First Presbyterian Church

April 28, 2019
8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

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Prelude  
*Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!*  
Healey Willan

**Processional**  
*Sierra Coldwater*

Greetings  
Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.  
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*Call to Worship*  
Leader: Come, sister and brothers, gather together?  
People: From all the bruises of a busy week, gather.  
Leader: Plunge your sorrow and worry into the fountain of life.  
People: Here, find courage and renewal.  
Leader: Give your questions and doubts to the heart of God.  
People: Here, find a peace that lightens the load and restores the faith.  
Leader: Come all of you in this place;  
ALL: Become a family of love, a community of song, a people of prayer.

*Prayer of the Day*  
O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit’s breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.

*Hymn*  
That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright  
No. 121

Call to Confession  
Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession  
God of mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence  
Choral Response
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.

Sympathy – The white rose this morning on the baptismal font is in memory of Betty Hattan. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers as they grieve their recent loss. We also extend our Christian sympathies to Janice Savute and family as they grieve the recent loss of her daughter Julie Savute Zittergruen.

Flowers - The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joyce and Malcolm Greene by Marie and Mike Greene.

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: Julia Feagan and family, Tim Cooper, Sigmond Jacob, and Roger and Jane Klocke.

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.
Presbyterian Women's
Brunch and Lesson Wednesday, May 8

The final lesson for PW in their study “God’s Promise--I Am With You” will be on Wednesday, May 8. Brunch will be served at 9:30 a.m. in the West Dining Room with the lesson to follow. PW circles from other Wichita Presbyterian churches have been invited to the event. Rev. Dawn Flippin, pastor of the Kingman church will summarize lessons 1-8 and highlight number 9 “God With Us.” In this lesson Jesus extends the promise of presence to his followers, whom he sends into the world. Reservations are needed by noon on Friday, May 3, to Mary Knecht by calling (316) 942-8068 or e-mail knechtmary@hotmail.com. The $6.00 cost for the food will be collected from each guest at the door. The annual Birthday Offering will be received and dedicated.

CAMP WHISPERS

Both camp pools will open on May 24, the Friday before Memorial Day. Regular hours will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, plus holidays (Memorial Day Monday, Fourth of July Thursday/Friday, and Labor Day Monday). Labor Day will be the last open day of the season. Come on out and get wet!

Recycle Lenten Devotional Books

If you are finished with the Lenten devotional paperback book "Were You There? Lenten Reflections on the Spirituals" and don’t want to keep it in your personal library, please bring it to the church office. The Mission Commission can route them to others who will find them helpful in their spiritual journey. Thank you.
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

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

*Prayer of Dedication
*Hymn Blessing and Honor No. 147
*Charge and Benediction
*Choral Response
**Recessing with the Candles of Presence
*Postlude Lift High the Cross arr. Charles W. Ore

News & Upcoming Activities

Calling All Graduates!

We need your help! If you or anyone you know is graduating this spring, from high school, college, or any other school, please let us know so they can be recognized on Sunday, May 12, during the 10:45 a.m. worship service. This information will also be helpful in updating our college-age student list. Please contact Geri Doll 316-737-8855 or doll@firstchurchwichita.org.

C.R.E.W. Christians Ready Equipped and Willing

The youth will meet in The Well at 10:30 a.m., then sit together in the Sanctuary for worship. The scripture readings and sermon will be our subject for discussion each Sunday and our discussion notes will be given to the pastors for them to review. Our time together is called C.R.E.W. and we hope this will be a meaningful way for our young people to think about and unpack God’s word. Following the discussion, the youth will have time for fellowship.

Spring cleaning? Refugee families can use your extras!

As you do your spring cleaning, rearranging, decorating and/or downsizing, remember that our twenty Congolese refugee families would be most grateful for any used furniture, bedding, or household items that you have duplicates of or no longer need. Contact knecht-mary@hotmail.com or 942-8068 to arrange for a pick up.

Worship Leaders

Guest Preacher David Fulton
Liturgist Judy Michel
Director of Music Steve Bixler
Organist Gary Huffman
**Calendar**

**Sunday, April 28**  
*Yellow Bag Sunday*

8:30  Worship (Chapel)
9:15  Coffee Fellowship (*The Well*)
9:30  Journeys Class (Parlor)
10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
10:45 Youth C.R.E.W. (*The Well*)
10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
10:45 Refugee Worship (C201 & C204)
12:00 CE Volunteer Recognition (*The Well*)

**Tuesday, April 30**

10:00 Pastoral Staff Meeting (Hobbs)
11:00 Staff Meeting (*The Well*)
4:30 Camp Committee Mtg. (WDR)
5:30 CE/Commission Mtg. (*The Well*)
5:30 Facilities/Stewardship Mtg. (WDR)
6:00 Deacons Mtg. (C109)

**Wednesday, May 1**

9:00 Dorcas (C105)

**Friday, May 3**

12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (WDR)

**Saturday, May 4**

8:00 Community Breakfast (EDR, WDR, KIT)
8:00 Guadalupe Clinic (EDR)
11:00 Brent’s Bible Study w/WRCC (Hobbs)

**Sunday, May 5**  
*Communion*

8:30  Worship (Chapel)
9:15  Coffee Fellowship (*The Well*)
9:30  Journeys Class (Parlor)
10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
10:45 Youth C.R.E.W. (*The Well*)
10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
10:45 Refugee Worship (C201 & C204)

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**Assurance of Pardon**

My friends, God is our refuge and will not abandon us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Amen.

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

*CE Volunteer Recognition*  
Geri Doll & Liz Norris

*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  
Psalm 150

**Anthem**  
‘Tis Thou to Whom All Honor  
Joseph Haydn

**Gospel Reading**  
John 20:19-31

**Sermon**  
“Lord, Make Me an Instrument of thy Peace”  
The Rev. David Fulton

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer**

**Call to Stewardship**

**Offertory**  
*I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* (from Messiah)  
G. F. Handel

Gretchen Bixler, Soprano

*I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first-fruits of them that sleep.*

*Doxology*  
No. 592