

Celebrating the 37th Heritage Sunday
at First Presbyterian Church (1981-2018)

The first Heritage Sunday service was based on an order of service from the Church of Scotland and used in St. Andrews and West Kirk in Auchterader, Scotland, where Dr. David Glenn Walker, Pastor Emeritus, had served in a pulpit exchange in 1960. observed such pageantry and color at the parish churches he served, he resolved to introduce some of these elements to churches he would serve when he returned to America. so he did—including Wichita First Presbyterian Church. The Highland congregations don't have the bagpipes every Sunday, but use them for festival celebrations and parades.

October 28, 2018

10:45 a.m.

Prelude

Preludes on Scottish Hymn Tunes

Candler & Dundee

Processional

Brandon Bowles, Katelyn Young

Church Bell Calls the Congregation to Worship

*Call to Worship

Beadle Melinda Sears

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*The Pipes Processional

*Opening Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

No.339

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News. The just shall live by faith. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Gloria Patri

Recognition of 50 or More Year Members

Gary Huffman, Archivist

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

Passing the Peace

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all

People: And also with you.

Time with the Children

First Reading Jeremiah 31:7-9

Anthem *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* rr. S. Drummond Wolff

Second Reading Mark 10:46-52

Sermon “Return and Renewal of the Remnant”
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Affirmation of Faith (from The Scots Confession)

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Minute for Mission Pat Welker

Offertory SheauKang Hew, violin

*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* No. 280

*Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Church Bell Tolls Closing of Service

*Recessional

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*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Heritage Sunday Worship Leadership

Senior Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

Beadle
Melinda Sears,
Clerk of Session

Organist - Gary Huffman
Assoc. Organist - Gary Huffman

Acolytes
Owen Barker
Bailey Bowles

Parish Associate
Judy Conners

Call to Stewardship
Tom Warner, Elder

Liturgist
Dick Wieland

Director of Music
Steve Bixler

Time With Children
Liz Garner

Brass Quartet
Dana Hamant, Trumpet
Todd Shults, Trumpet
Joe Clements, Trombone
Randy Clements, Trombone

Bagpipers & Drummers
Brian Blackerby
Chris Bailey
Emily Ruhl
Jeff Lappin
Kevin Thames
Sam Schmidt
Josh Montgomery
Andrew Twesme

Banner Bearer
Aidan Schulte

Welcome, Visitors!

We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting First Presbyterian Church this morning. We are glad you are here! New membership anything.

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.

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: Erica Grunder, Verla Hansen, Dolores Johnson, Jack Mahan, Merls Hollis & Jeff & Janice Van Sickle. Please also pray for these members that we are aware of that are in the hospital or have been in the hospital.

Flowers—The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Vivian and Robert L. Fleming and Robert L. Fleming II by the Fleming family.

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.

Activities & Announcements

Welcome

Welcome on Heritage Sunday, an important day in the life of our church. We welcome you to partake in all the special activities happening today.

Archives Open Today

Visit the Archives today between 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Browse among the updated displays and new acquisitions. Archives Staff will be present to help answer your questions.

Pledge Campaign

Information has been sent to you regarding the Pledge Campaign. Pledges will be taken through November 18. You are welcome to place your envelopes in the Joyous Chest, mail them, or turn them in to the office.

Special Worship Service

One Service on November 11, 2018 to Commemorate the 100th Anniversary of WWI
At 11 a.m. we will stop the service to ring the bells as we remember those who served in WWI and those who lost their lives. Over 20 million people died in WWI and many more were injured. The Choir will be singing three pieces appropriate for the occasion. I will be reading scripture and other writings as well. At times like this we remember John Donne's stanza, "Do not ask for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee." As well as Lincoln's Gettysburg Address about the impossibility of hallowing this occasion more than the lives that were lost, and blood shed on the soil at Gettysburg. But what we can do is witness to the need to reconcile and to remember so that such a conflagration happens not again pitting brother against brother and humanity against humanity.

