

First Presbyterian Church



October 3, 2021

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

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World Communion Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Prelude

I Love to Tell the Story

Peter Pindar Stearns

Greetings (English and Swahili)

*Call to Worship

Leader: Sing to the Lord, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting!

People: But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are without?

Leader: Sing to the Lord, whose faithfulness renews us every morning!

People: But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are gone?

Leader: Sing to the Lord, who has not forgotten the melodies of salvation!

People: Let us remember the joy of the Lord and sing a new song together!

*Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, even as the drums of warfare beat on through the night, even as the cries of injustice linger in the morning, even as the hustle of busyness rumbles through the day, quiet our hearts. Still our thoughts. Join us in our worship. Remember us in your mercy as we try to remember you, through the proclamation of your good news, in story and in song, and through the hospitality of your gracious table. Welcome us again, one Lord, Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Hymn

Great is Thy Faithfulness

No. 276

Call to Confession

Great indeed is the faithfulness of God, and yet our hearts are not so reliable. We wander. We argue. We forget. We divide ourselves with anger and bitterness and falsehood. Let's try to come back together again, and let's start with the truth. Let's confess our sins, to God, and also, to each other.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows. Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows. And even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows. Friends, you have been called and claimed by the God of all things, and by the abundance of God's grace, and by the power of God's love, your sins have been forgiven. Go in peace. 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.

Kid's Connection

Liz Norris & Geri Doll

First Reading (English and Swahili)

Psalm 4

Anthem

Come to the Table

Joseph Martin

Second Reading (English and Swahili)

John 20:19-29

Sermon

"A Vision for Peace"

Rev. Dave Fulton

*Affirmation of Faith - Adapted from the *Belhar Confession*

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

Call to Stewardship

Offertory

Communion Prayer

Allen Pote

Gretchen Bixler, Soprano; Sarah Gutierrez, Alto ; Asael Castillo, Piano

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, you create more than we could ever hope to return. You share more than we could ever hope to deserve. And yet, we pray, accept these humble gifts. May they honor and glorify you in all creation, and may they empower us for the work of witness and service, for the sake of justice, and for the sake of peace, now and forever. Amen.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table (English and Swahili)

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. ... Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us... the one who prays even for us, the one who first taught us to pray, saying: Our Father...

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution (English and Swahili)

Communion with Christ as Host (Modified Intinction)

Prayer after Communion

*Special Music by WRCC

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude *"Toccata in g minor"* Johann Pachelbel

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Worship Leaders

Pastor	Dave Fulton
Director of Music	Steve Bixler
Organist	Mark Sweeney

Production Crew

Dave Muehl, Sound; Geri Doll, Computer Graphics; Bob Moler, Camera Operator

News & Events

FALL FESTIVAL AT WHISPERING WINDS CAMP ON OCTOBER 16



Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 16th at Whispering Winds Camp starting at 3:30 p.m.

We will have games, nature walks, chili contest, live music, pumpkin decoration, hayrack rides, our annual costume contest, and more. Plan to eat around 5:30.

Come join us at the camp for this family fun and fellowship event!

SESSION NEWS

The Session continues to discuss the safety of the staff and worshippers of FPC. At the most recent meeting on Tuesday, September 19, the following updates/changes were approved.

- 1) Due to the number of COVID cases in the city of Wichita, the Session has temporarily suspended all activities in the Chapel. The Session will continue to monitor the COVID numbers and will reopen the Chapel when it is safe to do so.
- 2) The Session continues to **strongly recommend** that all persons entering the building wear a mask. (Strongly recommend means that we really wish you would wear a mask. Should you choose not to wear a mask, you are **still welcome** to participate in the activities of the church.)

To improve the safety and accessibility for all staff and worshippers of FPC, the following items were approved at the Session meeting on Tuesday, September 19.

- 1) FPC will pursue the acquisition of a “No Trespass Order” on the church property.
- 2) The awning will be removed from the South entrance of the building.
- 3) The bushes will be removed from the south side of the building.

Melinda Sears-Clerk of Session

The FPC 150th Anniversary Cookbooks Are Still for Sale!

The 150th Anniversary Cookbooks are here. These make a perfect birthday or Christmas gift. Contact Geri Doll or come by the office on Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to purchase your cookbook. You may also purchase a cookbook on Sundays after worship. They are only \$15.

