Called Congregational Meeting to Elect the Class of 2022 Elders and Deacons

The Session has called a congregational meeting immediately following the 10:45 a.m. worship in the Sanctuary on May 19, 2019 to receive a report and recommendation from the Congregational Nominating Committee.

Next “Be Well” Seminar on June 29

The next “Be Well” Seminar is scheduled for Saturday, June 29, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in The Well. This free program is lead by Rev. Dave Fulton and is open to FPC members, their family and friends. Lunch and materials are provided. For deep spiritual wellness—be well in body, mind and relationships. The seminar is limited to 20 people so make your reservation now with Joan Aldrich, aldrich@firstchurchwichita.org or Mary Knecht, knechtmary@hotmail.com.

Pool People Wanted!!!

Whispering Winds Camp seeks to hire a Pool Supervisor, at least 21 years old, with a HS/GED degree. The Pool Supervisor would supervise two Lifeguards and perform other maintenance and administrative responsibilities. The Camp also seeks additional entry level Lifeguards, who should have Lifeguard and First Aid training certification. Interested candidates should contact Geri Doll (737-8855) or Doug Aldrich (772-3958).

Whispering Winds Camp also seeks lots of Pool People who like to get wet, get tan, and have fun! No experience, age limits, education, training, or certifications are required!!! Regular hours will be 2 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, plus holidays (Memorial Day Monday, Fourth of July Thursday/Friday, and Labor Day Monday (last day of the season).
### Sunday, May 19

**Prayers of the People**

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

### Tuesday, May 21

- 10:00 Pastoral Staff Mtg. (Hobbs)
- 11:00 Staff Meeting *(The Well)*
- 5:30  Session (Parlor)

### Wednesday, May 22

- 9:00  Dorcas (C105)
- 5:30  Leadership Training (WDR)
- 7:00  Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### Friday, May 24

- 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (WDR)

### Saturday, May 25

- 11:00 Brent’s Bible Study w/WRCC *(Hobbs)*

### Sunday, May 26

**Yellow Bag Sunday**

- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:15 Coffee Fellowship *(The Well)*
- 10:45 Youth C.R.E.W. *(Sanctuary/ The Well)*
- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Refugee Worship (C201 & C204)
- 2:00 Summer Splash (Camp)
*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 148
Anthem
Praise the Lord
Jane Marshall
Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; Praise him in his mighty firmament!
Praise him for his mighty deeds; Praise him for his excellent greatness!
Praise him with trumpet sound; Praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with timbrel and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with sounding and clashing cymbals!
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Second Reading
Acts 11:1-18
Sermon
"Hindering the Work of the Spirit"
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Affirmation of Faith Excerpt from The Theological Declaration of Barmen

1. "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me." (John 14:6). "Truly, truly. I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber... I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved." (John 10:1, 9.)

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. We reject the false doctrine, as though the Church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God, still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God’s revelation....

6. "Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (Matt. 28:20.) "The word of God is not fettered." (II Tim. 2:9.)

The Church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and sacrament. We reject the false doctrine, as though the Church in human arrogance could place the Word and work of the Lord in the service of any arbitrarily chosen desires, purposes, and plans.
Shall we gather by the river,
Where bright angel's feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?

Chorus: Yes, we'll gather by the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river
That flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace. Chorus.

To God Be the Glory

O God of Earth and Altar
arr. James Mansfield

Worship Leaders
Senior Pastor
Brent O. Johnston
Liturgist
Judy Michel
Director of Music
Steve Bixler
Organist
Gary Huffman
Activities & Announcements

Registration & Information
Vacation Bible School & Games Camp

Registration must be completed by May 20th for those under age 18 attending either event. Forms are available on the table outside the office.

VBS on June 5, 6, & 7
This year VBS will run for 3 days in the evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Our theme will be “WHO’S My Neighbor?” This year, we are excited to partner with Adult Education to add an adult component and hope everyone will join in for a fun three evenings of learning and fellowship. We will be having dinner so if you are over the age of 18, we ask that you RSVP to the church office or to the Facebook event link. This will help us plan accordingly for food and supplies.

Games Camp
Will be June 11 through June 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m at Whispering Winds. We hope to have another lock-in on the Thursday of Games Camp. More details to come on this as we are still in the planning phases. Space is limited. Cost per camper is $40 for the entire week of Games Camp. Payment for this camp is due no later than May 20th. If you wish to apply for a scholarship, please contact Liz Norris.

ADULT VBS INFORMATION

Wednesday, June 5, Jeff Van Sickle will lead from the book “Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt: A Theological Survival Guide for Youth, Parents, and Other Confused Presbyterians.” This is an excellent book which light-heartedly presents Presbyterian beliefs as contrasted to neo-evangelical beliefs which seem to have overtaken us in popularity. No reading will be required.

Thursday, June 6, Russell Davison will present “The Heart of the Matter,” leading the class through nine principles to guide our reading and study of the Bible.

Friday, June 7, Bob Workman will present a quick and condensed program of church architecture, complete with commentary and slides. He will concentrate on Paleo-Christian and Gothic architecture, which should prove very interesting because First Presbyterian was designed in the Gothic tradition. We hope that you will join us for this intergenerational event.

Dinner 5:30 p.m. - Study time 6:15 p.m. - Yoga and social time 7:15 p.m.
Please RVSP to Jeff VanSickle jtvansickle@hotmail.com

May 19, 2019
8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

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May 19, 2019                           5th Sunday of Easter
8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Prelude
O Day of Peace
Jerusalem/arr. Chas. Callahan

**Processional
Khyah Van Es

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

**Bell Introit
Alba
arr. K. McChesney
James Ringers

**Coming Attractions- VBS-“Who’s My Neighbor? Learning to Love Like Jesus”

*Call to Worship
(excerpt from Psalm 148)
Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
People: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!
Leader: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
People: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

*Prayer of the Day

*Hymn
For the Beauty of the Earth
No. 473

Call to Confession
God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Prayer of Confession
Silence
Choral Response
Assurance of Pardon
*Song of Thanksgiving
Gloria Patri
No. 579

**Recognition of Choirs
Tom Winters

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.

Flowers-The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles and Lucille Grisham and Ed and Evelyn Foster by Marilyn and David Grisham.

Sympathy-Please keep Kristin & Mike Caradine and family and friends in your prayers as they grieve their recent loss of her father Paul Eveland. Also, please pray for Steve Wilkes and family as they grieve the recent loss his father Ray Wilkes.

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: Susan Williford, James Kincaid, Mike Inman, Mary Inman and Ward Marrs.

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.