First Presbyterian Church
150th Anniversary Celebration

March 15, 2020
10:45 a.m.
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*Prelude
Préambule
Louis Vierne

*Processional
Bronwen Burch and Mia Temple

Greetings and Recognition of Dignitaries and Special Guests

*Call to Worship-adapted from Psalm 122
(used at Red Brick Church dedication, September 16, 1877)
Leader: I was glad when they said to me,
People: "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
Leader: Our feet are standing
People: within your gates, O Jerusalem.
Leader: I was exceedingly glad when they said to me,
People: "Let us go to First Presbyterian Church."
Leader: Our feet are standing
People: here in this Sanctuary to celebrate our 150th anniversary.
Leader: Let us give thanks to Almighty God for this special occasion.

*Hymn
The Church's One Foundation
No. 442
(sung at 50th Anniversary, March 14, 1920)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silence
Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

*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.
Anthem

Behold now, praise the Lord

Behold now, praise the Lord; all ye servants of the Lord.
Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord,
even in the courts of the house of our God.
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and praise the Lord.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Leader: Eternal God, In whom we live and move and have our being, hear our prayer.
For the Church universal, and for this congregation of your people,
People: we give you thanks, O God.
Leader: For this place in which we gather for praise and prayer, witness and service, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,
People: we give you thanks, O God.
Leader: For your presence among us whenever your word has been proclaimed, your sacramental gifts of bread and wine shared,
People: we give you thanks, O God.
Leader: For those who have been made your children by adoption and grace, who in this place were cleansed of sin, buried with Christ in the waters of baptism, and raised to eternal life,
People: we give you thanks, O God.
Leader: For disciples young and old who have been nurtured here in faith,
People: we give you thanks, O God.
Leader: For all who have come here asking your blessing in marriage, seeking to love with your love,
People: we give you thanks, O God.
Leader: For deacons, elders and pastors who have led and loved us, and by the offering of their gifts, equipped us for the work of ministry,
People: we give you thanks, O God.
Leader: For faithful stewards among us who have lived for others, serving you by loving neighbors,
People: we give you thanks, O God.
Leader: For all the saints who have stood among us, whose memory still enlivens our faith and emboldens our witness,
People: we give you thanks, O God.
Leader: For the ministries of worship and mission, nurture and fellowship, and for all whose lives have been touched by them,
People: we give you thanks, O God.
Leader: Receive our gratitude, Holy God, for the 150 years through which you have led us, and open us to the future you promise. In the years that lie ahead, grant us your encouragement in the work of ministry, your consolation in our defeats, and your challenge to our complacency. Give us such trust in your abiding Holy Spirit, that we may find joy and peace in our common life, strength and courage to live in the world for your reign, and hope in the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn  
**Blest Be the Tie That Binds**  
No. 438

*Charge and Benediction  
**Leader:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** And also with you.

*Choral Response  
**7-Fold Amen**  
John Stainer

*Recessional

*Postlude  
**Allegro**  
Everett Titcomb

Please join us on the front steps of the church after worship service for an all congregation photograph.

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

**Worship Leaders**

**Pastor**  
Brent Johnston

**Liturgist**  
Russ Davisson

**Director of Music**  
Steve Bixler

**Organist**  
Mark Sweeney
LENTEN STUDIES!

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 dates 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-The Well Brent Johnston (no meeting on Mar. 18)

**Thursdays**
- Mar. 5, 19, 26 9:30-10:30 a.m. Judy Weber’s home
- Apr. 2
- Mar. 5-26 6:30-7:30 p.m. Dick Wieland’s home
- Apr. 2
- Mar. 5-26 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!

**Sunday Kids Connection**

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. Each week we complete a chapter and learn how to apply the word of God to our every day lives. Today we will remain in the Sanctuary with parents for the 150th Anniversary Celebration.

**Upcoming Activities**

**Youth Melodrama**

We hope you will join the Youth Group for “Wait ‘Til The Sun Shines, Nellie” on
- **Friday, March 27 at 6:00 p.m. or on Sunday, March 29 at noon.** The proceeds from this year’s melodrama performance and ad sales will go towards the middle school youth’s summer camp fees at Westminster Woods and the senior high youth’s trip to RHINO. (Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans)

  **The deadline to submit your ad is March 17.**

  The ads cost $25 for ¼ page, $35 for ½ page and $50 for a full page.

  **Ticket prices include a delicious meal & melodrama fun!**

  **Adults**- $12 in advance/$14 at the door
  **Kids**- ages 5-12 are $5 in advance/$6 at door
  **Under age 5-FREE.** (Group discount rates are available)

  Make reservations by calling the church office at 263-0248.

  The Women’s Empowered Market is back as part of the March celebration of Women’s History month and the International Women’s Day. On Saturday, March 21 in the East and West Dining Rooms from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Guests can shop, eat, support, and learn with nonprofits and businesses that empower women locally and globally. Handmade accessories, artwork, jewelry, clothing, and decor that is Fair Trade, Direct Trade, ethically sourced, and from women-owned businesses will be available. Learn about programs empowering women through job and skills training, housing, voting initiatives, and more. The Wichita Refugee Congregation Church will have a booth selling some of their traditional breads that were so popular last year. Mark your calendar now; this is an event worth supporting.
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.

Congratulations—The pink rose this morning on the baptismal font is in honor of the birth of Finley Kaye Haas. Laci and Cole Haas are the proud parents. Grandparents are Jamie and Cynthia Rekoske and Great Grandmother Donna Coldwater.

Sympathy—The white rose this morning on the baptismal font is in memory of Betty Jo Dotzour. Please pray for her family and friends who are grieving their loss.

Flowers—The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor and recognition of the 150th birthday of our historic and blessed First Presbyterian Church here in Wichita, Kansas.

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: Gary & Jill Tanner and family, Frank & Sue Solomon, Bill Sloan, Jr., Marc & Susan Jones, and Naomi Lingwood.

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, March 15**
- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship with 150th Reception & Slide Show (The Well)
- 9:30 Journey's Class (Parlor)
- 9:30 Blood Pressure Check (The Well)
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:45 Worship & 150th Anniversary Documentary (Sanctuary)
- 12:30 Melodrama Rehearsal (EDR)

**Monday, March 16**
- 1:30 Youth Group Food Bank (Offsite)

**Tuesday, March 17**
- 10:00 Pastoral Staff Mtg (Hobbs)
- 11:00 Staff Mtg (Hobbs)
- 5:30 Session (Parlor)

**Wednesday, March 18**
- 9:00 Dorcas Circle (C105)

**Thursday, March 19**
- 1:30 Book Chat (C109)

**Friday, March 20**
- 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (C109)

**Saturday, March 21**
- 10:00 Womens Empowered Market (EDR/WDR/KIT)
- 11:00 Brent's Bible Study w/WRCC (Hobbs)

**Sunday, March 22**
- 8:30 Worship (Chapel)
- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship (The Well)
- 9:30 Journey's Class (Parlor)
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Refuge Worship (C204)
- 12:30 Melodrama Rehearsal (EDR)

### Easter Lilies

Easter lilies may be purchased in Honor Of or in Memory of a loved one. Envelopes are on the information table and in the office. The deadline to purchase the lilies is April 3rd. The cost is $12 per plant.