July 28, 2019  7th Sunday after Pentecost  9:30 a.m.

Prelude  Prelude in e minor  Gerald Bales

Processional  Meryt Ediger

Greetings

*Call to Worship
Leader: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.
People: The Lord will speak peace to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.
Leader: Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord, and God's glory will dwell in our land.
People: Praise the Lord.

*Prayer of the Day
Eternal God, protector of all who put their trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Fill us with your mercy and your grace, that, with you to rule and guide, we may so use the good things of this present life that we do not neglect those of eternal worth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn  Great is Thy Faithfulness  No. 276

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Ever-faithful God, how often we turn away from you, yet you remain constant to us. We run from you, but you call us back. In our words and our deeds, we dishonor you, yet you still profess your love for us. We cut ourselves off from you and from others, but you will not let us go. Forgive our faithless and fickle ways and increase our gratitude, that we might grow in faithfulness to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silence

Organ Interlude

Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving  Gloria Patri  No. 579
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.**

(Elizabeth 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 John Rucker by Stacey Rucker.

**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: Karen Bove, Jane Donoho, Dennis & Mary Jo McCormack, Denise Taylor, Greg Brown and Carol Darnell.

**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.
BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE UPDATES

We will be sending periodic E-blast to keep members updated on the building access and parking access as changes occur. If you have a key card to for building access please be sure to bring it with you as the west entrance will not be available at all times.

July 28 - Final Week of Sermon Series-The Rise and Fall of David

Join me for the final sermon on the Sermon Series entitled, “The Politics of Power—The Rise and Fall of David.” In this sermon series we will see how David came to power, how he used power, and how he abused power.

Immediately after the worship service, we will meet in The Well to discuss the sermon. A brunch will be provided, thanks to Alice Price, for a small suggested donation of $5.00. I have called this “And the Conversation Continues.” I do hope you will be able to come to worship to discuss the story of David and ask what might these stories have to say to us about the use and abuse of power and what our response should be as one called to be conformed to the image of Christ—the quintessential Shepherd King of Israel.

~ Pastor Brent
UPCOMING SAFETY TRAINING
FAITH, FAMILY, AND SAFETY ...PROTECT WHAT MATTERS.
Saturday August 17, 2019 from 8a.m.-2p.m.

MAKE SURE YOUR FAMILY AND PLACE OF WORSHIP IS SAFE. IF YOU’RE UN-PREPARED DURING A CRITICAL SITUATION, IT’S ALREADY TOO LATE.

With the recent tragedies in Pittsburgh and now more than ever, The FPC Facilities Commission is offering FREE training workshop for your place of worship. This is a highly valuable event, whether your place of worship already has a safety team, or you are thinking of developing a new one, this is a workshop you cannot afford to miss. This course will provide guidelines, suggestions and reasonable best practices to follow for anyone thinking of having a safety team. The training is designed to assist in facilitating a safe and secure environment that is not only responsive and proactive, but also synergizes a strong foundation within the operational framework of your mission.

Coffee, Juice, and donuts will be available at 7:30am. Light lunch will also be provided. Please RSVP to FPC church office 3 days prior to the event date that you are attending at (316) 263-0248.

Finish out the Summer with great adventures with the FPC Playgroup!!

First Church invites all youngsters (age infant to 5.5 years old) and their parents to join in the fellowship and fun we have designed for you! Mark your calendars and meet us at the following events. Siblings are welcomed! Contact Michelle Murray-Cline for questions at 794-1195.

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**Tuesday, July 30**
- 10:00 Pastoral Staff Mtg *(Hobbs)*
- 11:00 Staff Meeting *(Hobbs)*

**Wednesday, July 31**
- 9:00 Dorcas *(C105)*

**Friday, August 2**
- 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study *(WDR)*

**Saturday, August 3**
- 8:00 Community Breakfast *(EDR/WDR/KIT)*
- 8:00 Guadalupe Clinic *(EDR)*
- 11:00 Brent’s Bible Study w/WRCC *(Hobbs)*

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**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: Colossians 1:15-28

Anthem: I Need Thee Every Hour arr. Eleanor Whitsett

Gretchen Bixler (soloist)


Week 6: “The Story of Nathan Confronting David”

The Rev. Dr. Brent Johnston

Hymn: There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy No. 298

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer: J

Call to Stewardship

Offertory: Andante Tanquillo Felix Mendelsohn

*Doxology* No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication*

*Hymn* Lord, Dismiss us with Thy Blessing No. 538

*Charge and Benediction*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Recessional

*Postlude* Trompette Jubilante Craig Penfield

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)*