March 8, 2020
8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
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March 8, 2020                             2nd Sunday in Lent                             8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Prelude  The God of Abraham Praise            David Lowe

**Processional**  Brandon Bowles & Alex Maddux

Greetings

*Call to Worship - Excerpt from Psalm 121
Leader:  I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from where will my help come?

People: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Leader:  Let us worship God.

*Prayer of the Day
God of our forebears, as your chosen servant Abraham was given faith to obey
your call and go out into the unknown, so may your church be granted such faith
that we may follow you with courage for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*Hymn  The God of Abraham Praise  No. 488

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have
not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own
concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace,
help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent,
turn to you, and receive forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

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.

**Kids Connection  Liz Norris
First Reading
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Anthem
I Lift Mine Eyes Unto the Hills
Psalm 121

Second Reading
John 3:1-17

Sermon:
"If I be Lifted Up..."
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

**Special Music
I Want to Praise You Lord
Youth Singers

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Minute of Celebration
Gary Huffman

Offertory
Song of Penitence
Ludwig van Beethoven
Gretchen Bixler, Soprano

O Lord, against Thee only have I sinned, And evil have I done before Thee.
And Thou dost know the many faults that curse me; O God, behold my misery.
Thou art my hope, my yearning is not secret, and all my tears are before Thee.
O God, how long shall I be afraid? How long wilt Thou be far from me?
O Lord, remember not my sins; remember not my guilt,
O Lord, do not chastise me for my past faults.
I pray to Thee; O let me find Thy face, O God, be patient and long suffering.
And now, O Lord, I early seek Thy favor and seek, O Father, Thy great compassion!
And always will I rejoice in Thy name for Thou art a God who dost gladly rejoice.
O take Thy way of always bringing joy, and teach me, Lord,
Thy holy laws, that I may daily do Thy will for Thine own good pleasure.
Thou art my God, Thy servant am I.

*Doxology
No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn
In the Cross of Christ I Glory
No. 84

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

People: And also with you.
*Recessional
*Postlude

Postlude in e minor

J. S. Bach

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)
**signifies 10:45 service only

Worship Leaders

Pastor
Liturgist
Director of Music
Organist

Brent Johnston
Jeff Van Sickle
Steve Bixler
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

**Thursdays**
- Mar. 5, 19, 26
- 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- Judy Weber’s home

- Apr. 2
- Dick Wieland’s home

- Apr. 2
- 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. We will then exit the Sanctuary and go to the library for a hands-on Bible lesson. Each week we complete a chapter and learn how to apply the word of God to our every day lives.

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**Upcoming Events**

**150th Anniversary Celebration Invitations**

With the March 15 celebration service nearing, it is time to invite friends and former members to be present with us that day.

Your help is needed! The committee has taken care of most of the details of the yearlong celebration, but the congregation is needed to make the March 15 event successful.

We can’t possibly contact all of the people who have attended First Presbyterian at some time and who might be interested in attending the March 15 worship service and documentary.

If you know someone who was formerly a member of FPC, please invite them to be present on March 15. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. 150 years of serving the Wichita community is no small accomplishment.

Also, this will be an excellent time to invite your neighbors and friends to worship with you. Please take a little time to send a postcard or make a phone call. We need your help! Thank you for your assistance.

**Celebrate at the Site of the Dugout**

Join us on Friday, March 13, at 2:00 p.m. at 12th and Jackson (one block west of Waco). This is the site of the dugout where Presbyterians worshiped during the winter of 1869-1870. There will be a brief ceremony featuring several “original” members. Also, you will learn about the Finn Memorial Park and monument. Plan to be there. This is one of our most important events in celebrating the 150th Anniversary of First Presbyterian Church.

**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. The ads cost $25 for ¼ page, $35 for ½ page and $50 for a full page. The deadline to submit your ad is March 15. 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).

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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.

Sympathy—The white rose this morning on the baptismal font is in memory of Warren Carter. Please remember Warren’s sister, Jacque, in your prayers and family and friends who are grieving his passing.

Flowers—The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Martha and Leon Morlan by Dick and Margaret Wieland.

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: Dick & Carol Blumenshine, Lynne & Glenn Ziegler, Penninah Ziegler, Paul Works, David Alexander, and David & Marilyn Grisham.

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.

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**Calendar**

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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 purchase the lilies is April 3rd. The cost is $12 per plant.