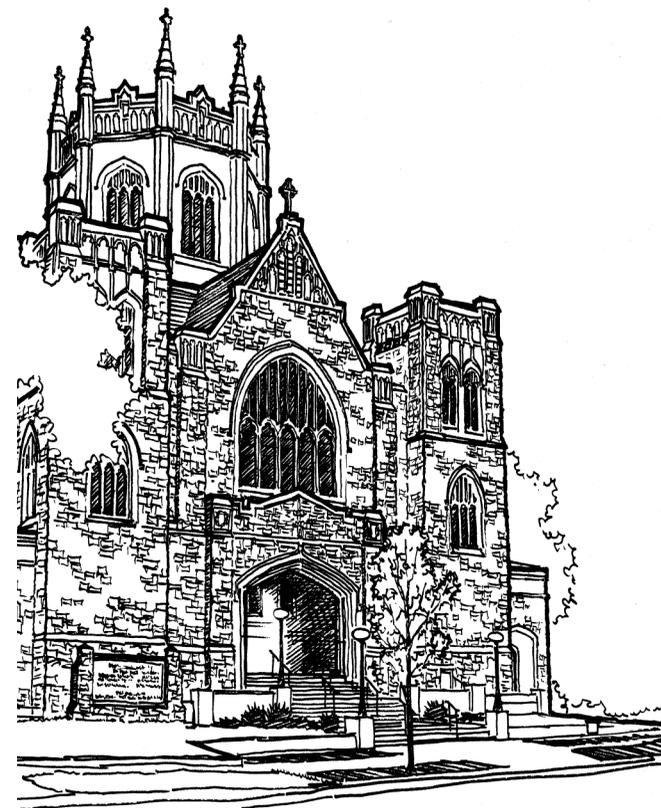


First Presbyterian



July 11, 2021

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

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7th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Adagio

Roger Nyquist

Greetings

*Call to Worship - adapted from Psalm 24

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

People: Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

People: Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendor of creation and in the beauty of human life. Touched by your hand, our world is holy. Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us, to share our blessings with our sisters and brothers, and to experience the joy of life in your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

*Hymn

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty (vs. 1-3)

No. 482

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

Organ Response

Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving

Gloria Patri

No. 579

*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.

Kids Connection (pre-recorded)

Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 6:1-23

Sermon

"David and the Ark of God: Access and Control, Joy and Sorrow "

Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Liturgical Response

Leader: God, you invite us to dance in delight, shaping and forming in figures of grace. We move to the pulse of creation's music and rejoice to be part of the making of earth.

People: Part in the making, the sharing, the moving, praise to the God who dances with us.

Leader: In the steps of Jesus, we reach to our partners, touching and holding and finding our strengths. Together we move into patterns of freedom, and rejoice to be part of the sharing of hope.

People: Part in the making, the sharing, the moving, praise to the God who dances with us.

Leader: We whirl and spin in the Spirit's rhythm, Embracing the world with our circles of joy. Together we dance for salvation and justice, and rejoice to be part of the moving of love.

People: Part in the making, the sharing, the moving, praise to the God who dances with us.

By Jan Berry, in Bread of Tomorrow

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Call to Stewardship *Bridge to the Future* Stephanie Bird-Hutchison

Offertory *A Shelter in the Time of Storm* arr. Patti Drennan
Terry McManis, Baritone; Jesse Warkentin, Piano

*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn *I Danced in the Morning* (vs. 1-5) No. 302

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Postlude *Chorale* Leon Boellman

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Worship Leaders

Pastor	Brent O. Johnston
Liturgist	Jeff Van Sickle
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.

Events

BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE: UNDERSTANDING AND EMBRACING OUR CONGREGATION'S ADAPTIVE CHALLENGE

WHO: All FPC members

WHAT: A three-part conversation about challenges currently faced by our church and the opportunities and possibilities available to us in the future.

WHY: Our church has been experiencing challenges including declining membership and participation in church activities for several years. The pandemic has brought even more challenges to our work as a congregation. Using data about our church and interviews of several members, the Kansas Leadership Center has prepared a conversation guide to help us explore the question of how we identify and live out the unique mission and purpose of FPC-Wichita.

WHEN: July 18, August 1, and 15, from 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

WHERE: East Dining Room or via Zoom

HOW TO REGISTER: Call or email the church office. Let us know if you will attend in person or via Zoom and if you would like a box lunch for each session you attend.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Cynthia Berner at ictbooks@gmail.com or 641-7587.

The Community Breakfast Needs You!

We are so excited to return to indoor service (with social distancing, of course). It's a real blessing to invite our homeless and near-homeless guests inside for warm food and conversation. Of course, it takes more people to serve indoors, so we are asking for a few more volunteers.

If you are available Saturday morning, August 7, please contact DJ Spaeth at 316-210-0196 as soon as possible. She will let you know the details.

Bring your mask and join the fun!



News & Events

Celebrate with us...WRCC Baptisms at the Camp

Today at Noon

This Sunday, July 11th will be a special day at the camp. The WRCC is in the process of becoming a Presbyterian Church. Several of our WRCC family members have completed the confirmation process and Pastor Brent will be baptizing them on July 11th at Whispering Winds Camp at 12 noon. They are ready to receive the Holy Spirit through the blessing of baptism. Please join us after the FPC service and bear witness to this miracle.

The WRCC will worship at the camp at 10 a.m. and you are invited. Come listen to beautiful music during the worship service. At noon, following the FPC and WRCC worship services, Pastor Brent will perform full immersion baptisms in the pool at the camp.

This is an important event in the life of every Christian that has been delayed too long due to the pandemic. There will be a celebration lunch following the baptisms. Please bring a picnic lunch (or shared food) and join in the celebration.

Barista Trainees Needed for Coffee Fellowship in *The Well*

We would like to start training a few volunteers to become Baristas' during the Sunday Coffee Fellowship in *The Well* before and after Sunday Worship services. We need a few people willing to train sometime in the next couple of months. Please contact the church office at 263-0248 if you are interested in learning and volunteering so we can begin providing this service and time of fellowship to our members again. Thank you.

Whispering Winds Camp News

The Camp is open to groups of any size, with appropriate precautions for COVID-19. The pools are open. 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.

Please use the friendship pad in the pews to write your name and update any changes to contact information. Thank you.

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.

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: Carol Haltom, Chris Kubik, Myrna McClure, Bill DeVore, and Sierra Coldwater.

Calendar

- Sunday, July 11**
 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Stream, & Facebook Live
 10:00 Refugee Worship & Baptism (Camp)
 1:00 Summer Splash (Camp)

- Monday, July 12**
 4:30 Personnel Meeting (Zoom)
 6:00 Mission Comm. Mtg (Zoom/The Well)

- Tuesday, July 13**
 1:00 Staff Mtg (MS Teams/The Well)
 5:30 Finance Comm. Mtg (Zoom/The Well)
 6:30 Stewardship Comm. Mtg (Zoom/Parlor)

- Wednesday, July 14**
 9:00 Dorcas (C105)

- Thursday, July 15**
 1:30 Book Club (C109)

- Sunday, July 18**
 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Stream, & Facebook Live
 10:00 Refugee Worship (Parlor)
 10:45 KLC-Bridge to the Future (EDR/The Well/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.