

# First Presbyterian Church



**March 27, 2022**  
**9:30 a.m. In-Person & Live Streaming**

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March 27, 2022

4th Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m.

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Meditation

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Prelude

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

Helmut Walcha

Greetings

\*Call to Worship - from *Sanctified Art*

Leader: God's reach is endless.

**People: God's mercy is unstoppable.**

Leader: God's grace is lavish.

**People: God's love is constant.**

Leader: God's wisdom is vast.

**People: God's hope is stubborn.**

Leader: God's presence is here—

**People: with us, among us, moving through us.**

Leader: Breathe easy. Breathe deeply.

**People: We are in God's house.**

Leader: Let us worship the One who welcomes us home.

\*Hymn

*Jesus, Priceless Treasure* (vs. 1, 3)

No. 365

Call to Confession - from *Sanctified Art*

If you ask any parent with a teenager what it's like to wait up for their child to meet curfew, they will tell you—they're standing at the door. The porch light is on. No one can sleep until that child is home safe. Friends, I think God is like that for us. The porch light is on. The door is unlocked. We might be late for curfew, but God is just so glad we're home. So let us pray the prayer of confession together, trusting that no matter what we do or what we leave undone, the porch light is always on. Let us pray. . .

Prayer of Confession - from *Sanctified Art*

**The prodigal son isn't given a name, but we know his name. It sounds like ours. And we know his story. It sounds like ours. For who among us hasn't burned a bridge? Who among us hasn't forgotten that we belong to one another? Who among us has not ached for home? The prodigal son isn't given a name, but we know his name. Forgive us God. We want to come home.**

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Family of faith, the word 'prodigal' can be defined as wasteful or imprudent, hence the name, "Prodigal Son." However, 'prodigal' can also be described as extravagant and excessive. Friends, we worship a prodigal God—a God who is extravagant in mercy and excessive in grace. For no matter how many times we run, no matter how far we go or how lost we get, God is standing at the end of the driveway waiting for us. The doors are open. The feast is for you. This grace is extravagant.

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*Song of Thanksgiving *Gloria Patri* No. 579

\*The Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Kid's Connection (pre-recorded) Liz Norris

First Reading 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Anthem *Grace* Mark Hayes  
Diane Fast, Piano

Second Reading Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sermon *"Extravagant Grace and Graced Ambassadors "*  
Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

\*Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in a God who waits in the driveway for us. We believe in a God who leaves the porch light on and throws a feast when we are found. We believe in a God who doesn't stop looking for us when we get lost. We believe in a God of prodigal grace-excessive, extravagant, over-the-top grace. In response to this grace, we hold tighter to each other. We remember that humans are not meant to go through life alone; so we look for ways to welcome each other in, to live like we are family, and to lead with grace-excessive, extravagant, over-the-top grace. We believe that this is our call. Let it be so. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Call to Stewardship	<i>Living Waters for the World</i>	Patrice Cummings
Offertory	<i>Living Waters for the World</i>	Video
*Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	No. 592
*Prayer of Dedication		
*Hymn	<i>O Lamb of God Most Holy!</i> (vs. 1, 3)	No. 82
*Charge and Benediction		
*Postlude	<i>Ah, Holy Jesus</i>	Johannes Brahms

\*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor	Brent O. Johnston
Liturgist	Dave Fulton
Director of Music	Steve Bixler
Organist	Mark Sweeney

### **Production Crew**

Dave Muehl, Sound; Sailor Sulier, Computer Graphics;  
Bob Moler, Camera Operator; Video Editor, Michelle Edwards

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## News & Events

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### 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 buy the lilies is March 27. The cost is \$12 per plant.



### Easter Egg Candy Donations Needed

We will be having an Easter egg hunt for the children after Easter Sunday service on April 17. We need candy to fill the eggs for this event. Please bring your donations to the church during office hours, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or contact Liz Norris at 214-4318 to arrange an alternate drop off time and answer any questions. **Thank you!**



### USHERS

We so appreciate those who contacted Phil Michel with their willingness to serve as an Usher. As more individuals are choosing to worship in person, we would like to have an Usher at the south Sanctuary door to greet people as they enter.

This would be on a rotating schedule, and you would be needed once every couple of months. If this is something you feel called to do, please contact Patty Cole by email at [pattycole21@gmail.com](mailto:pattycole21@gmail.com) or call Patty at 316-250-4577. We want to have visitors and members feel welcomed!

