

First Presbyterian Church



FOURTH SUNDAY
In Lent

March 31, 2019
10:45 a.m.

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Prelude

O Lamb of God Most Holy

David Cherwien

Processional

Khyah Van Es

Greetings

*Call to Worship

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

*Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Hymn

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

No. 365

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior we pray. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Thanksgiving

Gloria Patri

No. 579

Welcome to Our Newest Member-Confirmand Sierra Coldwater



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.

Prayers- Please send get well cards to Kathy McVey to the following address: C/O Bob McVey 35600 W. 218th Street, Edgerton, Ks 66021.

Flowers-The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God given to the glory of God and in memory of all the former members of our Chancel Choir by Dennis Black.

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: Jackson Haltom, Velta Clough, Harry and Elfie Alexander and Pearl Whittit.

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.

News & Upcoming Activities

“Be Well” Seminar on Saturday April 13

The Parish Nurse and the Evangelism/Hospitality Commission are sponsoring a “Be Well” (in body, mind, & relationships) Seminar, one session only, on Saturday, April 13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in *The Well*. The session is FREE, limited to 20 individuals with lunch and materials provided. To register, sign up with Joan Aldrich (409-7249) or Mary Knecht (942-8068) by noon, Sunday, April 7. If you make a reservation and are not able to attend, please call to cancel to make room for someone else.

“Be Well” is presented by Rev. Dave Fulton. He received a grant from the Kansas Health Foundation and has been leading “Be Well” Seminars with great success for the last year. He is offering this program to members of FPC, their family and friends. If this session proves popular others will be scheduled.

Deep Spiritual Wellness (DSW) is our natural vitality and source of wellness. Spirit is the inner energy which makes us well. Spiritual practices such as meditation (mind), yoga (body), and spiritual conversation (relationships) open us to deep spiritual wellness. Stress in body, mind and relations take us out of DSW. Living in Deep Spiritual Wellness empowers vitality!
For Deep Spiritual Wellness sign up to “Be Well” in body, mind, and relationships!

One Great Hour of Sharing Helps Our Neighbors in Great Need

All around the world we hear of people whose homes and even loved ones that are washed away by hurricanes, people trapped in systems of injustice and oppression, and people who will go to bed hungry or without a roof over their heads. One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way we Presbyterians have to join together to share God’s love with our neighbors in need.

It enables our church to actively engage in the world so that faith comes alive and the world wakes up to the new possibilities God has placed before us. Each gift helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations through three impactful programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People. The OGHS offering will be received and dedicated on Palm Sunday, April 14. Plan to share generously and make a big difference in the lives of some our most needy neighbors.

*Hymn *O Lamb of God Most Holy!* No. 82

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

*Recessional

*Postlude *O Love Deep, How Broad, How High* David Johnson

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor
 Liturgist
 Director of Music
 Organist

Brent O. Johnston
 Judy Michel
 Steve Bixler
 Mark Sweeney

Activities & Announcements

CONTINUE YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY THIS AFTERNOON!

Join your friends and colleagues this afternoon at 3:00 at Mark Arts, 1307 N. Rock Road where internationally-acclaimed baritone, Anthony Brown, will join the Hesston College Bel Canto Singers for another performance. Entitled "We've Come This Far by Faith," the concert will feature songs of peace and justice, including the African-American spirituals. The event, sponsored by our church's Durfee 360 series, is free and open to the public. Doors open at 2:15 p.m.

You will not want to miss this wonderful performance!

Journeys Class to Continue with:

Art's Role in Christianity: An Historical Perspective

April 7 through April 28

In April, the *Journeys* class will take a new and fascinating kind of journey into the world of art. Over the course of time, what was the role of art in telling the story of Christianity? Art expert and our own church member Bob Workman, recently retired director of the Ulrich Museum at Wichita State University, will lead us on this, colorful, intriguing and fact-filled journey.

Come join us in the West Dining Room at 9:30 a.m. for this insightful series.

SAVE THE DATE- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH YOUTH GROUP PRESENTS:

Friday April 5 @ 6 p.m. & Sunday April 7 @ noon.

Adults: \$12 in advance/\$14 at the door

Kids 5-12: \$5 in advance/\$6 at the door

Under 5: Free

*New Group rate: (for groups of 5 or more) \$10 in advance/\$12 at the door

Get the discount price by calling the church office at 316-263-0248 and making your reservation.



Lenten Wednesday Night Adult Book Study

This past year at age ninety Presbyterian Church ((USA) pastor, the Reverend F. Morgan Roberts wrote a summary of his view of Christianity in the endearing book, *A Beautiful View: A Friendlier Christianity As A Way Of Life*. Tom Church will facilitate the study and conversation of this book at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor for the Wednesdays of Lent. The book provides a regenerative spirit with which to view and practice faith. **Books are available in the church office for \$15.00 or you may purchase a copy at amazon.com. Come join us!**

Calendar

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, March 31 <i>Yellow Bag Sunday</i></p> <p>9:15 Coffee Fellowship (<i>The Well</i>) 9:30 Journeys Class (WDR) 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 10:30 Youth C.R.E.W. (<i>The Well</i>) 10:45 Worship—Soloist Anthony Brown with Hesston College Bel Canto Singers (Sanctuary) 10:45 Refugee Worship (C201 & C204) 12:00 Melodrama Rehearsal (EDR) 3:00 Durfee 360 Concert at Mark Arts</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday, April 1</p> <p>6:00 Melodrama Rehearsal (EDR)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, April 2</p> <p>4:30 Camp Comm. Meeting (WDR) 5:30 Facilities/Stewardship Mtg (WDR) 6:00 Melodrama Rehearsal (EDR) 6:00 Deacons Meeting (C109)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, April 3</p> <p>9:00 Dorcas (C105) 5:30 Wednesday Clubs 5:30 Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary) 6:15 James Ringers (Sanctuary) 6:30 Adult Bible Study (Parlor) 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, April 4</p> <p>11:30 Veterans & Clergy Luncheon (<i>The Well</i>) 6:00 Melodrama Rehearsal (EDR)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, April 5</p> <p>12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (WDR) 6:00 Melodrama (EDR & WDR)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, April 6</p> <p>8:00 Community Breakfast (EDR, WDR, KIT) 8:00 Guadalupe Clinic (EDR) 11:00 Brent's Bible Study w/WRCC (Hobbs)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, April 7 <i>Communion</i></p> <p>8:30 Worship (Chapel) 9:15 Coffee Fellowship (<i>The Well</i>) 9:30 Journeys Class (Parlor) 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 10:30 Youth C.R.E.W. (<i>The Well</i>) 10:45 Refugee Worship (C201 & C204) 12:00 Melodrama (EDR & WDR)</p>
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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.

First Reading Joshua 5:9-12

Greetings from the President of Hesston College-Dr. Joseph A. Manickam

Anthem Hesston College Bel Canto Singers
Russell Adrian, Director; Ken Rodgers, Accompanist

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

Homily: “Israel as the Prodigal and the Pharisees as the Resentful Son”
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

Affirmation of Faith Excerpt from *Confession of 1967

Leader: We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

People: Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

All: With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and Prayers of the People
Call to Stewardship

Offertory Anthony Brown, Baritone

*Doxology No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication