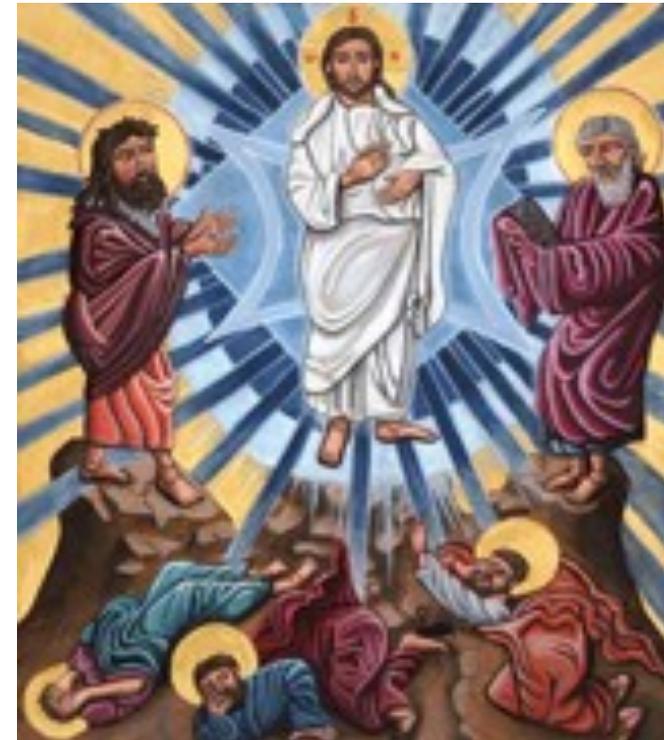


First Presbyterian Church



February 23, 2020

8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

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*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.

**Kids Connection

Liz Norris

First Reading

Psalm 2

Anthem

Be Thou My Vision
Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light.
Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord;
Thou and thou only first in my heart,
Great God of heaven my treasure thou art.
Great God of heaven my victory won;
May I reach heaven's joy, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision O Ruler of all.

arr. John Leavitt

Second Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon:

"Theophany in the Mist of Reality"
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

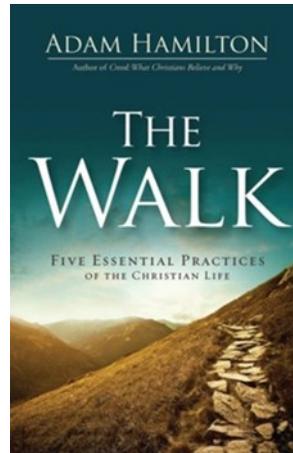
*Affirmation of Faith-Excerpt from Scots Confession

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory. Amen.

Upcoming Events

LENTEN STUDIES TO BEGIN!

How do we walk with Christ—daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him? Adam Hamilton, noted author and senior pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, has just produced a new series entitled *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life*. These essential spiritual practices are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament.



During this Lenten season, deepen your walk with Christ as small groups explore the practices of worship, study, serving, giving, and sharing our faith.

These group date and times are as follows:

Sundays	Mar. 1-29	9:30-10:30 a.m.	Church Parlor	Jeff Van Sickle
Wednesdays	Mar. 4-25	6:30-8:00 a.m.	Church- <i>The Well</i>	Brent Johnston
Thursdays	Feb. 27, Mar. 5, 19, 26, Apr. 2	9:30-10:30 a.m.	Judy Weber's home	
Thursdays	Feb. 27, Mar. 5-26	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Dick Wieland's home	
Thursdays	Feb. 27 Mar. 5-26 Apr. 2	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Alice Price's home	

Books are available in the church office for \$11. Sign up at the booth in *The Well*, call the church office, or contact Jeff Van Sickle at jtvansickle@hotmail.com.

Please join us!

Upcoming Activities

ASH WEDNESDAY PANCAKE DINNER & SERVICE

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Lenten season. February 26 is the date for the Ash Wednesday Observation with a pancake dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the East Dining Room, followed by a Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary that will include the imposition of ashes, special music by the Chancel Choir, and participation with the Children's Ministry. You don't want to miss this meaningful service.



Sunday Kids Connection Program

Kids Connection is a time during the 10:45 a.m. worship service to connect with our children ages 4 through 11. Each week we present a topic following the Passing of the Peace. We will then exit the Sanctuary and go to the library for a hands-on Bible lesson.

Each week we complete another chapter and learn how to apply the word of God to our every day lives. We are very happy with how the kids are growing and enjoying this new adventure.



Find out what's going on in Topeka this legislative session

Rabbi Moti Rieber, Executive Director of Kansas InterFaith Action presents "A 2020 Legislative Update" on Thursday, February 27, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in *The Well*. Kansas InterFaith Action is a statewide, multi-faith, issue advocacy organization that "puts faith into action" by educating, engaging and advocating on critical social, economic and climate justice issues. Starting points: racism/discrimination, economic injustice, violence and climate disruption. For more information go to: www.kansasinterfaithaction.org.



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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. 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 Gerald and Mona Corrin Pike, John C. and Virginia Corrin and John H. and Julia Corrin by Jane Pike McHugh.

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, and Cynthia & James Rekoske and family.

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.

Calendar

Sunday, February 23

Yellow Bag Sunday

- 8:30 Worship (Chapel)
- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship (*The Well*)
- 9:30 Journeys Class (Parlor)
- 9:30 Nominating Comm. Mtg (McComb)
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Refugee Worship (C204)
- 12:30 Melodrama Rehearsal (EDR/WDR)

Tuesday, February 25

- 10:00 Pastoral Staff Mtg (Hobbs)
- 11:00 Staff Mtg (Hobbs)

Wednesday, February 26

- 9:00 Dorcas Circle (C105)
- 6:00 Ash Wednesday Pancake Feed (EDR/WDR/KIT)
- 7:00 Ash Wednesday Evening Service (Sanctuary)

Friday, February 28

No Lectionary Bible Study

Saturday, February 29

- 9:00 KS Leadership Training (*The Well*)

Sunday, March 1

Communion

- 8:30 Worship (Chapel)
- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship (*The Well*)
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SAVE THE DATE!!

This year's melodrama is scheduled for March 27 at 6 p.m. and March 29 at noon.

