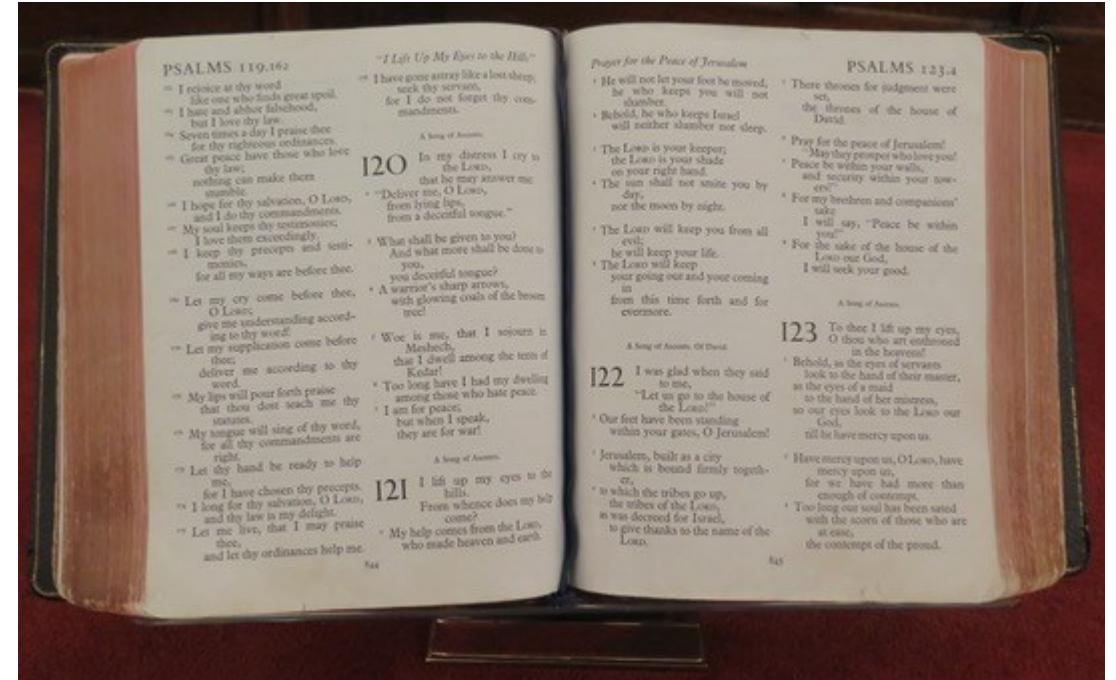


First Presbyterian Church



"The Everlasting Word of God"

June 6, 2021

9:30 a.m. In-Person & Live Streaming

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June 6, 2021 ***2nd Sunday after Pentecost*** **9:30 a.m.**

Prelude *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*
Gary Huffman, Piano

Greetings

Call to Worship

*Hymn *O Word of God Incarnate* No. 327

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We desire Christ to be our shepherd, Father; but we have wanted freedom to choose our own paths. And that freedom has robbed us of the joy of being alive. Forgive us, Father, and draw us back into our Lord's love and protection. Renew us with life that is full of joy, assured by the presence of our Savior, the great shepherd of His sheep, through whom we pray. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving *Gloria Patri* No. 579

*The Peace

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus be with you all,

People: And also with you.

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:1-8

Anthem *Bound for Jubilee* Joyce Eilers
Cowtown Quartet

Scripture Sermon Text Hebrews 13:8
"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

Sermon

"We May Change, but God Does Not"
Gary Huffman, Archivist

*Affirmation of Faith and The Lord's Prayer

Call for Offering

Offertory

Ride the Chariot
Cowtown Quartet

arr. William Henry Smith

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 592

*Dedication of Offering

*Hymn

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (Vs. 1-3)

No. 210

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Postlude

Great is Thy Faithfulness
Gary Huffman, Piano

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Worship Leaders

Gary Huffman, Preaching
Russ Davisson, Liturgist
Marilyn Heffner, Song Leader

Cowtown Quartet

Steve Bixler, Joe Emery, Kevin Findley, Justin Petersen

Production Crew

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

Events

YOUR LEADERSHIP EDGE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The next sessions of the Kansas Leadership Center's Your Leadership Edge class will be held on 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-The rose on the baptismal font this Sunday is in memory of Cliff Wathne. Please keep his wife Peggy and his stepson Marc Jones and family and friends in your prayers as they mourn their recent loss. Services are pending at this time.

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: Aimee & Dean Wallace, Michelle Britting, Jim Gross, Mark & Phyllis Robertson, Tom & Peggy Church, and Jerry Devins.

Calendar

Sunday, June 6

- 9:00 Fellowship & Cake (*The Well*)
- 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Stream, & Facebook Live
- 10:00 Refugee Worship (Rm 204)

Tuesday, June 8

- 9:00 VBS Camp (Camp)
- 5:30 Finance Mtg (*Zoom/The Well*)
- 6:30 Stewardship Mtg (*Zoom/Parlor*)

Wednesday, June 9

- 9:00 VBS Camp (Camp)
- 9:00 Dorcas (C105)

Thursday, June 10

- 9:00 VBS Camp (Camp)
- 9:00 Economy Corner Bd Mtg (EC)

Friday, June 11

- 9:00 VBS Camp (Camp)

Saturday, June 12

- 9:00 Officer Training (*The Well*)
- 9:30 Transportation Mtg (C109)
- 10:30 WRCC Worship Prep (Parlor)

Sunday, June 13

- 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Stream, & Facebook Live
- 10:00 Refugee Worship (Rm 204)
- 10:30 Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 KLC Core Team Mtg (*The Well*)
- 11:45 Worship & Music Comm. Mtg (Zoom)

Columbarium Update & Information

The Shirley Tilford Memorial Garden is a beautifully landscaped space that includes a semi-circular fountain and benches for meditation. The garden is sacred ground that speaks of life and immortality which brings comfort and hope to those who participate in the Christian life.

Our Columbarium, located in the Shirley Tilford Memorial Garden, offers a place of interment for members of First Presbyterian Church. We know that considering final arrangements can be difficult. In an effort to reduce any stress to you and/or your loved ones, if you wish to be interred in a niche, you should consider purchasing the niche sooner rather than later. We have twenty-seven open niches in our Columbarium at this time.

If you are a member of FPC and wish to purchase a niche for yourself or members of your family (spouse and children), please contact the church office for the required paperwork. Also, please note that the cost of a niche is \$725, and the current cost of the required plaque is \$164.