First Presbyterian Church

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

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*Call to Worship

Leader: O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

Leader: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

People: Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

Leader: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Leader: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

People: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Prayer of the Day

Direct and help us, O Lord, in all our deeds, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; 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

To God Be the Glory

No. 485

Call to Confession

Holy God, like children long indulged, we are quick to presume your pardon, your sanction of the way we live. We turn away from neighbors in need, sharing fragments that remain only after our cravings have been met. Merciful Maker, you created us for better use; remake us now. Where we are distorted re-center and reshape us, bring us low and raise us up. Then fire our hearts until we shine with your glory and find our place in your purpose. In your holy name we pray. Amen.
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 - Please keep the family and friends of Karen Bove 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 Bud and Jewel Page by J. D. Page and 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: Kayeli Rekoske & Avi, E. Rogene Glenn, Ken Gabrielson, Richard Forwalder, Gerald & Jolynn Blood and David Neil.

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.
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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<td>Great Plains Nature Center 6232 E. 29th Street N.</td>
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<td>October 5</td>
<td>Klausmeyer Pumpkin Patch 8135 S 119th Street W Clearwater, Ks 67026</td>
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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.

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 Davisson. Please join us!

Scholarship Money for Heidi
After hearing Dale and DJ Spaeth’s report on our life-giving 17-year mission project in El Salvador supporting the school, salaries for teachers and funds to help a few of the students go on the high school, some have asked how they can help. The need is particularly great for Heidi, who has one year left in her study of English. She plans to stay in the village and be the much-needed interpreter. She had to drop out of school to help the family after her father was injured in the sugar cane fields. Checks can be made out to First Presbyterian Church, in the memo line “Scholarship for Heidi.”
### Calendar

**Sunday, September 8**
- 8:30: Worship (Chapel)
- 9:00: Coffee Fellowship *(The Well)*
- 9:30: Deacons Mtg *(C109)*
- 9:30: Stephen Ministry Supervision *(C103)*
- 10:15: Choir Rehearsal
- 10:45: Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45: Youth C.R.E.W. *(Sanctuary)*
- 10:45: Refugee Worship *(Rm 204)*
- 10:45: Worship & Music Committee Mtg *(McComb)*

**Monday, September 9**
- 4:30: Personnel Meeting *(Hobbs)*

**Tuesday, September 10**
- 10:00: Pastoral Staff Meeting *(Hobbs)*
- 11:00: Staff Meeting *(Hobbs)*
- 5:30: Finance Meeting *(Hobbs)*

**Wednesday, September 11**
- 9:00: Dorcas *(C105)*
- 10:00: PW Study Circle *(Parlor)*
- 5:30: Wednesday Clubs
- 6:00: Wednesday Bible Study *(The Well)*
- 6:15: Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30: Volunteer Training *(WDR)*
- 7:00: Choir Rehearsal *(Choir Room)*

**Thursday, September 12**
- 9:00: Economy Corner Bd Mtg *(EC)*
- 5:00: Mission Commission Mtg *(Hobbs)*

**Friday, September 13**
- 12:00: Lectionary Bible Study *(C109)*

**Saturday, September 14**
- 9:30: Transportation Meeting *(C109)*
- 11:00: Brent’s Bible Study w/WRCC *(Hobbs)*

**Sunday, September 15**

**Prayers of the People**
- 8:30: Worship (Chapel)
- 9:00: Coffee Fellowship *(The Well)*
- 9:00: Blood Pressure Check *(The Well)*
- 9:30: Camp Whispers *(The Well)*
- 10:15: Choir Rehearsal
- 10:45: Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45: Youth C.R.E.W. *(Sanctuary)*
- 10:45: Refugee Worship *(Rm 204)*

**YOUTH CLUBS**

Wednesday night youth clubs will begin meeting again on September 11th at 5:30 p.m.

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**Silence**

**Choral Response**

**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**  
Jeremiah 18:1-11

**Anthem**  
*Psalm 139*  
Allen Pote

Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
You know everything I do.

When I rise and lie down, you are with me through and through.  
Before a word is on my tongue, you know what I will say,  
Your presence follows me day by day.

**Second Reading**  
Luke 14:25-33

**Sermon:**  
"Hard Sayings of Jesus"  
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

**Call to Stewardship**

**Offertory**  
None Other Lamb  
Craig Courtney

None other Lamb, none other Name, none other Hope in Heaven or earth or sea,  
None other hiding place from guilt and shame, none beside Thee.

My faith burns low, my hope burns low, only my heart’s desire cries out in me,  
By the deep thunder of its want and woe cries out to Thee.

Lord, Thou art life, though I be dead; Love’s fire Thou art, however cold I be:  
Nor heaven have I, nor place to lay my head, nor home, but Thee.  
None other Lamb.

*Doxology*  
No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication*

*Hymn*  
Just as I Am, Without One Plea  
No. 370