Prelude
   Trumpet Tune in C Major
   David Johnson

Processional
   Torre Rekoske

Greetings

*Call to Worship
   Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
   People: who made heaven and earth.
   Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
   People: let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
   and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.
   Leader: Mindful of the gifts we receive and confident of the sustenance the Lord provides,
   People: let us worship God.

*Prayer of the Day
   Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*Hymn
   Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty
   No. 482

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
   God of hope, we confess our disregard of your care... our doubt of your providence... our blindness to signs of your love. We are afraid to risk our comforts to find new life; we separate ourselves from you and from others and foster divisions between those you love. Help us to amend our lives and make us your faithful people who bear the good fruit of your Word in the world. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

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. (Liz 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 my parents, Tony and Bette Bove, by Karen Bove.

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: Jeannetta Miner, Lee Nora Noel, Betty & Ted Vlamis, Eleanor Gingerich, Angela Savute and Jean Terrell.

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.
News & Upcoming Activities

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS
Room C109 and Transportation office has been painted and will be getting new carpet thanks to a donation from “The Page Memorial Fund” with the intent to beautify FPC for its 150-year anniversary. This room will be used for a classroom/meeting room and showcase the beauty of our amazing facility. Because of this upgrade, this room will no longer be used for Economy Corner or WRCC donations. Starting today all Economy Corner donations brought on Sundays will need to be redirected to the office/workroom. Donations during the week need to be dropped off at the Economy Corner. Thank you.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE!
All entrances to the building are now accessible and the parking lots are available!

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE TO BEGIN
We will resume our Fall Worship Schedule beginning September 8th. There will be two worship services. The first held at 8:30 a.m. in The Chapel and the second service at 10:45 a.m. in The Sanctuary.

YOUTH CLUBS
Wednesday night youth clubs will begin meeting again on September 11th at 5:30 p.m. in The Well.

Open Streets ICT
September 22 @ 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Join us this fall for this FREE community-building event along the iconic Douglas Avenue in Wichita, KS for a full day of biking, fun physical activities, music, dancing, yoga, and much more! All Wichitans are invited to get active, socialize, and to stop at the local Douglas Avenue businesses, restaurants, street vendors, and five major activity hubs located at every mile along the route. Volunteers Opportunities available now. For more information about volunteering contact Sara Rasmussen at SRasmussen@wichita.gov.
Call to Stewardship

Offertory
Steve Bixler – Guitar
We’re a family and we’re a tree.
Our roots grow deep down in history
From our great-great-grandfathers reaching up to me,
We’re a green and growing family.

*Doxology
No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn
The Church’s One Foundation
No. 442

*Charge and Benediction
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Recessional

*Postlude
Praise to the Lord
Hans F. Micheelsen

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Worship Leaders
Pastor
Brent Johnston
Liturgist
Russ Davisson
Director of Music
Steve Bixler
Organist
Mark Sweeney

News & Upcoming Activities

Finish out the Summer 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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WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY
SEPTEMBER 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2019 at 6:30-7:45 P.M.

A book discussion of: SEEKING TO BECOME WHOLE: CREATING A TRANSFORMED CHURCH FOR ALL THE CHILDREN OF GOD By Patricia Ambrose Welker
Copies of the book are available on Amazon and Barnes & Noble plus other bookstores. Also, at the Wichita Public Library for $13.95 paperback or $9.99 e-book. At the first Session, we will discuss the Introduction, Chapter 1 and 2. Seeking to Become Whole approaches the issue of marginalized persons—the other—by interpreting Jesus’ parables in the context of progressive Christianity to create a church of love and justice for all God’s children.
Please go to the author’s website for more information: www.seekingtobecomewhole.wordpress.com
**Calendar**

**Sunday, August 18**  
**Prayers of the People**
- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship *(The Well)*
- 9:00 Blood Pressure Check *(The Well)*
- 9:00 Camp Whispers *(The Well)*
- 9:30 Worship *(Sanctuary)*
- 9:30 Youth C.R.E.W. *(Sanctuary/The Well)*
- 10:45 Refugee Worship *(Parlor)*

**Tuesday, August 20**
- 10:00 Pastoral Staff Mtg *(Hobbs)*
- 11:00 Staff Mtg *(Hobbs)*
- 5:30 Session Mtg *(Parlor)*

**Wednesday, August 21**
- 9:00 Dorcas *(C105)*
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal *(Choir Room)*

**Friday, August 23**
- 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study *(WDR)*
- 6:00 Youth Lock-In *(Camp)*

**Saturday, August 24**
- 10:30 Mission Commission & WRCC Leader Mtg *(McComb)*
- 11:00 Brent’s Bible Study w/WRCC *(Hobbs)*

**Sunday, August 25**
**Yellow Bag Sunday**
- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship *(The Well)*
- 9:30 Worship *(Sanctuary)*
- 9:30 Youth C.R.E.W. *(Sanctuary/The Well)*
- 10:45 Refugee Worship *(Parlor)*

**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  
Hebrews 11:29-12:2

**Anthem**  
Behold Now, Praise the Lord  
*Everett Titcomb*

Behold now, praise the Lord; All ye servants of the Lord.  
Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord,  
Even in the courts of the house of our God.  
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and praise the Lord.

**Second Reading**  
Isaiah 5:1-7

**Sermon:**  
“Judge Between Me and My Vineyard,” says the Lord  
The Rev. Dr. Brent Johnston

**Affirmation of Faith**  
Excerpt from *Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.... With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer**  
Alice Price