

First Presbyterian Church



May 23, 2021
9:30 a.m. In-Person & Live Streaming

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Pentecost Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Raymond Haan

Greetings

*Call to Worship

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord

People: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,
and you shall be my witnesses to the ends of the earth.

People: Let us worship God.

*Prayer of the Day

*Hymn

On Pentecost They Gathered (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

No. 128

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

*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 (pre-recorded)

First Reading	Gather Around the Word	Acts 2:1-21
Second Reading		John 16:4b-15
Sermon	<i>"Holy Spirit as 'Empowerment and Advocate'"</i> Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston	
*Affirmation of Faith - Nicene Creed		Pg. 15
Call to Stewardship	Pentecost Offering	Patrice Cummings
Offertory Anthem	<i>Come, Gracious Spirit</i>	Dale Wood
*Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	No. 592
*Prayer of Dedication	Gather Around the Table	

Invitation to the Table

Leader: Great Thanksgiving. The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty... Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us... now and forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Consecrated Elements (Modified Intinction)
At the appropriate time, come forward (individually or as a group) to receive communion at one of the designated tables. And then return to your seat.

Communion Music *"Tallis' Ordinal"* Raymond Haan

Prayer after Communion

Sending Out into the World

*Hymn *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us* (Vs. 1, 3) No. 129

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us* Paul Manz

Congregational Meeting after service in-person and on Zoom

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Worship Leaders

Pastor	Brent O. Johnston
Liturgist	Dave Fulton
Director of Music	Steve Bixler
Organist	Mark Sweeney

Production Crew

Dave Muehl, Sound; Sailor Sulier, Computer Graphics;
Bob Moler, Camera Operator; Michelle Edwards, Video Editor.

News & Events

YOUR LEADERSHIP EDGE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The next sessions of the Kansas Leadership Center's Your Leadership Edge class will be held on June 2-3, July 7-8, Aug 4-5, and Sept 1-2. Courses are held online using Zoom. Sessions begin at 8:30 a.m. and end by 2 p.m. with generous breaks built into each day.

To enroll in a class:

1. Go to the Kansas Leadership Center's Your Leadership Edge page (www.kansasleadershipcenter.org/yourleadershipedge)
2. Look for a blue box that says, "Create Account Here to Register." Click on that box to start your registration, then select the option to create your account.
3. Toward the end of the registration, there will be an option to enter a promo code. Be sure to enter FirstPrez2020 to waive the registration fee.
4. Watch for an email confirmation of your class registration.

The two books used in the class are available at no charge and located in the church office. These are "*Your Leadership Edge: Lead Anytime, Anywhere*" and the "*KLC Guidebook*."

If you have questions about the training or need assistance with your registration, contact Cynthia Berner, facilitator of our Core Transformation Team, at ictbooks@gmail.com or 641-7587.

--Cynthia Berner, Transformation Team Facilitator

CHURCH SESSION MOTIONS APPROVED

Session passed the following two items during the meeting on May 18, 2021 regarding COVID-19.

- 1) Motion: **Effective May 19, 2021**, mask wearing is optional (not required) for any activity in the building. (Social distancing and no shared food is still required.)
- 2) Motion: **Beginning June 5, 2021**, the Community Breakfast will be served inside the church. The required restrictions; social distancing and no shared food, will be observed.

News & Events

Transportation Services are Coming Back in June!

We have not been able to provide any transportation services during the last year and are looking forward to starting services again. We are planning to return to scheduling and driving the first part of June. Riders will be asked to provide proof of vaccination and wear a mask while riding. Needless to say, there have been many changes during the past year. Not all our drivers are able to continue driving and not all schedulers are able to continue working in the transportation office.

So, we are looking for volunteers! Please consider donating 1/2 day a week of your time to either drive or do scheduling in the office. Days are flexible so you can pick a day that works best for you. Once you have chosen a day to volunteer, that will be your day! There are always substitutes available when you are out of town or busy.

This is a valuable service our church provides, and it is a very rewarding experience. If you might be interested in driving or working in the office, please contact Bruce (316-250-5554) or Patty Cole (316-250-4577) with your interest or questions or e-mail us at bpvcole@gmail.com.

The FPC 150th Anniversary Cookbooks are Here!

The 150th Anniversary Cookbooks have arrived. You may contact Geri Doll to order a cookbook or come by the office on Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to purchase your cookbook. They are only \$15.

Economy Corner Extends Hours of Operation!

Beginning May 4, The Economy Corner business hours changed. They are open for business from 12 to 4:30 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. We are in desperate need of fabric notions and craft items. All donations are very appreciated. Thank your continued support of this ministry.

Whispering Winds Camp News

The Camp is open to groups of any size, with appropriate precautions for COVID-19. The pools are currently closed but are planned to open Memorial Day weekend. Anyone interested in renting should submit an application with their proposed schedule (Date in, Date out, # people, proposed activities) to Dave Duncan, Camp Manager at 371-1050 or Sherri Miller, FPC Bookkeeper, at 263-0248. A contract must be completed with Sherri in the Finance Office in order to reserve the camp date.



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.

All persons must sign in upon entry of the building at this time for safety reasons due to COVID-19.

Children’s Information-Children are welcome in worship. We do not mind a little fidgeting and fussing in the pew. 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 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.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sunday Kids Connection-Kids Connection is prerecorded as part of the live stream worship service at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you have questions on how to find the group, please call Liz at (316) 214-4318.

Sympathy-Please pray for the family and friends of Doris Little as they grieve their recent loss. Services are pending at this time. Also, please keep Steven Harper’s family in your prayers as they grieve the recent loss of his daughter, Rebecca Castillo.

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, and Mary Inman.

Calendar

Sunday, May 23

- 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Stream, & Facebook Live
- 10:00 Refugee Worship (Rm 204)
- 10:45 Congregational Mtg (Sanctuary/ Zoom)
- 11:00 Journeys Class (Zoom/*The Well*)
- 11:00 “Family Connection” (EDR/ WDR)

Tuesday, May 25

- 1:00 Staff Mtg (MS Teams/*The Well*)
- 2:00 Pastoral Staff Mtg (MS Teams/*The Well*)

Wednesday, May 26

- 9:00 Dorcas (Rm C105)
- 1:00 Whole Health (*The Well*)
- 6:00 Youth Club (YL)

Sunday, May 30

- 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Stream, & Facebook Live
- 10:00 Refugee Worship (Rm 204)
- 10:30 Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**Monday, May 31
 CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY!**



SAVE THE DATES!

**Games Camp
 Ages K-5th**

Date: June 1-4, 2021
 Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Place: Whispering Winds Camp
 Cost: \$40 per person (Scholarships available upon request)

**VBS Camp
 Ages Pre-K-5th**

Date: June 8-11, 2021
 Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Place: Whispering Winds Camp

Camp Registration forms for both camps can be found on the table outside of the church office and on the FPC website.



TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST!

We ask that each participant bring a sack lunch, swim wear, towel, and a change of clothes if needed. Wear clothes designed for running and playing, including appropriate shoes. No sandals or flip flops. Bring sunscreen and insect repellent.

Call Liz Norris at 214-4318 or Geri Doll at 737-8855 with any questions or concerns.