

January Mission Memos & Upcoming Activities

Mission Projects Need Plastic Bags

Do you have more plastic bags from Dillon's, Wal-Mart, Walgreen's or other merchants than you can use? The Mission Commission needs them for the distribution of household and hygiene items for the refugees. And they are needed at the Community Breakfast for the take-away peanut butter & jelly sandwiches and personal items for the guests. Please leave them in the basket outside the church office where supplies for the refugees are collected. Thanks for the 2019 calendars; we collected 87 which were gratefully received.

Refugee Families Need Our Help

Winter illnesses such as colds, coughs and especially the flu has hit the 18 families in our refugee congregation hard. With their limited resources it is difficult for them to purchase some of the items they need to stay healthy. The Mission Commission is asking your help to provide the following items: Kleenex (and/or handkerchiefs), toilet issue, cough syrup, cough drops, aspirin, mentholatum or Vicks VapoRub, Chapstick and bar soap. There is a collection basket outside the church office.

Thanks for your support!

REMINDER!

The Annual Reports are on the information table by the front office for your review. All members are invited to attend the Congregational Meeting after the service today in the Sanctuary.

2019 Christian Fellowship Groups

Building Christian Community



See Hosts and Beginning dates! Meet 1-2 more times as the group decides! (You may sign up for more than one!)

Sign up in The Well or Contact the Host ASAP!

Calendar

Sunday, January 27

Yellow Bag Sunday

- 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (*The Well*)
- 9:30 Youth Sunday School (YL)
- 9:30 Journeys Class (WDR)
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Refugee Worship (C201 & C204)
- 12:00 Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 Melodrama Rehearsal (EDR)

Tuesday, January 29

- 10:00 Pastoral Staff Mtg (Hobbs)
- 11:00 Staff Meeting (*The Well*)

Wednesday, January 30

- 9:00 Dorcas (C105)
- 5:30 Wednesday Clubs
- 5:30 Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary)
- 6:15 James Ringers (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 Brent's Bible Study (The Parlor)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, February 1

- 9:00 Souper Bowl 2019 (EDR, WDR)
- 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (Parlor)

Saturday, February 2

- 8:00 Community Breakfast (EDR, WDR)
- 8:00 Guadalupe Clinic (EDR)
- 10:00 Meeting with Mission w/ WRCC (Hobbs)
- 11:00 Brent's Bible Study w/WRCC (Hobbs)

Sunday, February 3

Communion

- 8:30 Worship (Chapel)
- 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (*The Well*)
- 9:30 Youth Sunday School (YL)
- 9:30 Journeys Class (WDR)
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
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COMING IN FEBRUARY
2019 Christian Fellowship Groups
Sign Up Sheets will be located in
The Well.

*The Peace

Leader: 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.

First Readings

Genesis 3:1-19

Anthem

Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Faure

*O Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation,
Eternal Light of the earth and the sky, We kneel in adoration,
O Savior, turn on us Thy loving eye!*

*Send down on us the fire of Thy grace all consuming,
Whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell,
And rouse our slumbering souls with Thy radiance,
That they may waken Thy mercy to tell.*

*O Christ bestow Thy blessing on us, we implore Thee
Who here are gathered on penitent knee,
Accept the hymns we sing to Thine eternal glory
And these Thy gifts we return unto Thee.*

Second Readings

Luke 15:11-32

Sermon Series on "The Questions of Existence and Meaning"

Week 2: "Why do I feel estranged from myself and others"
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Affirmation of Faith

Excerpt from Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 1. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

A. 1. That I belong--body and soul, in life and in death--not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. [Amen.]

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Call to Stewardship

*Offertory *Be Unto Your Name* by DeShazo and Sadler

Asael Gonzalez (Tenor)

*We are a moment, You are forever
Lord of the Ages, God before time
We are a vapor, You are eternal
Love everlasting, reigning on high*

*Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises, honor and glory
Be unto Your name, be unto Your name*

*We are the broken, You are the healer
Jesus, Redeemer, Mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before...*

*We are the broken, You are the healer
Jesus, Redeemer, Mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before You, blessing Your name*

*Doxology PH 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn *Live Into Hope* No. 332

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

**Recessional

*Postlude *Interlude* Herman Schroeder

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor
Parish Associate
Director of Music
Organist

Brent O. Johnston
Judy Conners
Steve Bixler
Mark Sweeney

Activities & Announcements

Journeys Class for January

“THE END OF THE AGE: Apocalypse, Tribulation, Revelation, and Hope”

How should we as Christians view the end of time? Is it a time for fear or hope? What does Jesus have to say? What about Biblical scholars and TV evangelists? We will look at the Book of Revelation, the Gospels, the Old Testament, and other sources as we consider the Last Days. So, if you want to know more about the Apocalypse, the Millennium, the Rapture, and other topics, join us beginning January 6 at 9:30 a.m. in the West Dining Room. Jeff Van Sickle will lead the group in a provocative journey through the end times. No reading required; come join us!

