sign in upon entry of the building at this time.

Children’s Information-Children are welcome in worship. We do not mind a little fidgeting and fussing in the pew. 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 without an adult escort. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sunday Kids Connection-Kids Connection is prerecorded as part of the live stream worship service at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you have questions on how to find the group, please call Liz at (316) 214-4318.

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: Susan Bentson and family, Molly & Roger Lyon, Jennifer Lewis, and Marilyn Lewis.

Sympathy-Please keep Nancy Bishop and her family in your prayers. Her father, Roy Folk, passed away last Friday. If you would like to send a card you may send it to the church office.

Calendar

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)

Tuesday, January 19
 1:00 Staff Mtg (MS Teams)
 2:00 Pastoral Staff Mtg (MS Teams)
 6:30 Session Mtg (Zoom)

Sunday, January 24
 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Streaming, & Facebook Live
 10:00 Refugee Worship (Rm 204)
 10:45 Journey’s Class (Zoom)

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You can also help earn money for FPC when you make purchases from Amazon. Amazon Smile is a program that donates 0.5% of each purchase to the charity of your choice. When you are ready to shop, go to <http://smile.amazon.com>, choose FPC as your charity, then shop!



Live-Streaming News

The Worship Commission along with the Facilities Commission is delighted to announce the fiber optic installation is complete!! If you had been hesitant about live streaming because of difficulties with audio, do not hesitate any longer. With the installation of fiber optic cable, the audio and visual portions of our live streaming service are now excellent. We can hear the sermon and we can hear the wonderful music!!

The installation was completed a few weeks ago so those who have watched regularly should have noticed the improvement. Those who have not been live streaming, please tune in! It is wonderful to see and hear the worship service!