Wichitans Knew How to Celebrate (1917-1919)

Presentation in *The Well* on Novovember 11, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

There were three great celebrations in Wichita relating to W. W. I: the U. S. entry into the war, the Armistice, and the return of the troops home.

Learn more about all of these in a presentation in *The Well* on November 11, 2018, following the 10:45 service. There will be a light lunch served and then Gary Huffman, Archivist, will offer a PowerPoint presentation giving details about these celebrations.

Daylight Savings Time

A reminder that Daylight Savings Time ends next weekend. It is recommended to turn clocks back one hour before bed on Saturday night.

Disaster Assistance Needed

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is delivering immediate aid to those impacted by Hurricane Florence in the southeastern United States and by Typhoon Mangkhut in the Philippines, China and neighboring areas. Assessment in the Carolinas shows devastating flooding that is isolating communities. The damage has been especially profound for those who are marginalized already, many of whom were unable to evacuate as Florence took aim at the Eastern Seaboard of the US. Subsistence farmers, miners, and fisherfolk in regions of the Philippines bore the brunt of the Typhoon.

The Presbytery of Southern Kansas is providing matching grant money of up to \$750 to each congregation who will support this cause. Our Mission Commission has pledged \$750 and is asking the congregation for a three-way match of another \$750. Help is urgently needed. Please consider making a gift today. Checks can be written to First Presbyterian Church, with "PDA Hurricane Relief" in the memo line. Cash can be placed in one of the pew envelopes and marked PDA. Not only is our financial support needed but also our prayers that the families affected and those offering assistance will be strengthened, have their needs met, and be reminded of the hope and refuge found in God.

Drivers Needed for Transportation

Driver needed for our Transportation Service!! We need a driver for Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Free training provided. Substitutes available when you are sick or out of town. Please think about this opportunity to help with a valuable service to our community. If you are interested, please contact Patty Cole at 316-250-4577 or Gary Booher at 722-0363 or cell 734-8087.

The First Annual Intergenerational Advent Workshop

Sunday, December 2, from noon to 2 p.m. in the East Dining Room. CE will cook up the turkeys; you provide the side dishes. Assistance will be available for those who need an extra hand. Activities include: crafts, cookie decorating, holiday music, and fresh greenery wreaths.

From the Archives

The Tolling of the Bell

For centuries, the ringing of a bell in a tower was the chief way to communicate with everyone in the town. The bell sounded to call worshipers to the church as well as to sound the death of a villager.

The use of bells continued in America for much the same reason. Many of us recall the use of a bell to sound the beginning of school each morning. In fact, it was a real honor to be able to pull the long rope which sounded the bell in the tower above the school.

The bell also sounded out the end of war and the victory of our nation over the enemy. During WW II the church bells were silenced in Great Britain and were rung only to inform of an invasion by enemy troops.

On this Heritage Sunday, we are reminded that the bell was used for the call to worship as it is today across the street at the Cathedral. It is a simple sound, only one pitch with many overtones. In Scotland, it was and is a common way to call the parishioners to worship.

First Presbyterian Church had a bell from 1879 to 1909. It was installed two years after the main church was constructed. When the Red Brick Church was razed, the bell was preserved. In 1913, the Trustees offered it for sale for \$150.00 to surrounding small towns that might need it. In the Trustee Minutes of Nov. 8, 1915, it was reported that the bell had been sold for \$100.00 cash. The design for the new Stone Church did not include a bell tower or bell.

This morning, as we hear the tolling of the bell, let us respond in worship. And again as we hear the bell toll at the end of the service, let us go forth as God's people having heard His call for our lives.

The Beadle

The Beadle played various roles in the Scottish Presbyterian church. Among them chiefly was to protect and care for the Kirk's Bible. Books were very expensive and rare so it was not advisable to leave the Bible in the church unprotected. Today we celebrate that role by having the Beadle carry the Bible, along with the Psalter, to the front of the church and announce that the service is about to begin. "Let us worship God" are words that sound throughout the sanctuary to call the parishioners to worship.

