October 20, 2019  19th Sunday after Pentecost  8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Prelude  
Adagio  
Roger Nyquist

**Processional**  
Brandon Bowles

**Bell Introit**  
Jubilee  
Douglas Wagner  
James Ringers

Greetings

*Call to Worship*

Leader: No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart:

**People: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.**

Leader: No matter how many obstacles we face in life, in the church, we do not lose heart:

**People: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.**

Leader: No matter how hard it is to continually pray and work for justice, we do not lose heart:

**People: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will forgive and restore my people; when I will equip them for every good work; and when I will grant justice, for I hear their cries day and night.**

Leader: Let us worship God in the full assurance what God has promised will come to pass.

*Prayer of the Day*

O God who writes on our hearts, you have never abandoned us. In amazing and persistent grace, you have kept covenant with us. We thank you for loving us even when we have not loved you. We long to behold the day of your appearing, even as we stand now in view of your kingdom, promised and made present in Christ Jesus, in whose name we wait and pray. Amen.

*Hymn*  
Come, Thou Almighty King  
No. 139

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to
transform the powers of this world. Tune our ears to the sound of your justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace. Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, God promises to forgive us, to put our sins out of God's own mind and heart. In this way, God gives us not just a second chance but a new beginning. Believe the good news of the gospel:

People: Our salvation is through faith in Christ Jesus. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*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

Jeremiah 31:27-34

**Anthem

Sing Praise to the Lord

arr. Hal Hopson

Text based on Psalms 148 & 150

Sing praise to the Lord! Praise God in the height;
Rejoice in the Lord, you angels of light.
Adore God, you heavens, by whom you were made,
Sing out your loud praises in brightness arrayed.

Second Reading

Luke 18:1-8

Sermon: "Tablets Written on Stone and Tablets Written on the Human Heart"

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. 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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer  Linda Davisson
Call to Stewardship  Moment for Grace and Gratitude  Joel Blessant
Offertory  Afrikaans Hymn (Traditional)  V.C. Lauprecht

And thou, O God, my thanksgiving, I will praise thee in my evening song. Even though
the sunlight goes down the slopes, your light, my Light, will rise higher.
You have filled me with your favor and protected me as a father; with blessings, so
gentle, have mercy on me day and night.
With You I leave with all my anxieties tonight with quiet confidence; Your Spirit will
also guide me in this confidence in the new day!

*Doxology  No. 592
*Prayer of Dedication
*Hymn  Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  No. 376
*Charge and Benediction
  Leader: The Lord be with you.
  People: And also with you.

**Recessional
*Postlude  Majestic Postlude  Mark Williams

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

Worship Leaders
Pastor  Brent Johnston
Liturgist  Russ Davisson
Director of Music  Steve Bixler
Organist  Mark Sweeney
FALL FESTIVAL AT WHISPERING WINDS CAMP-TODAY!!

To celebrate the harvest and all our blessings, First Presbyterian Church will hold our annual Fall Festival today 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!
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.

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SMALL GROUP STUDIES WILL BEGIN IN OCTOBER!

“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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DRIVERS NEEDED!!

As you know, one of FPCs missions is our Transportation Service. We provide transportation for those who are no longer able to drive. Members of our service are so grateful as there is no other service like ours. At this time, we are in desperate need of regular drivers as well as substitute drivers. You will not be sorry and you will meet many interesting people in our community! Please consider joining this mission. Contact Bruce Cole for more information. Call, email or text at 316-250-4577 or bpcole@gmail.com.
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.

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 my parents, Lois and Willard Hamilton, by Marilyn Heffner.

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: Erica Grunder, Verla Hansen, Dolores Johnson, Jack Mahan, Merl Hollis and Jeff & Janice Van Sickle.

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.

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**Save the Date—October 27**

Celebrating the 39th Heritage Sunday (1981-2019)

The first Heritage Sunday service was based on an order of service from the Church of Scotland and used in St. Andrews and West Kirk in AUCHTERADER, Scotland, where Dr. David Glenn Walker, Pastor Emeritus, had served in a pulpit exchange in 1960.

Having observed such pageantry and color at the parish churches he served, he resolved to introduce some of these elements to churches he would serve when he returned to America. And so he did— including Wichita First Presbyterian Church. The Highland congregations don’t have the bagpipes every Sunday, but use them for festival celebrations and parades.