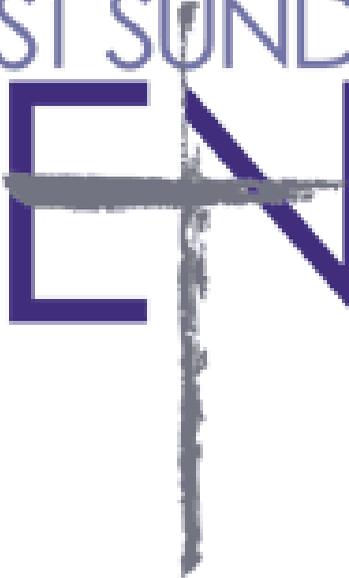


# First Presbyterian Church

FIRST SUNDAY<sup>IN</sup>  
LENT



**February 21, 2021**  
**9:30 a.m. In-Person & Live Streaming**

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Prelude

*Prélude Modale*

Jean Langlais

Greetings

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart;

**People: try me and know my thoughts!**

Leader: See if there is any wicked way in me,

**People: and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

\*Prayer of the Day

God of the covenant, as the forty days of deluge swept away the world's  
Corruption and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life, so in the  
saving flood of Baptism we are washed clean and born again. Throughout these  
forty days, unseal within us the wellspring of your grace, cleanse our hearts of  
all that is not holy, and cause your gift of new life to flourish once again. Grant  
this through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

\*Hymn

*Out of Deep, Unordered Water* (vs. 1, 2, 3)

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that  
we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by  
pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are  
small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have  
mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

\*The Peace

Leader: As God's own people, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Be always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven you. And, above everything else, be loving, and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for you. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Kids Connection (pre-recorded)

First Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

Anthem

*Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*  
Kyle Stanberry, Clarinet

Deborah Governor

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

Sermon

*"Deluge of Water: A Reminder of Death and Life after Death"*  
Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

\*Affirmation of Faith - excerpt from *The Second Helvetic Confession*  
THE SACRAMENTAL UNION.

**People: Therefore, the signs acquire the names of things because they are mystical signs of sacred things, and because the signs and the things signified are sacramentally joined together; joined together, I say, or united by a mystical signification, and by the purpose or will of him who instituted the sacraments. For the water, bread, and wine are not common, but holy signs. And he that instituted water in baptism did not institute it with the will and intention that the faithful should only be sprinkled by the water of baptism; and he who commanded the bread to be eaten and the wine to be drunk in the supper did not want the faithful to receive only bread and wine without any mystery as they eat bread in their homes; but that they should spiritually partake of the things signified, and by faith be truly cleansed from their sins, and partake of Christ. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer



## Calendar

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, February 21</b></p> <p>9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Streaming, &amp; Facebook Live</p> <p>10:00 Refugee Worship (Rm 204)</p> <p>10:30 Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</p> <p>10:45 Journey's Class (Zoom)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, February 22</b></p> <p>6:30 KLC Transformation Team Mtg (Zoom)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, February 23</b></p> <p>1:00 Staff Mtg (MS Teams)</p> <p>2:00 Pastoral Staff Mtg (MS Teams)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, February 24</b></p> <p>9:00 Dorcas (Rm C105)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, February 28</b></p> <p>9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Streaming, &amp; Facebook Live</p> <p>10:00 Refugee Worship (Rm 204)</p> <p>10:30 Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</p> <p>10:45 Journey's Class (Zoom)</p>
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**The Durfee 360 Series Presents  
The Breadth of Salvation by Tom Greggs, PhD.**

**Do You Have Questions About Your Salvation?**

*"Are our imaginations of salvation too narrow, self-obsessed, and self-justifying for the nature of the gospel?"*

*"We should dare to hope that salvation is wider and broader and higher and deeper than we ever might imagine."*

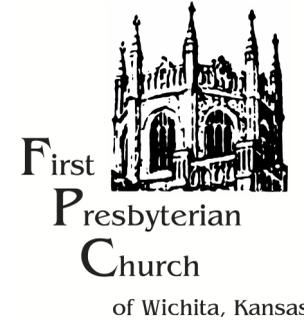
These are the words of Tom Greggs, PhD. called one of today's leading Christian theologians, and author of the recent book *The Breadth of Salvation*.