### RAISE FUNDS FOR FPC USING AMAZON SMILE!

You can also help earn money for FPC when you make purchases from Amazon. Amazon Smile is a program that donates 0.5% of each purchase to the charity of your choice. When you are ready to shop, go to <http://smile.amazon.com>, choose FPC as your charity, then shop!



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## Upcoming News & Events

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### Sunday Morning Lenten Studies through April 10

Plan to join us for Lent as the Journeys Class continues its study of *The New Testament in its World* by N.T. Wright and M.F. Bird. Classes will begin at 10:45 a.m. in The Parlor and also via Zoom.

- How did Jesus' teaching and actions relate to the kingdom of God?
- Did Jesus think he was the Messiah? How was Jesus' death on the cross understood?
- What did the ancient people believe about the afterlife?
- How did the apostle Paul view resurrection?
- How did the Gospel writers view resurrection? How can we begin to think through what Jesus' resurrection means for us?

This series will include both video presentations and discussions. For those who want to read the book, we will cover Chapters 9 through 14. **Please plan to join us!**

### Wednesday Night Lent Classes through April 6

Beginning Wednesday evening from March 9 through April 6, Pastor Brent will be leading a series entitled *Full to the Brim, An Expansive Lent*. Classes will be held in *The Well* and via Zoom, starting at 6:30.

*Full to the Brim*, is an invitation into a radically different Lent, into a full life. It's an invitation to be authentically who you are, to counter scarcity and injustice at every turn, to pour out even more grace wherever it is needed. When we allow ourselves to be filled to the brim with God's lavish love, that love spills over. It reaches beyond ourselves; like water, it rushes and flows, touching everything in its path.

Classes will feature weekly scriptures, employing Lectio-Visio Divina, which incorporates contemplating an image as well as the Word. The images were created by a group called *A Sanctified Art*, a team of artists in ministry. This bringing of scripture and theological themes to life through the arts will help us all to connect deeply to the abundant life of Christ. **Please plan to attend!**

### Whispering Winds Spring Workday

This year's Spring workday at the camp will be on Saturday, April 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided at noon by the Camp Commission. Please plan to come help us clean, cut weeds, pick up branches and other various chores. Feel free to bring family, friends, and neighbors. For more information contact DJ Spaeth at (316) 210-0196.





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Presbyterian  
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of Wichita, Kansas

### 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.

*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. -Liz Norris, Director of Children’s Ministry*

***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: Megan Cabrales, Pat Mah, Cleo Richards, and Eric & Tammi Schulte and family.

### Meditation

*“What Doesn’t Play by the Rules”* by Rev. Sarah Speed

I come into the room calculating what I’ve done, as if hurt could be measured, as if there was a score system, as if we could say what I owe in return. I come into the room ready to apologize, ready to make amends, ready to tell you all the things I’ll do to make it better, but you put your arms around me. Grace is the ocean that softens the edges. Grace is rain in the desert-you’re not sure whether to laugh, cry, or dance. Grace is a miracle, all by itself. In a scorekeeping world, grace doesn’t play by the rules. I come into the room calculating what I’ve done. You say there’s grace here. It feels like a miracle. I don’t know whether to laugh, cry, or dance.

## Calendar

### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### Sunday, March 27

- 9:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Stream, & Facebook Live
- 10:00 WRCC Worship (C204)
- 10:30 Journey’s Lenten Study (Parlor/Zoom)

#### Monday, March 28

- 6:30 Bridge to the Future Team Mtg (Zoom)

#### Tuesday, March 29

- 1:00 Staff Meeting (*The Well*)
- 2:30 Pastoral Staff Mtg (*The Well*)
- 6:30 Session Mtg (Zoom)

#### Wednesday, March 30

- 9:00 Dorcas (C105)
- 6:00 Youth & Kid’s Club (YL)
- 6:30 Lent Study (*The Well*/Zoom)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)

#### Saturday, April 2

- 8:00 Community Breakfast (KIT/EDR)

#### Sunday, April 3

- 9:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Stream, & Facebook Live
- 10:00 WRCC Worship (C204)
- 10:30 Journey’s Lenten Study (Parlor/Zoom)

### “Sabina: Tortured for Christ”

The movie we watched on Friday, March 4th is available on DVD for check out. If you would like to watch the movie at home, please contact the church to check out the DVD.

### Buy a FPC 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook!

The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbooks make a perfect gift for any occasion. Contact Geri Doll or come by the office on Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to buy a cookbook. You may also buy a cookbook on Sundays after worship. They are only \$15.

