October 13, 2019              18th Sunday after Pentecost              8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Prelude

**Processional

Greetings

*Call to Worship
Leader: God has sent redemption to us and made with us a covenant. Holy and awesome is God's name.

**People: Praise the Lord!

*Prayer of the Day
God of our salvation, you are the source of wisdom and joy. Your love and mercies are not limited to one time or to one people. You continue to heal and to save, transcending the artificial boundaries and barriers we set. For such expansive love, it is our right, duty, and joy to offer you all our thanks and praise, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn
Christ is Made the Sure Foundation No. 417

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
God of mercy and grace, we are meant to praise you and give thanks to you always. We confess that we do not live out of constant gratitude. We harbor resentment for what we lack. We blame you; we blame others. We doubt your compassion, even your power. We find it hard to give ourselves away to you, or to others, in generous expressions of gratitude and praise. Forgive us, we pray, for attitudes and behaviors that diminish in us joyful thanksgiving. Heal and restore us so that we may return to you with a right spirit. Help us to live holy and joyful lives, befitting people you love and save. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon
Leader: In the waters of baptism, we have died with Christ and we have been raised with him to new life. Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. In Christ we are forgiven and set free to live in praise and thanksgiving!

**People: Thanks be to God!
*Song of Thanksgiving*  
*Gloria Patri*  
No. 579

*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 Reading  
2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

**Anthem**  
*Gloria*  
David Giardiniere

Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Glory to God in the highest.

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
And on earth, peace and good will to all men.

Jubilate omnis terra; Jubilate omnes gentes in Domino.  
Shout all the earth; Shout all the nations of God.

Benedicite nomen ejus.  
Bless His name.

Second Reading  
Luke 17:11-19

Sermon:  
"What is Foreign to Us, Helping or Hurting our Healing?"  
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Affirmation of Faith*  
*Apostles Creed*  
No. 14

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Call to Stewardship  
Moment for Grace and Gratitude  
Alice Price

Offertory  
*The Highest Judge of All* (from Carousel) Rodgers/Hammerstein  
Terry McManis, Bass

Take me beyond the pearly gates, though a beautiful marble hall.  
Take me before the highest throne and let me be judged by the highest judge of all!  
Let the Lord shout and yell, and his eyes flash flame, I promise not to quiver when he calls my name. Let him send me up or down but before I go, I feel that I’m entitled to a whole for a show! Want pink faced angels on a purple cloud, twangling on their harps till their fingers get red. Want organ music, let It roll out loud, rolling like a wave, washing over my head! Want every star in heaven hanging in the room, shining in my eyes when I hear my doom! Reckon my sins are great big sins and the punishment won’t be small. Take me before the highest throne and let me be judged by the highest judge of all!
*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn  What a Friend We Have in Jesus  No. 403

*Charge and Benediction
   Leader: The Lord be with you.
   People: And also with you.

**Recessional

*Postlude  Christ is Made the Sure Foundation  David Johnson

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)
**signifies 10:45 service only

Worship Leaders

Pastor  Brent Johnston
Liturgist  Jeff Van Sickle / Ann Eastwood
Director of Music  Steve Bixler
Organist  Mark Sweeney
WORK DAY AT WHISPERING WINDS CAMP
Please join us for the fall work day at Whispering Winds Camp on Saturday, October 19, from 9 to 3 (come when you can, leave when you need). We especially welcome and appreciate those who have used the pools, lodge, or other camp facilities. Most of the work will be outside, subject to weather, but there will also be some inside opportunities. Please bring yard tools and safety gear.
We’ll have coffee, donuts, and lunch, including desserts and drinks. Thanks for helping us maintain the legacy and missions of the camp. Call Dave Duncan at 371-1050 with any questions.

