First Presbyterian Church

September 29, 2019
8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

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*Prelude  
_Arabesque_  
Louis Vierne

**Processional  
Katelyn Young

Greetings

*Call to Worship

_Leader:_ Our help is in the name of the Lord

**People:** who made heaven and earth.

_Leader:_ You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**People:** that though he was rich,

_Leader:_ yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

**People:** Let us worship God.

*Prayer of the Day

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly cares, but to love that which is above, and even now, while we live among transient things, to hold fast to those things that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

*Hymn  
_O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!_  
No. 476

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving  
_Gloria Patri_  
No. 579

Recognition of Acolytes  
Lilly-Ann Huffman
*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 6:6-19

Anthem
On Eagle’s Wings arr. Douglas Wagner

And He will raise you up on eagle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun and hold you in the palm of His hands.

Second Reading
Luke 16:19-31

Sermon: “Admonished to Take Hold of Real Life”
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Affirmation of Faith
Excerpt from Confession of 1967

THE NEW LIFE
Leader:  The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of mankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to men, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

People: The new life takes shape in a community in which men know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no man has any ground on which to stand except God’s grace.

Leader:  The new life does not release a man from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, fear. He still has to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as he matures in love and faithfulness in his life with Christ, he lives in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

People: The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guides men in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips them for their ministries....

Leader:  Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is God’s sign that he will consummate his work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ. Amen.
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer
Call to Stewardship

Offertory

In the stars His handiwork I see,
On the wind He speaks with majesty.
Though He ruleth over land and sea, what is that to me?
Till by Faith I met Him face to face, and I felt the wonder of His grace,
Then I knew that He was more than just a God who didn't care that lived away out there.
And now He walks beside me day by day, ever watching over me lest I stray,
Helping me to find that narrow way.

He's everything to me.

*Doxology

No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

Lead On, O King Eternal
No. 447

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

**Recessional

*Postlude

Toccata in Seven
John Rutter

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

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Brent Johnston
Liturgist: Gale Farmer
Director of Music: Steve Bixler
Organist: Mark Sweeney
FPC Playgroup!

In celebration of fall, the FPC Playgroup will travel by hayride through the pumpkin patch looking for the best pumpkin ever! Join us this fall for a fabulous time of fellowship and fun. Siblings are welcomed! Contact Michelle Murray-Cline for questions by calling 794-1195.

CHILDREN & YOUTH WEDNESDAY CLUBS ARE BACK!

Join us each Wednesday for an enriching evening filled with worship, faith, food, friends, fellowship and fun. The kindergarten through 8th grade students will be using the LOGOs curriculum.

The 9-12 grade youth will be diving into Genesis and learning how to read the Bible through this year. We are very excited to launch each study and hope you consider joining us each week.

Klausmeyer Pumpkin Patch
8135 South 119th St W.
Clearwater, KS 67026
3 PM

Fall Fest
at Whispering Winds Camp
4 PM

Care & Connect with Others
at First Presbyterian Church
10:30 AM

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. See group sign up time and address information in The Well, or on the bulletin outside the church office.
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.

Flowers—The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara Sloan by the Sloan family.

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: Dave & Kim Duncan, Sharon Hartsel, Rosalie Klocke, Linda & Russ Davison and Mary Ellen Williford.

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.

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**Today is Acolyte Recognition Sunday.**

We appreciate the young people who have served God and our church during the 2018-2019 school year by being acolytes.

The following will receive Certificates of Recognition during the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service: Griffin Barker, Bailey Bowles, Brandon Bowles, Carter Bowles, Bronwen Burch, Iain Cline, Isaac Cline, Sienna Coldwater, Meryt Ediger, Keaton Pedrino, Torre Rekoske, Aidan Schulte, Khyah Van Es, and Katelyn Young. Thank you, Acolytes!