

Office hours:
Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.— 4:30 p.m.
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March 18, 2018 ♦ 9:15 and 10:30 a.m.

“...I was blind, now
I see.”
John 9:25



First Presbyterian Church

Manhattan, Kansas

Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the ministries and missions of First Presbyterian!

During Today's Worship

For parents of young children: an excellent nursery and cry room are available. The nursery is on the lower level of the Children's Education wing and is available from 10:00-11:45 a.m. The cry room is located in the balcony. Please inquire of an usher.

During the time for Greeting and Announcements, please sign the pew information form, so the office may update any change in information and you can meet the people in your pew!

Personal hearing devices are available during the service for those in need. Please inquire of an usher.

Please silence all electronic devices when in the Sanctuary.

If You Are New to First Presbyterian

We invite you to stay for fellowship time following each of the services. Donuts and delicious **Radina's** coffee are served in Fisher Hall after the 9:15 a.m. service and in the Narthex after the 10:30 a.m. service. We would love the opportunity to meet you!

Adult Sunday School Classes are held during the 9:15 worship hour. The **Covenant Class**, led by Dean Armbrust, meets in the chapel. This class is following a six week study entitled "The Miracles of Jesus" by Jessica LaGrone. The **Questions Class**, led by **Steven Graham**, is studying a DVD series "The Great Courses: The Great World Religions." This class meets in the library.

Children's Sunday School and choir are held during the 10:30 worship hour. Children are dismissed following the children's sermon during the service. See below for the location of your child's Sunday School classroom.

"The Grove" (Seedlings)

Pre-K. Lower level, Children's Education Wing.

"The Way" Class (Frogs)

K-1st grade. Upper level, Children's Education Wing.

"The Truth" Class (Owls)

2nd-3rd grade. Upper level, Children's Education Wing.

"The Life" Class (Trees)

4th-6th grade. Upper level, Children's Education Wing.

Children's Choir

All children are welcome. Chapel.

Sermon Notes

MISSION STATEMENT

To create disciples for Jesus Christ and to practice His teachings by loving and serving God and one another.

First Presbyterian Staff

R.C. McConnell, Senior Pastor

Kati Collins, Designated Associate Pastor

Dr. Reg Pittman, Chancel Choir Director

Stephen Kucera, Organist

Dr. Susan Maxwell, Director of Children's Music Ministries

Shiloh Vick, Director of Children's Ministries

Taylor Roberts, Communications Director and Volunteer Coordinator

Sarah Diamond, Director of Operations and Development

Julie Haynes, Hospitality Coordinator

Mike Hedke, Director of Facilities Maintenance

Linda Couch, Wedding Coordinator



Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Schedules

Community Lenten Lunches, at 11:45 a.m.

Lenten Lunches are being held at First United Methodist Church, beginning with lunch at 11:45, followed by a worship service.

Palm Sunday, March 25

8:30 a.m. Breakfast for all Sunday school classes and their families

9:15-10:15 a.m. Walk with Jesus

Experience the events of Holy Week from Jesus and the disciples arriving in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, to finding Mary at the empty tomb on Easter Sunday. Each station of Holy Week will be represented throughout the C.E. Wing where Biblical “characters” take you through the events as they happened the last week of Jesus’ life on earth.

Maundy Thursday, March 29

6:30 p.m. with Seder meal and supper. RSVP to attend or volunteer by filling out your bulletin insert or signing up at the welcome table in the narthex.

Good Friday, March 30

6:00 p.m. Art show with sweet and savory treats

Art will include paintings from First Presbyterian members and neighbors. A special display will feature original paintings from the MAC Watercolor Studio, “Walking in the Shoes of Another.” Their paintings can be purchased for a donation of \$25 or more towards the USD 383 FIT Closet, which will use the funds to purchase children’s shoes, one of the most needed items.

7:00 p.m. Tenebre Service

This traditional service of lights, darkness, music, and scripture will feature a variety of ensembles from First Presbyterian: The Light musicians, Presby Players, Church Ladies, and more.

