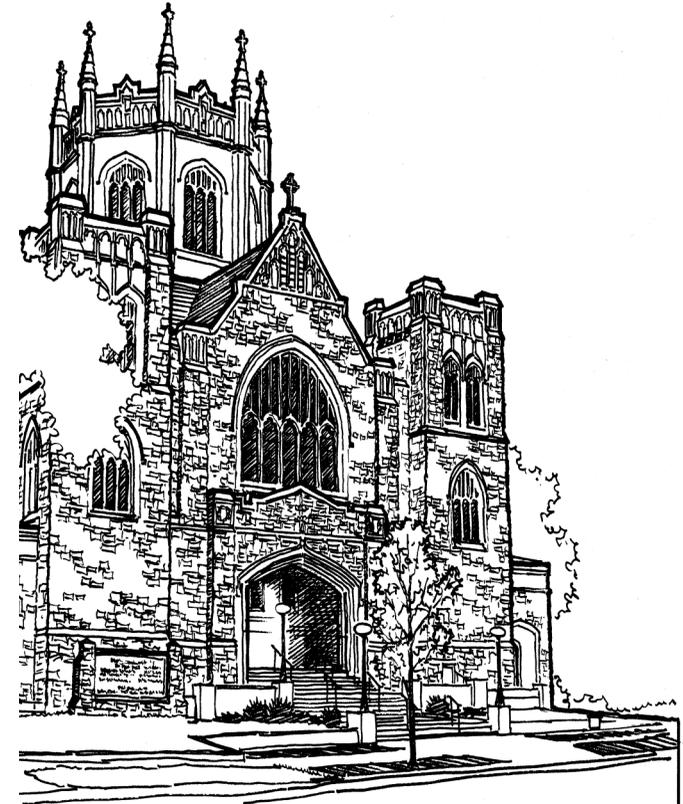


# First Presbyterian Church



**January 24, 2021  
9:30 a.m. In-Person & Live Streaming**

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January 24, 2021

Third Sunday after Epiphany

9:30 a.m.

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Prelude

*Chanson*

Gordon Young

Greetings

\*Call to Worship

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

**People: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

Leader: On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

**People: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

\*Prayer of Adoration

Loving God, through your Son you have called us to repent of our sin, to believe the good news, and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom. Like Christ's first apostles, may we hear his call to discipleship, and, forsaking old ways, proclaim the gospel of new life to a broken world, through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

\*Hymn

*All Creatures of Our God and King* (Vs. 1, 2, 6)

No. 455

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Leader: Hear the teaching of Christ: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Kids Connection (pre-recorded)

First Reading Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Anthem *Sing Unto God* Gordon Young

Second Reading Mark 1:14-20

Sermon *"Call and Response"*  
Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

\*Affirmation of Faith - Excerpt from *Confession of 1967*

**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as man involves the church in the common life of [humanity]. His service to [humanity] commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of [humankind] so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of [men, women, and children] in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on man's inhumanity to man and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of [human] life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So, to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Call to Stewardship *"Explore Multiple Interpretations"* KLC Video # 3  
Melinda Sears

Offertory                      *Do You Know the Land?*                      Mark Adamo  
   *Terry McManis, Baritone*

\*Doxology                      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*                      No. 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn                              *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* (Vs. 1, 3, 4)                      No. 357

\*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

\*Postlude                              *Cortège*                              Gordon Young

\*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor	Brent O. Johnston
Liturgist	Dave Fulton
Director of Music	Steve Bixler
Organist	Mark Sweeney

### **Production Crew**

Dave Muehl, Sound; Sailor Sulier, Computer Graphics;  
Bob Moler, Camera Operator; Michelle Edwards, Video Editor.

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## Upcoming Classes

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### 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](http://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](http://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.

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## Upcoming Events & News

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### 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.

**Due to the Congregational Annual Meeting on January 31, the final class has been rescheduled for February 7, 2021. 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.

**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.**

### 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: Barbara & Gilbert Addison, Dwight Corrin, Edward & Carolyn Plavcan, Melody & Kyle Stanberry and family, and Pat Welker.

**Sympathy**-Please keep Marsha Veasart and family in your prayers as they grieve the recent loss of Marsha’s father-in-law, Alvin Veasart, who passed away on Friday, January 15.

**Calendar**

**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)

**Monday, January 25**  
 6:30 KLC Transformation Team Mtg (Zoom)

**Tuesday, January 26**  
 1:00 Staff Mtg (MS Teams)  
 2:00 Pastoral Staff Mtg (MS Teams)

**Sunday, January 31**  
 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Streaming, & Facebook Live  
 10:00 Refugee Worship (Rm 204)  
 10:45 Congregational Mtg (Sanctuary/ Zoom)

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**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON JANUARY 31**

The meeting will be January 31, 2021, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service at 10:45 a.m. The purposes of the meeting are 1) receive the Annual Report, 2) elect the 2021 Nominating Committee, 3) receive an update from the KLC Transformation Committee, 4) review the Financial Statement of 2020, 5) review the Operating Budget for 2021, 6) approve the 2021 Terms of Call for Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston, 7) review and receive the 2020 Statistical and Necrology reports.

**If you are unable to attend and would like a copy of the Annual Report mailed to you, please contact the office by phone or e-mail.** A separate letter has been sent with more information on multiple ways to participate in the meeting.