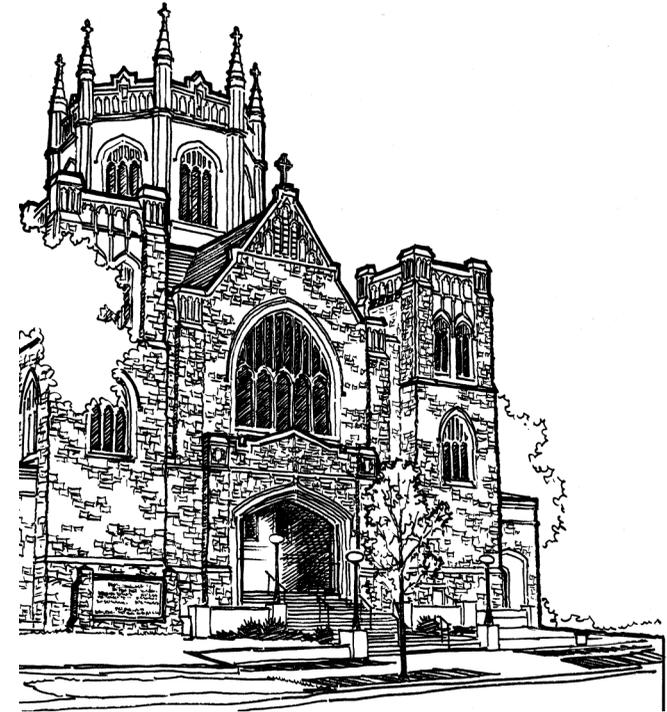


First Presbyterian Church



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4th Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m.

Meditation

(see insert)

Prelude

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Dale Wood

Greetings

*Call to Worship

Leader: O come let us bow down and worship; let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

People: For the Lord is our God; we are the Lord's people, the flock that God shepherds.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you sent Jesus, our good shepherd, to gather us together. May we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us, listening for his voice and staying near him, until we are safely in your fold, to live with you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Hymn

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets (vs. 1, 2)

No. 285

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

*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.

Church Connection (pre-recorded Mother's Day Video)

Liz Norris

First Reading

Acts 9:36-43

Anthem

The Lord is My Shepherd
Kyle Stanberry, Clarinet

John Rutter

Second Reading

John 10:22-30

Sermon

"Good Works as Testimony"
Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Affirmation of Faith - excerpt from *Confession of 1967*

Leader: Wise and virtuous men through the ages have sought the highest good in devotion to freedom, justice, peace, truth, and beauty. Yet all human virtue, when seen in the light of God's love in Jesus Christ, is found to be infected by self-interest and hostility. All men, good and bad alike, are in the wrong before God and helpless without his forgiveness. ...

People: The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for [all] when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to men [and women], moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. ...

Leader: The resurrection of Jesus is God's sign that he will

People: consummate his work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ. Amen.

News & Events

SUMMER CAMPS REGISTRATION INFORMATION



Games Camp - May 31 through June 3 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This camp is built around God's wonderful gift of play. Athletic skills are not necessary, but a great deal of energy is needed to take part in this week-long recreational adventure. We ask camp participants to bring tennis shoes, swim gear, and wear comfortable clothing. We will be spending most of our time outdoors having fun in the sun.

**Cost to participate is \$40 for the week.
Scholarships are available upon request.**

Vacation Bible School - June 7 through June 10 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

This year's theme is "Journey with Jesus." We will discover together how the world was created, the birth of Jesus Christ, Jesus's many miracles, and his death & resurrection. First Presbyterian offers a unique camp experience with engaging activities each day, fellowship, and fun.

Costs is \$10 for the week.

Scholarships are available upon request.

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

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

For more information contact Liz Norris.

Journey's Classes 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.

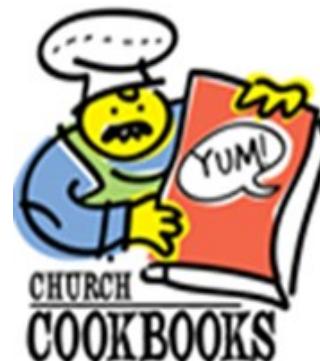
Please plan to join us!

Upcoming News & Events

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!**

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE TALENT SHOW A SUCCESS!

The youth group would like to sincerely thank the many people who helped with our very first Talent Show. It takes so many people to make everything happen, we will try to list them all below.

Directors-Katie Young and Liz Norris

Food- (shopping, prepping, cooking, serving and clean-up)-Alice Price, Cynthia Rekoske, Melinda Sears, DJ and Dale Spaeth, Joan and Doug Aldrich, David Wade, Harry Feikert, Al Goodwin, Mike Inman, Steven Harper, and many thanks to the folks who donated desserts!

Reservations table-Brad and Michelle Murray-Cline

Concession Stand-Chris Fox and Sheaukang Hew, Eli and Ephraim

Table decorations-Peggy and Tom Church

Set and room set-up/take-down-Roy Yarbrough, Amanda Decker

Talent Show booklet-Michelle Edwards

The youth and their parents-For making a huge commitment and following through to the end!

People who purchased ads, made donations, and came to the show. Too many to mention, but thank you very much for supporting our youth group!



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: Scott and Nancy Jones, James Lindsay, Don and Janet Setser, and Dale and DJ Spaeth.

MEDITATION

The Reasons of the Heart by John S. Dunne

When hope does awaken, an entire life awakens along with it. One comes fully to life. It begins to seem indeed that one has never lived before. One awakens to a life that is eternal in prospect, a life that opens up before one all the way to death and beyond, a life that seems able to endure death and survive it. Wherever hope rises, life rises.

Calendar

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)

Monday, May 9

- 4:30 Personnel Mtg (Zoom)
- 6:00 Mission Comm. Mtg (Zoom)

Tuesday, May 10

- 1:00 Staff Mtg (*The Well*)
- 2:30 Pastoral Staff Mtg (*The Well*)
- 5:30 Finance Comm. Mtg (Hobbs)
- 7:00 Stewardship Comm. Mtg (Zoom/Hobbs)

Wednesday, May 11

- 9:00 Dorcas (C105)
- 10:00 PW Circle (Zoom)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)

Thursday, May 12

- 9:30 Economy Corner Bd Mtg (EC)

Saturday, May 14

- 8:00 Transportation Mtg (C109)

Sunday, May 15

- 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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