Through the generosity of the Durfee 360 Lecture Series, Dr. **Greggs will be at our church (virtually) to present four lectures during March.** Dr. Greggs, FRSE, holds the Marischal Chair at the University of Aberdeen, where he also serves as the Head of Divinity.

There will be two opportunities to hear Dr. Greggs:

- **Sunday mornings, 10:45 am (March 7, 14, 21, and 28)**
  - Lectures with "live" discussion sessions with Dr. Greggs
- **Wednesday evenings, 6:30pm (March 10, 17, 24, 31)**
  - Lecture with discussion session led by Pastor Brent

**Classes will be held via Zoom, pending any changes regarding COVID-19.**



**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.**

**All persons must sign in upon entry of the building at this time for safety reasons due to COVID-19.**

**Children's Information**-Children are welcome in worship. We do not mind a little fidgeting and fussing in the pew. 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 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.

**Sunday Kids Connection**-Kids Connection is prerecorded as part of the live stream worship service at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you have questions on how to find the group, please call Liz at (316) 214-4318.

**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: Doris Little, Cynthia & James Rekoske and family, Lorraine Maxwell, Cynthia Brinley, and Donn & Gretchen Mason.

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## Upcoming Events & News

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### CHURCH SESSION MOTIONS APPROVED

**There will only be one Worship service each week at 9:30 a.m. both in-person and live streaming through May 2021.**

*(In order to maintain social distancing during worship, please do not sit in the pews that are roped off.)*

- **The Session voted on February 16, 2021 to reopen the church for internal FPC groups of no more than 20 participants on February 17, 2021.**
  - Requirements for the meetings: no shared food, practice social distancing and face masks are required. In addition, due to the cleaning/sanitizing that will be necessary after a meeting, meetings must be scheduled through the office at least 2 days in advance of desired the date/time.
- Sunday Worship and the Community Breakfast (as limited below).
  - The volunteers who make the Community Breakfast possible will be allowed to operate inside the building.
  - The Community Breakfast guests will continue to be served outside of the building.
- Member key cards will be active only during office hours from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday. If you need access at some other time, please call or text our Facilities Manager, Roy Yarbrough at 516-4772.
- Sunday worship services continue to require the following protocols be adhered to: face masks are required, maintain social distancing, the west entrance is the only open entrance to the building, temperatures of all participants will be taken, the collection plates will NOT be passed but instead will be placed at the doors, and there will be no congregational singing during services.
- The Session will continue to evaluate the situation and act accordingly each month.

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## News & Events

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### YOUR LEADERSHIP EDGE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The next sessions of the Kansas Leadership Center's Your Leadership Edge class will be held on March 3-4, April 14-15, and May 5-6. Courses are held online using Zoom. Sessions begin at 8:30 a.m. and end by 2 p.m. with generous breaks built into each day.

To enroll in a class:

1. Go to the Kansas Leadership Center's Your Leadership Edge page ([www.kansasleadershipcenter.org/yourleadershipedge](http://www.kansasleadershipcenter.org/yourleadershipedge))
2. Look for a blue box that says, "Create Account Here to Register." Click on that box to start your registration, then select the option to create your account.
3. Toward the end of the registration, there will be an option to enter a promo code. Be sure to enter FirstPrez2020 to waive the registration fee.
4. Watch for an email confirmation of your class registration.

The two books used in the class are available at no charge in the church office. These are *Your Leadership Edge: Lead Anytime, Anywhere* and the *KLC Guidebook*.

If you have questions about the training or need assistance with your registration, contact Cynthia Berner, facilitator of our Core Transformation Team, at 641-7587 or [ictbooks@gmail.com](mailto:ictbooks@gmail.com).

### THE JOURNEY TO AGAPE

Come join us as Alice Price leads us in learning more about the type of love called Agape. The Journeys Class for February 14, 21, and 28 will discuss agape from different angles as well as how to practice it.

We will be reading "Agape; God's Persona: It's a Book Without Life Unless with Love We Write" (Ron Swingle) as well as touching on other writings. There will be a few copies in the office for \$10 each, or you may order one from Amazon.

A few days before February 14, look for an e-mail invitation from Pastor Brent or Jeff Van Sickle with the code to enter the Zoom meeting. Class will begin at 10:45 a.m. and conclude at 11:45 a.m. The syllabus will be attached to the invitation and each week a reminder link will be sent.