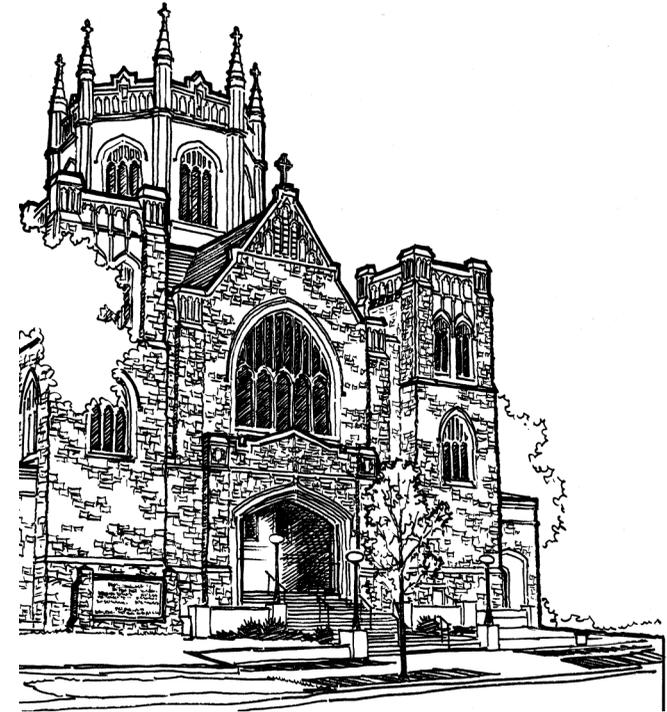


First Presbyterian Church



May 1, 2022
9:30 a.m. In-Person & Live Streaming

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3rd Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m.

Meditation

(see insert)

Prelude

Lord, I Want to be a Christian

Diane Bish

Greetings

*Call to Worship - from Psalm 30

Leader: O Lord our God, we praise you.

People: We cried to you for help, and you answered us.

Leader: You have restored our lives.

People: You have rescued us from the grave.

Leader: Therefore, you are worthy of our worship and thanksgiving.

*Prayer of the Day

Living Lord, you meet us in unexpected places and surprise us with the abundance of your love. Feed us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit, so that we may follow you this day, and always, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. **Amen.**

*Hymn

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun (vs. 1-3)

No. 456

Call to Confession

When your soul is suffering in silence, call out to the Lord our God, who heals your brokenness, who lifts you up from the pit of despair to restore your life. With this promise in mind, let us confess our sin to God on our path to wholeness and well-being.

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of your deliverance in this life and the next. In your Holy name we pray, Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news. Rise up from the dust! Cast off the shroud of sorrow and put on the joy of the risen Lord. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

*The Peace

Leader: As God's own people, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Be always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven you. And, above everything else, be loving, and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for you. 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.

Kid's Connection (pre-recorded)

Liz Norris

First Reading

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

Anthem

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gilbert Martin

Second Reading

John 21:15-19

Sermon

"Apostolic Leadership in the Post Easter Community"

Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Affirmation of Faith - Nicene Creed

Leader: Let us confess our faith.

People: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

News & Events

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

We need your help! If you or anyone you know graduated this past December or is graduating this spring, from high school, college, or any other school, please let us know so we can recognize them on Sunday, May 15 during the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **The deadline for this information is Sunday, May 1.** This information will also be helpful in updating our college-age student list. **Please contact Geri Doll 316-737-8855 or by e-mail at doll@firstchurchwichita.org.**

SUMMER CAMPS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Camp registration booklets are available to pick up on the table outside the church office.

All camp registration forms are due on or before May 18, 2022.

Games Camp

May 31st to June 3rd 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Includes children who have completed Kindergarten – 5th grades

Cost is \$40

Scholarships are available upon request.

Vacation Bible School 2022

June 7th through June 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Includes children who have completed Kindergarten – 5th grades

Cost is \$10

Scholarships are available upon request.

“Journey with Jesus”

This year’s theme is *“Journey with Jesus.”*

We will discover together how the world was created, the birth of Jesus Christ, the many miracles of Jesus, and his death and resurrection.

Upcoming News & Events

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

The Session has approved the call of a Congregational Meeting following the 9:30 a.m. worship service today. The purposes of the meeting are to elect elders and deacons to the Class of 2025 and to make two amendments to the By-laws.

Journey’s Class – April 24 through May 15

Please join us as we conclude our Journey’s Class year with an intriguing topic led by Brian Howard. Each Sunday from April 24 through May 15, Brian will lead us in *“Almost, But Not Quite”*, an examination of early Christian literature that almost made it into the Bible, but ultimately did not. Examples include the Shepherd of Hermas, 1st Clement, the Epistle to Barnabas, and other early documents. Classes will begin at 10:45 a.m. in the Parlor and also via Zoom. The May 1st class will meet at 11 due to the Congregational Meeting.

Please plan to join us!

SAVE THE DATE

“FPC Cookbook Cook Off Brunch” on Sunday, May 22

Please join the Hospitality and Evangelism Commission for brunch and fellowship. Breakfast will be provided including stuffed French toast with fruit, bacon, sausage, juice, milk, and coffee.

To promote the FPC 150th Anniversary Cookbook we encourage you to bring a dish found in the FPC Cookbook. They are available for purchase in *The Well* and in the office for \$15 each.

Please RSVP by contacting the office by phone or e-mail info@firstchurchwichita.org.

**Cost for Brunch is \$5.00 per person
OR bring a dish from the FPC Cookbook and
YOUR MEAL IS FREE!**





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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! 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: Gary & Lilly-Ann Huffman, Bob Marley, Jolene Satterwaite, Cassandra Swenson and family, Jill Young and Erin, and Katelyn Young.

MEDITATION

Revelation 5:11-14

5:11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, 5:12 singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" 5:13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" 5:14 And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Calendar

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 1

- 9:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Stream, & Facebook Live
- 10:00 WRCC Worship (C204)
- 10:45 Congregational Mtg (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 Journey's Class (The Parlor)

Tuesday, May 3

- 1:00 Staff Mtg (*The Well*)
- 2:30 Pastoral Staff Mtg (*The Well*)
- 4:30 Camp Comm. Mtg (C109)
- 5:30 CE Mtg (*Zoom/The Well*)

Wednesday, May 4

- 6:30 PNC Mtg (Hobbs)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)

Saturday, May 7

- 8:00 Community Breakfast (WDR/EDR/KIT)

Sunday, May 8

- 9:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Stream, & Facebook Live
- 10:00 WRCC Worship (C204)
- 10:45 Journey's Class (The Parlor)

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