Prelude
Aria
Eugene Butler

**Processional
Brandon Bowles

Greetings

**Bell Introit
Joyful Praise
Hal Hopson

James Ringers

*Call to Worship
Leader: The Lord looks down from heaven to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

People: They have all gone astray, there is no one who is good, no, not one.
Leader: Have they no knowledge, those who devour God’s people and do not call upon the Lord?

People: O that our deliverer would come! Lord, restore our lives and make us glad
Leader: Let us worship God.

*Prayer of the Day
Gracious God, when our spirits soar at the beauty of the day, you are Lord; and when chaos threatens to overwhelm and we dread the next news cycle—still, you are Lord. Always you are creating, redeeming, sustaining. Speak then your mercy into this place until we discover the courage to open our eyes, unclench our hands, and move toward our neighbor in need, until all the world rises and moves with the rhythm of your grace; for we long to honor the name of Jesus, by whose breath we pray. Amen.

*Hymn
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
No. 478

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
Almighty God, we imagine that we are in familiar territory, that we know what to expect of this hour, that we will leave much the way that we came.
Do not abandon us to our foolishness. In judgment, illumine our darkness.
In mercy, bear us home—until we recognize your presence wherever evil is confronted, truth is spoken, and life is restored. In your holy name we pray, Amen.

Silence
Choral Response
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.

**Sympathy**—The white rose this morning on the baptismal font is in memory of Karen Bove. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers as they grieve their recent loss.

**Flowers**—The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paul and Katherine Hutchison by Don and Sara Hutchison.

**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: Bruce & Patty Cole, Gale & Louise Farmer, Stacey Rucker, Bridget Norwood and Norma Tucker.

**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.
SMALL GROUP STUDIES WILL BEGIN IN OCTOBER!

“Where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them,” said Jesus. And we at First Church have an opportunity to gather into small groups this fall for Christian fellowship and study starting in October. Two studies are being offered this year:

**Neighborhood Church: Transforming Your Congregation into a Powerhouse for Mission**

An NPR segment August 29th mentioned that two Anglican cathedrals in England had transitioned to appeal to the younger generation. One had its sanctuary converted to a miniature golf course; the other constructed a carnival ride inside. While those actions are excessive, there is an ongoing need for transformation.

In *Neighborhood Church*, authors Krin Van Tatenhove and Rob Mueller offer a variety of ways of transforming our churches: converting our mental attitude from scarcity to abundance; changing from self-absorption to considering our neighbors; putting the accent on listening; embracing transformative partnerships; integrating building and asset utilization; and sustaining vision. Books are available in the office for $15.

**What’s So Amazing About Grace?**

Noted Christian author Philip Yancey gives us an entirely new way of looking at our Christian faith. This very readable book, given the Gold Medallion Christian Book of the Year in 1996, remains extremely relevant, probing the question of grace: what it looks like, what it doesn’t look like, and why only Christians can and must reveal the grace that the world is searching for. The study will include a series of short videos as well as the book. Books are available in the office for $11.

**SIGN UP!** Call the church office at 263-0248 or email Jeff Van Sickle at jtvansickle@hotmail.com. Or, sign up in *The Well* beginning September 15. Join your friends at First Church and invite others to join one of the groups. See group sign up information in *The Well* or on the bulletin board outside the church office or the bulletin insert.
Offertory
City of Dreams
Steve Bixler-Guitar
We are children of slavery
Children of immigrants
Remnants of tribes and their tired refugees
As the walls tumble down
We are stronger together
Stronger than we ever knew we could be
As strong as that statue that stands for the promise
Of liberty here in this city of dreams

*Doxology* No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication*

*Hymn* Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken No. 446

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

**Recessional**

*Postlude* Interlude Hermann Schroeder

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)
**signifies 10:45 service only

Worship Leaders
Pastor Brent Johnston
Liturgist Joan Aldrich & Brian Howard
Director of Music Steve Bixler
Organist Mark Sweeney

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**News & Upcoming Activities**

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 event. Siblings are welcomed! Contact Michelle Murray-Cline for questions at 794-1195.

| October 5 | Klausmeyer Pumpkin Patch 8135 S 119th Street W Clearwater, Ks 67026 | 3 p.m. |

**JOURNEYS CLASS TO RESUME THIS SUNDAY IN THE PARLOR**

Come join us this fall as we start another exciting “Journeys” class! We will be looking at many, varied aspects of our journey in our Christian life. This year we will be meeting in the Parlor on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30.

First up will be Bob Workman, retired director of the Ulrich Museum at Wichita State, whose experience also includes key positions at the Crystal Bridges Museum in Bentonville, Arkansas; the Amon Carter Museum in Fort Worth, Texas; and the Flint Hills Discovery Center, in Manhattan, Kansas. We will continue that journey with the following topic:

*Christian Art: The Renaissance.* Continuing the exploration of the development of Christian Art, this five-week survey will explore the art and architecture of the Italian Renaissance. With the growth of the influence of the Catholic Church and the Papacy, fueled in part by the rise of the Italian Merchant princes, Christian art and architecture reached new heights in the glory of God. Join us for a fast-paced survey of some of mankind’s greatest artistic accomplishments. Future classes will be led by Pat Welker, Jeff Van Sickle, Gary Huffman, Brian Howard, and Russ Davison. Please join us!
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**Tuesday, September 17**
10:00 Pastoral Staff Meeting (Hobbs)
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5:30 Session Meeting (Parlor)

**Wednesday, September 18**
9:00 Dorcas (C105)
5:30 Wednesday Clubs
6:00 Wednesday Bible Study (The Well)
6:15 Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**Thursday, September 19**
1:30 Book Chat (RR)
6:00 Young Adult Gathering (Offsite)

**Friday, September 20**
12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (C109)

**Saturday, September 21**
11:00 Brent’s Bible Study w/WRCC (Hobbs)

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**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 Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

**First Reading**  
1 Timothy 1:12-17

**Anthem**  
*Sometimes I feel Like a Motherless Child*  
arr. Robert Fountain

*Sometimes I feel like a motherless child, a long way from home.  
Sometimes I feel that I’m almost gone, a long way from home.*

**Second Reading**  
Luke 15:1-10

**Sermon:**  
*Lost and Found*  
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

Deacon D.J. Spaeth

**Call to Stewardship**

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**Save the Date!**

**Acolyte Recognition Sunday is September 29**

Acolytes who have served during the 2018-2019 school year will receive Certificates of Recognition during the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service. We hope all acolytes will be present.