Easter, April 1

7:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship Service in Friendship Park

8:00-10:15 a.m. Easter Brunch in Fisher Hall

9:15 & 10:30 a.m. Traditional worship services

10:15 a.m. The Light worship service

11:30 a.m. World’s Greatest Easter Egg Hunt in Friendship Park



Order of Worship

Prelude (*The prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.*)

Prelude on “Lord of the Dance”.....Arr. Kiyo Watanabe
Stephen Kucera, Organist

Introit (10:30)

What Wondrous Love is This

Processional Hymn

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say..... The Hymnal, 182

*Call to Worship and Confession

Kirk Provine (9:15)
Amy Matthews (10:30)

Leader: Come and Remember.

All: Our feet and our hearts are tired.

Leader: Come to Jesus, and find rest for your soul.

All: Loving God, We come to walk down memory lane, because we know that we will run into you here. If only our hearts could remember your forgiveness and hope, like our bones and muscles remember the pain of yesterday. However, we forget. We forget you all the time, and instead turn to you only for survival, like oxygen in our breath. So breathe your Spirit into our lungs and remind us of your power. (Take a deep breath.) Guide our metatarsals and phalanges and connect our feet bones with fresh sinews ready to run, and lead us home to you.

(Time for silent confession)

Leader: Sew the memory of your forgiveness into our muscles.

All: Remind us of your love today. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Breathe in the presence of God and remember you are a forgiven people.

All: Thanks be to God.

Time for Greeting and Announcements

Children’s Sermon (10:30).....Mary Mertz

Offertory

No, Not One.....Arr. Franklin Ritter

Offering Response

Give Thanks.....The Hymnal, 647

*Prayer of Dedication

Reading from the Psalms..... Psalm 130
Taylor Provine (9:15)
Virginia Benkelman (10:30)

Special Music

There is a Balm in Gilead.....Sam Wilson, soloist

Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

Redeeming Grace.....By Carolyn Hamlin

In God's great redemptive plan, He knew that there must be a lamb:
A sacrifice, could there be One who could bear the sin of all the world?
This lamb must be unstained, Divine; One who could make the crimson white.
Could there be One to show God's face; reveal His heart through redeeming grace?

Grace is all that we need; grace is more than He owes.
Grace can only be found in the love He bestows.
Not one deed we have done will one sin erase,
sin's guilt is pardoned through redeeming grace.

Grace unbounded, grace all sufficient for every sin.
Grace so unmerited given with love.
Grace touching hearts from God's heart above!
Grace is all that we need; grace is more than He owes.
Grace can only be found in the love He bestows.

Not one deed we have done will one sin erase,
sin's guilt is pardoned through redeeming grace.
God's redeeming grace!

Gospel Reading.....John 11:32-45
Taylor Provine (9:15)
Brent Benkelman (10:30)

Praise Hymn

Take my Life verse 1-3.....The Hymnal, 697

Old Testament Reading.....Ezekiel 37:1-14

Sermon

Boot Camp for the Soul: "Dead Ends and Detour Signs"Rev. Kati Collins

Affirmation of Faith (from a Brief Statement of Faith of the PCUSA)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Glory be to the Maker, and to the Savior, and to the Spirit of Life. Amen.

*Recessional Hymn

Take my Life verse 4-6.....The Hymnal, 697

Choral Benediction (10:30)

May the Lord Watch Over You.....Chancel Choir

Postlude

To God Be the Glory.....Arr. Don Phillips

Greeting at the 9:15 a.m. worship service are **Kristine and Tony Tiroch**. Greeting at the south entrance for the 10:30 a.m. service is the **Dana and Marcia Hauck**.

The ushers at the 9:15 a.m. service are: **Al Welch, Doug Tippin, Nancy Habluetzel, and David West**. Ushering at the 10:30 a.m. service in **March** are: **Mary and Bob Mertz, Jon Hollis, Carolyn Knostman-Bowers, Mars Hinton, Sally & Bob Mullen, Jim Neill, and Charles Stark**.

The flowers today are given by **Carol Fager** in remembrance of **Lee Fager**.

The following is the schedule for the "Boot Camp for the Soul" sermon series:
March 18: **"Dead Ends and Detour Signs"** (Ezekiel 37:1-14)
Rev. Kati Collins (Rev. McConnell will preach at "The Light" service)
March 25, Palm Sunday (Matthew 21:1-11) Rev. Cam McConnell