February 17, 2019 6th Sunday after Epiphany 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Prelude  Brother James’ Air  Dale Wood

**Processional  Bronwen Burch & Keaton Pedrino
Greetings
  Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!
  People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Bell Introit  Gloria  Cynthia Dobrinski
James Ringers

*Call to Worship
  Leader: For those who have not been welcomed before,
  People: You are welcomed by Christ here.
  Leader: For those who have been turned away,
  People: Christ is opening the door for you.
  Leader: For those who have been forgotten,
  People: God cannot forget you, for God made you.
  Leader: Come, join together in worship of our God.
  People: You are God’s beloved. We welcome each other in the name of
         Christ. Amen.

*Hymn  Give Thanks, O Christian People  No. 552

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
  So often, O God, we struggle to pray because we are afraid we do not know
  how. We worry about saying the wrong things, and so remain silent. We try
  to sort the good from the bad in our lives and become tongue-tied. We lift up
  the concerns closest to our hearts yet feel guilty as we forget the needs of
  others. So we continue to confess our own need of you — you who come to
  love us, heal us and make us whole. Hear even our simple prayers. Change
  us from broken, earthbound creatures to proclaimers of your heavenly
  glory and power. Give us voices to pray and sing, ears to hear your truth and
  wisdom, all in the name of Jesus the Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silence
Choral Response
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 our parents, John and Bobbie Weber and A. B. and Mary Jones by John and Judy Weber.

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: Ashley Haltom, Donna Hughes, Vivian Leupp, Lynne & Michael Melton, Donn & Gretchen Mason and Lorraine Maxwell.

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.
**Activities & Announcements**

**Journeys Class for February**

*The Church: The First 100 Years*

As we come to church on Sunday mornings, many of us are probably following our normal routine and don’t give a lot of thought about how we came to be. Come join us in the Journeys class as we hear from member Brian Howard on the formation of the church and its infancy—the first hundred years. The class meets in the West Dining Room at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. Brian’s classes will be on February 10, 17, and 24. We hope to see you there!

**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 Erhman is the James A. Gray Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Quoting Erhman 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.” -Pastor Brent

**Two Cemetery Lots Available**

The Presbytery Trustees have inherited a certificate of interment rights for two lots at the Old Mission/Wichita Park Cemetery, 3424 East 21st Street in Wichita. They come from the closing of the Calvary church and are available for a total of $425, the cost to transfer the title. These lots are being made available to anyone in the Presbytery who might have an interest in them. For additional information contact Ken Coryell, ken.coryell@att.net or 316-641-8759.

**2019 Christian Fellowship Groups Building Christian Community**

See Hosts and Beginning dates!

**Sign up in The Well or Contact the Host ASAP!**

**Wednesday Night Clubs**

Wednesday night clubs are meeting at 5:30 p.m. We have a sign-up sheet 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.
**Mission Memos**

Next Week Is Yellow Bag Sunday!

Imagine a hot day and no bar soap to bathe with and no clean clothes to put on because your family did not have money to purchase laundry detergent. That's what is facing many of our refugee families. It's hard to purchase all the household and hygiene items one needs when the bread-winner of the family makes only $9.75/hour. This is when our yellow bags become blessing bags when we bring laundry detergent, soap, tooth paste, bathroom and facial tissue (and other hygiene items) to give to our new neighbors. Although the yellow bags will be collected this Sunday, you can bring items any time during the week and place them in the blue basket outside the church office.

**TODAY IS NATIONAL RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY**

Observed on February 17, National Random Acts of Kindness Day has grown in popularity each year. It is celebrated by individuals, groups and organizations nationwide to encourage acts of kindness. It is a favorite day for many, as people everywhere are enjoying doing these acts of kindness. Not only is it positive for the receiver, but also for the giver! The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation celebrates Random Acts of Kindness Week too. This Foundation is an internationally recognized non-profit organization founded upon the powerful belief in kindness and dedicated to providing resources and tools that encourage acts of kindness.

http://www.randomactsofkindness.org/rak-week

February is Black History Month

Four hundred years ago, Africans from Angola embarked on the first transatlantic voyage as slaves to the United States in 1619. During this Quad-Centennial anniversary, let us honor the resilience of African Americans while acknowledging how slavery has led to policies and practices that, to this day, exacerbate malnutrition and hunger.

During Black History Month, Bread for the World will honor the work of black leaders championing nutrition—a critical but hard-to-see component of hunger. We celebrate their commitment, perseverance, and strength in dedicating their lives to dismantling racially oppressive policies and practices that lead to poor nutrition and elevating policies and practices that ensure all communities, regardless of race or ethnicity, can enjoy optimal, equitable nutrition.

Join in the necessary work in our community of denouncing racism still present in our policies and practices. Donate to http://www.bread.org/blog/black-history-month-celebrating-black-leaders-championing-nutrition.
**Sunday, February 17**  
8:30 Worship (Chapel)  
9:15 Coffee Fellowship *(The Well)*  
9:30 Blood Pressure Check *(The Well)*  
9:30 Camp Whispers *(The Well)*  
9:30 Youth Sunday School *(YL)*  
9:30 Journeys Class *(WDR)*  
10:15 Choir Rehearsal *(Choir Room)*  
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10:45 Worship *(Sanctuary)*  
10:45 Refugee Worship *(C201 & C204)*  
12:00 Melodrama Rehearsal *(EDR)*  
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12:00 Melodrama Rehearsal *(EDR)*

**Saturday, February 23**  
11:00 Brent's Bible Study w/WRCC *(Hobbs)*

**Sunday, February 24**  
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)*  
10:45 Refugee Worship *(C201 & C204)*  
12:00 Melodrama Rehearsal *(EDR)*

**Thursday, February 21**  
11:45 Book Chat *(RR)*

**Friday, February 22**  
12:00 Lectionary Bible Study *(WDR)*  

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**HOST FAMILIES NEEDED**  
Host families are needed for high school exchange students for the 2019-2020 academic year. The students will arrive in mid-August 2019 and will attend local high schools. The students speak English, are covered by medical insurance, and have spending money for their personal expenses. Approved families may choose from online applications. For more information, call Wilma Fast, Regional Manager for Kansas High School Programs at 316-681-1236.

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**Gloria Patri**  
No. 579

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**The Narrow Way**  
K. Lee Scott

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**The God of Love My Shepherd Is**  
Erin Thiman

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**The God of Creation is a God of mercy. God is quick to forgive and God’s promise of restoration is for all people. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

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**Assurance of Pardon**  
*Song of Thanksgiving*  
Gloria Patri  
*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  
Luke 6: 17-26

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**Be near me, Lord, wherever I go; Teach me what you would have me do;**  
*Direct whate’er I think or say; and lead me in the narrow way.*

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**Prevent me, lest I harbor pride, lest I in my own strength confide;**  
*Show me my weakness, let me see I have my power, my all in thee.*

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**Assist and teach me how to pray; incline my nature to obey;**  
*What you abhor, oh, let me flee, and only love what pleases thee.*

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**Your Cheatin’ Heart**  
Pastor Judy Conners

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**The God of love my shepherd is, and He that doth me feed;**  
*While He is mine and I am His, what can I want or need?*  
*He leads me to the tender grass, where I both feed and rest;*  
*Then to the streams that gently pass in both I have the best.*  
*Or if I stray, He doth convert, and bring my mind in frame,*  
*And all this not for my desert, but for His holy name.*

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**Surely Thy sweet and wondrous love, shall measure all my days;**  
*And as it never shall remove, so neither shall my praise.*