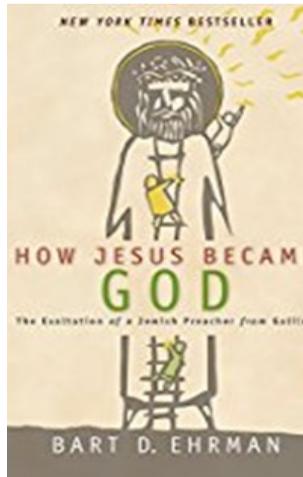
Brent's Bible Study & Books of Interest Adult Education Class

For 8 weeks beginning January 9, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor, we will look at Bart Ehrman's New York Times Best Selling Book, *How Jesus Became God: The Exaltation of a Jewish Preacher from Galilee*. Bart Ehrman is the James A. Gray Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Quoting Ehrman as to why he wrote this book, "As a historian I am no longer obsessed of how God became man, but with the historical question of how a man became God." Come to the class beginning January 9th to find out. -Pastor Brent

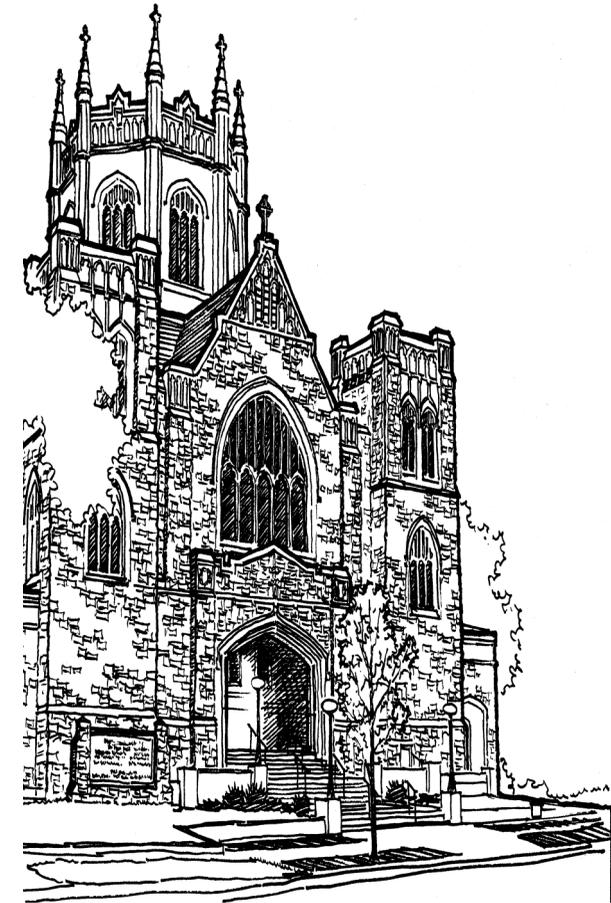
Books can be purchased in the office or online for approximately \$15.00 dollars.

Wednesday Night Clubs

Wednesday night clubs will resume on January 9 at 5:30 p.m. We will once again have a sign up available in *The Well* on Sundays to help contribute to our weekly meal. Thank you to all who have been a part of our Wednesday nights. We are excited to see what 2019 will bring for our children and their growing faith.



First Presbyterian Church



**January 27, 2019
10:45 a.m.**

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January 27, 2019

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

10:45 a.m.

Prelude

Entrata Festiva

David Lasky

**Processional

Aidan Schulte

Greetings

*Call to Worship

Leader: God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

People: God calls us to be builders as well.

Leader: God calls us to build our lives:

People: to restore broken places and continue to grow.

Leader: God calls us to build our faith:

People: to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.

Leader: God calls us to build our community:

People: to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.

Leader: God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

People: to preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.

Leader: Let the building begin in and through the worship of Almighty God.

*Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.

Strengthen us by your Spirit and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now

and forever. **Amen.**

*Hymn

O Word of God Incarnate

No. 327

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of our restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.

Silence

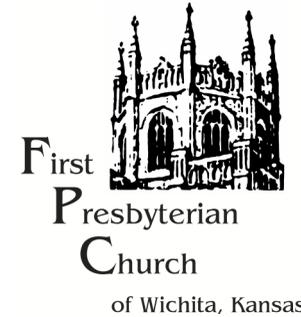
Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving

Gloria Patri

No. 579



Welcome, Visitors!

We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting First Presbyterian Church this morning. We are glad you are here!

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from an usher. Transistor hearing aids are also available for your use. Please ask any usher for one and feel free to sit wherever you wish in the Sanctuary while using one.

All persons are encouraged to sign the Ritual of Friendship Pads as they are passed to you in the pews. Please include your address, email address, and telephone number. **Please remember to turn off your cell phone before worship this morning.**

Children's Information-Children are welcome in worship. We do not mind a little fidgeting and fussing in the pew. We offer children's worship bags with various quiet activities in cloth bags located just outside the Sanctuary doors. But if you feel that your child is having a difficult time sitting through church, you are welcome to worship in *The Well*. Remember, quiet play in *The Well* is appropriate so as not to disturb others who are trying to worship. Also, the McComb room is available as a Cry room. 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 or *The Well* without an adult escort.** Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Flowers-The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Judge Bob Bell by Robert Bell.

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, Joann McCandless, Melody & Kyle Stanberry, Dwight Corrin, Pat Welker and Carolyn & Ed Plavcan.

If you need a Stephen Minister, or would like more information about the Stephen Ministry, please contact Dr. Brent Johnston at 263-0248 or Louise Farmer at lfarmer4164@gmail.com.