FALL FESTIVAL AT WHISPERING WINDS CAMP
To celebrate the harvest and all our blessings, First Presbyterian Church will hold our annual Fall Festival on Sunday, October 20, at Whispering Winds Camp. The Camp is located at 9601 W. 73rd Street North, Valley Center, about 2 miles west of Ridge Road on 73rd Street. The Fall Festival is open to everyone, including church members and the community.
Setup for the Festival will begin at 3 p.m. with activities beginning at 4 p.m. There will be both outdoor and indoor activities for all ages, with weather contingencies (the Camp Lodge is both heated and air-conditioned). There will be live music, golf cart tours, hayrack rides, bean bag toss, pumpkin decorating, and a pop-up rodeo show. A featured attraction will be a dunk tank, with Pastor Brent Johnston (and any volunteers) doing the honors of getting dunked! There will be a Vespers service at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will include a Chili cook-off, so bring your favorite chili, a side dish, or dessert to share (table settings will be provided). There will be a $5 fee if you’d like to enter your chili in the contest. There will also be a Halloween-themed dessert contest.

FPC Playgroup!
In celebration of fall, the FPC Playgroup will travel by hayride through the pumpkin patch looking for the best pumpkin ever! Join us this fall for a fabulous time of fellowship and fun. Siblings are welcomed! Contact Michelle Murray-Cline for questions by calling 794-1195.

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 Gordon Dotzour by Betty Jo Dotzour.

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, Robert Heaton, Heidi & Scott Iwig, Darryl Ott, Al & Janet Staab and Helen Steindler.

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.
“Where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them,” said Jesus. And we at First Church have an opportunity to gather into small groups this fall for Christian fellowship and study starting in October. Two studies are being offered this year:

**Neighborhood Church: Transforming Your Congregation into a Powerhouse for Mission**

An NPR segment August 29th mentioned that two Anglican cathedrals in England had transitioned to appeal to the younger generation. One had its sanctuary converted to a miniature golf course; the other constructed a carnival ride inside. While those actions are excessive, there is an ongoing need for transformation.

In *Neighborhood Church*, authors Krin Van Tatenhove and Rob Mueller offer a variety of ways of transforming our churches: converting our mental attitude from scarcity to abundance; changing from self-absorption to considering our neighbors; putting the accent on listening; embracing transformative partnerships; integrating building and asset utilization; and sustaining vision. Books are available in the office for $15.

**What’s So Amazing About Grace?**

Noted Christian author Philip Yancey gives us an entirely new way of looking at our Christian faith. This very readable book, given the Gold Medallion Christian Book of the Year in 1996, remains extremely relevant, probing the question of grace: what it looks like, what it doesn’t look like, and why only Christians can and must reveal the grace that the world is searching for. The study will include a series of short videos as well as the book. Books are available in the office for $11.

**SIGN UP!** Call the church office at 263-0248 or email Jeff Van Sickle at jtvansickle@hotmail.com.

See group sign up time and address information in *The Well*, or on the bulletin outside the church office.

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**News & Upcoming Activities**

**SMALL GROUP STUDIES WILL BEGIN IN OCTOBER!**

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**Calendar**

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**Tuesday, October 15**

| 11:00 Staff Mtg (Hobbs) |
| 5:30 Session (Parlor) |

**Wednesday, October 16**

| 9:00 Dorcas (C105) |
| 5:30 Wednesday Clubs |
| 6:15 Bell Choir Rehearsal |
| 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) |

**Thursday October 17**

| 1:30 Book Chat (RR) |

**Friday, October 18**

| 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (C109) |

**Saturday, October 19**

| 9:00 Camp Workday (Camp) |

**Sunday, October 20**

| 8:30 Prayers of the People |
| 9:00 Coffee Fellowship (The Well) |
| 9:30 Camp Whispers (The Well) |
| 9:30 Journeys Class (Parlor) |
| 10:00 Blood Pressure Check (The Well) |
| 10:15 Choir Rehearsal |
| 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary) |
| 10:45 Refugee Worship (Rm 204) |
| 4:00 Fall Festival (Camp) |

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**FPC to participate in Tallgrass Film Festival October 17 and 18**

The Mission Commission has accepted the invitation from the Tallgrass Film Festival to be a community partner for one of the films during the 2019 Festival October 16-20. The film is “Midnight Traveler.” It is a dramatic story by a filmmaker from Afghanistan who documents his family’s escape from their home country because of conflicts with the Taliban.

The film will be shown two times, both at the Wilke Center at First United Methodist Church, 330 N. Broadway on Thursday, October 17, at 2:00 p.m. and on Friday, October 18, at 6:15 p.m. For tickets/prices and other Festival events go to tallgrassfilmfest.com.