News & Events

Help End Hunger at Wichita CROP Hunger Walk Today

The Wichita CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, October 3, at Sedgwick County Park, beginning at 2 p.m. (Registration is from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Horseshoe Shelter)

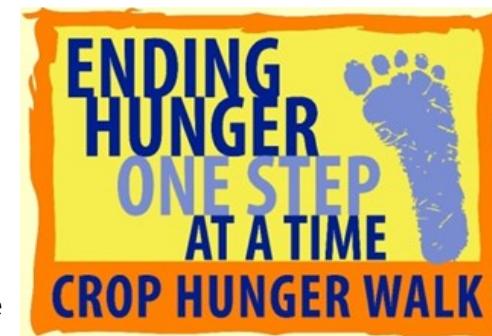
Individuals and Groups can set up teams or register as an individual in advance by going to the following site: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/wichitaks>.

Participants are invited to raise funds to fight hunger locally and worldwide. There is no registration charge. Walkers who raise \$50 (brought to check-in on walk day or raised on-line) receive a t-shirt.

Local hunger relief agencies include St. Paul’s Lutheran Church’s Saturday Community Breakfast, City Life Church’s Neighborhood Fellowship on Sundays including breakfast, United Methodist Open Door and Wichita Inter-Faith Ministries Hunger Ministries receive ¼ of the funds raised, the rest goes to Church World Service to fight hunger worldwide.

Parent consent forms and publicity materials are available online at crophungerwalk.org.

The Crop Walk also includes a peanut butter drive that helps four local agencies. CROP Hunger Walks are among the oldest fundraising walks. All ages are welcome as are pets. For more information go to cropwalkwichita.org or contact Alice Price at 267-6853 or amariep7819@att.net.



Let’s walk together and make hunger a thing of the past!

Coming in October!!

What if the Ten Commandments were not just a set of ancient rules, but a guide to experiencing the good life today? Adam Hamilton has created a lesson series entitled **Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today**. This series will begin in both Sunday Journeys class and the Wednesday night class in mid-October. Look for details in the weekly eblast!



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.

Please sign in at the front entrance prior to entering the Sanctuary for Sunday worship service. Thank you.

Children’s Information-Children are welcome in worship. We do not mind a little fidgeting and fussing in the pew. 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 supervise 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, if needed. 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. In addition, all children and youth group activities including children in the Nursery must be supervised by a minimum of 2 authorized staff or volunteers.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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: Bruce & Patty Cole, Gale & Louise Farmer, Stacey Rucker, and Bridget Norwood.

Calendar

Sunday, October 3

- 9:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 9:30 Joint Worship w/WRCC (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Stream, & Facebook Live
- 10:45 Journey’s Class (Zoom)
- 2:00 Kid’s Club Pumpkin Patch Event (Offsite)
- 2:00 Crop Walk (Sedgwick County Park)

Tuesday, October 5

- 1:00 Staff Mtg (MS Teams/*The Well*)
- 4:30 Camp Comm. Mtg (The Parlor)
- 5:30 CE Comm. Mtg (*The Well*/Zoom)

Wednesday, October 6

- 9:00 Dorcas (C105)
- 6:00 Youth Club (YL)
- 6:30 Small Group Study Rebroadcast (Zoom)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)

Saturday, October 9

- 9:30 Transportation Mtg (C109)
- 10:30 WRCC Worship Prep Mtg (Parlor)
- 4:00 Youth & Young Adult Event (Offsite)

Sunday, October 10

- 9:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Stream, & Facebook Live
- 10:00 WRCC Worship (C204)
- 10:45 Journey’s Class (Zoom)
- 10:45 Kid’s Club (*The Well*)
- 11:30 Worship & Music Comm. Mtg (McComb)

Barista Trainees Needed for Coffee Fellowship in *The Well*

We would like to start training a few volunteers to become Baristas during the Sunday Coffee Fellowship in The Well before and after Sunday Worship services. We still need 2 or 3 more volunteers to ensure we have enough people trained.

We will be holding a Barista training soon. Please contact Cynthia Rekoske at 316-992-9595 or the church office at 263-0248 if you are interested in learning and volunteering so we can begin providing this service and time of fellowship to our members again.

Thank you!

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET

Saturday, November 13th
 Hillside Christian Church
 8330 E. Douglas (at Rock Road)
 10:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Shop online: alternativegifts.org
 or in person, masks required