From a sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Fred Anderson, Pastor of Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church in NYC, we are reminded of the unique place of the beadle in the life of the Scottish church.

"Beadles are legendary for being ever armed with a storehouse of caustic quips, and eternally, though often wrong-headedly, committed to protecting 'the Kirk' and its property as though it were his own house rather than God's. One favorite story concerned the Beadle who unceremoniously turned a bunch of teenagers out of a country church mid week. When told by the minister that the young people had come to have a prayer vigil, the Beadle responded "Aye, I even caught some of 'em tryin' it." And, of course, the story of the Beadle who said only three things were wrong with the minister's sermon: it was read, it was read badly, and, it was not worth reading."

Other tasks assigned to beadles included dusting and ventilating the church, caring for the church grounds, and ringing the church bell. They generally received a fee of about twenty pounds a year for carrying out their duties.

The Bible

For the past several years, the Holy Bible carried by the Beadle on Heritage Sunday has come from the Archives. Bibles used have been those of Elder C. S. Caldwell, the Rev. J. D. Hewitt, William Phelps Thompson, and Robert E. Lawrence.

This year's Bible was used by Judge William Cutter Little. It is an Analytical Reference Bible. Little arrived in Wichita on September 20, 1870, via train from Emporia. His claim was located south of town. He became close friends with Robert E. Lawrence. In 1871, he was appointed County Superintendent of Public Instruction and was elected Probate Judge for 2 terms in 1872 to 1876.

In 1875, Little returned to Illinois to marry Anna Louise Reed. They returned to Wichita to establish a home at 523 North Lawrence. The Chapel now occupies the land where the house once stood.

In 1884 he left his practice of law to enter the investment banking business. By 1890 he had established Western Investment and Realty Co. and built the first re-enforced multi-story building in Kansas at the southeast corner of Main and Douglas.

Judge Little faithfully served his church in many capacities. He served as a Trustee at the time the new stone church was built.

After moving from the Lawrence Avenue house, he relocated to 357 North Roosevelt where he lived until his death in 1929. The beautiful Resurrection Window in the Chapel is dedicated to the memory of Judge and Mrs. Little.

In a tribute written by Victor Murdock, Editor of *The Eagle*, Murdock wrote: "From the first day he walked these streets to the last day his familiar figure appeared down town Judge Little maintained an even tenor of life before those who knew him which made him appear to them always the same, unchanged by circumstance, unruffled by fortune, immune even from the weight of years. Always slight, always erect, always active, he retained from decade to decade all three physical characteristics. Speaking always briefly, he never spoke curtly. Speaking always gently, he never spoke indecisively. Of tremendous energy, he never seemed to give stress to endeavor."

The Bible was donated to the Archives in 1997 by F. Ross Little, grandson of Judge Little.

The Scottish Psalter and Church Hymnary, also carried by the Beadle, was obtained from Scotland in 2007 from former parishioners of Dr. David Walker, who served as pastor in Auchterarder, Perthshire, Scotland.

A Word About Today's Banner

The Heritage Banner was first displayed in 1985. The St. Andrew tartan was woven for First Church in Moffitt, Scotland, and was also the tartan of the Ross Family, who were early members of this church. The Celtic Cross is grey reminding us of our Celtic heritage. The St. Andrew's Cross is red symbolizing Christ's blood. The Holy Bible is God's Word upon which our Reformed Heritage and Presbyterian government is based. The thistles symbolize Scotland, the land of our Reformed Presbyterian Church. The center and side panels depict a shield used by the defenders of the faith. This banner was designed by Shirley Walker and executed by Georgia Chandler and Shirley Walker.

Jeremiah 31:7-9

31:7 For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel."

31:8 See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

31:9 With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Mark 10:46-52

10:46 They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside.

10:47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

10:48 Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

10:49 Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you."

10:50 So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.

10:51 Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again."

10:52 Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.