FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MANHATTAN, KANSAS

JULY 24, 2022

7th Sunday after Pentecost

PARKSIDE SERVICE | 8:30 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL | 9:15 A.M.
WORSHIP | 10:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please complete an attendance form and return to an usher before the end of service. Thank you! Ushers today are Jim and Linda Schottler. Next week our ushers will be Donna Davis and Susan Schoneweis.

Our Liturgist today is Kelly Pittman.

Flowers are given by Ken and Joan Burton, giving thanks for 45 years wedding anniversary. If you have a date in 2022 that you would like to provide the flowers, please call the office and we will sign you up. The price of flowers is $45.

Our next Parent's Night Out is Friday, August 26th from 6 to 8 pm! The children will be learning about the building blocks of faith with a theme related activity, crafts, bible lesson, and snacks! FREE if you bring a friend or a suggested $6 donation. Walking age to 11 years old. Register by calling the church office or sending an email to susana@firstpresmanhattan.com

Soccer Camp on August 13th from 9am-Noon! K-5th Grade will learn some new soccer skills or improve on already existing ones! This is for any child of any skill level! We will learn some soccer skills, play games, and learn a bit about our awesome God in the process!

Join us for Family Fun Night TONIGHT at 6pm! We will have food, a jam session, fellowship, and live music! Don't forget to bring money for the food truck! All proceeds will go to the children and youth programs!

Request for plastic grocery bags for the Food Pantry! Please drop them by the church office if you have any to spare!

Flint Hills Praisefest 2022 will take place Sept 23-25 at CiCo Park. First Presbyterian Church is serving as a major sponsor for their Global Impact Event that will take place on Sept 23. PraiseFest is partnering with Feed My Starving Children—MOBILEPACK to prepare 100,084 meals for starving children across the globe. Volunteers are needed for this mission event, and we would love to see a great FPC volunteer effort. The event will have 2 hour shifts packing these meals. Make it a family event, bring your neighbors and friends. Registration/sign-up is ongoing. For more information go to www.praisefest.org/global-impact-event

Kentucky Mission Team Trip | October 2-8, 2022 Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Hopkins County Emergency Management Agency in partnership with Madisonville's First Presbyterian Church will host a Mission Team from the Presbytery of Northern Kansas. For questions, contact Pam Beardsley at pambear34@gmail.com

Bring Your Friends! Join other PNK Youth! The PNK Fall Youth Retreat will be held October 1-2, 2022. This event is for all youth currently in 7th-12th grades. During our time together, we will have Fun (Ziplining! Hiking! Gaga Ball!), Fellowship (lunch, dinner, smores and breakfast together!), and grow in our Faith. Youth cost is $85 which includes all meals, lodging and activities. All you need to bring is yourself, your bedding and towels and clothes for the weekend…and prepare to have a good time! Register by September 12, 2022.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 225 ROUNDUP

Now that the 2022 General Assembly has ended – the first-ever hybrid assembly – the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will try to live into the commitments made and the work ahead. Ruth Santana-Grace and Shavon Starling-Louis, the new co-moderators, stood for election using the theme "Unbounded We Thrive," and the assembly spoke its mind on issues affecting the church and the world.

Israel/Palestine. The assembly voted 266-116 to approve one of the most controversial items before it — INT-02, declaring that the PC(USA) recognize the laws, policies and practices of the Israeli government regarding the Palestinian people "fulfill the international legal definition of apartheid." Some have criticized the PC(USA) stance towards Israel as antisemitic, saying it hurts interfaith relations. Others say the assembly spoke courageously in supporting human rights for the Palestinian people.

Climate change. Voting 340-41, the assembly directed PC(USA) entities to divest from five oil and gas companies it concluded are not moving quickly enough to try to slow global warming — Chevron, ExxonMobil, Marathon Petroleum, Phillips 66, and Valero Energy. The vote reflected continued support for the Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI)'s strategy of corporate engagement and selective divestment. Action on another item, ENV-09, also affirmed "that working in the fossil fuel industry is a necessity for many" and assured Presbyterians that "divestment is not a condemnation or judgment of their choice of employment."

Litany of repentance. One of the assembly's most powerful emotional moments came when White Presbyterians recited a litany of repentance from RGJ-08, offering an apology to African Americans for the sin of slavery and its legacy. One assembly committee focused exclusively on issues of race and gender justice — including violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, disparities experienced by Black women and girls, and racial disparities in health care. Other concerns: confronting White supremacy in the PC(USA) and working for reparative justice.

Gun violence. With recent mass shootings still echoing, the assembly approved VIOL-07, declaring 2022-2032 a "Decade to End Gun Violence" — asking the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) to develop tools for faith-based advocacy against gun violence and for studying "the intersection of white supremacy culture, Christian nationalism, and gender with gun violence." It also approved VIOL-11, directing MRTI to begin a process of corporate engagement with Walmart, Dick's Sporting Goods, and Kroger, three publicly-traded companies included in the investment

portfolios of either the Board of Pensions or Presbyterian Foundation, and which sell guns not classified as semi-automatic and assault-based weapons. (Those weapons previously mentioned are already on the divestment list.)

Family leave. The assembly approved a proposed amendment to the PC(USA) constitution to say a minister's terms of call shall include at least 12 weeks of paid family medical leave (covering the birth, fostering or adoption of a child; care for ill or disabled family members; and healing following a loss or tragic event). To take effect, the proposed change needs approval from a majority of the presbyteries.

Immigration. The assembly voted 340-25 to declare the PC(USA) a "sanctuary and accompaniment church" — saying the denomination stands with immigrants and asylum-seekers and is committed to working for justice in U.S. immigration policy. That work often involves Presbyterians accompanying immigrants by offering housing and legal assistance, going with them to immigration hearings and other appointments and trying to get people released from detention.

Restructuring. Supporting recommendations from a special committee, the assembly voted to create a commission with the power to act and the responsibility for unifying the PMA and the Office of the General Assembly — basically, to restructure the top level of the PC(USA). Citing financial stress on congregations and presbyteries, the assembly also created a team to develop experimental models as alternatives to the current per capita funding system.

Reproductive justice. In the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade, the assembly approved a resolution on reproductive justice — saying the PC(USA) rejects "attempts at all levels of government to reduce, limit, or eliminate access to contraceptive and abortion care."

LGBTQIA+ equity. The assembly created a new LGBTQIA+ Equity Advocacy Committee as a permanent committee of the General Assembly — equivalent in access and accountability to the Advocacy Committee for Women and Gender Justice and the Racial Equity Advocacy Committee.

Per capita. The assembly set the new General Assembly per capita assessment at $9.85 per member for 2023 and $9.80 per member for 2024. That compares to the current per capita rate of $8.98 per member.

2024 General Assembly. Presented with four options, the assembly opted for a hybrid approach again for the 2024 assembly — choosing Plan Omega with online committee meetings and in-person plenary sessions in Salt Lake City, Utah.

NOMINATIONS REQUESTED

The Lord requires the very best from each of us...time, talents, all. One avenue of service is to participate as an elder on the Session or as a deacon on the Board of Deacons. The Nominating Committee is now seeking names to consider for elders and deacons:

The Session is responsible for the spiritual oversight of the membership. Session members represent a cross section of the congregation and are responsible for the policy making of the congregation. Each elder serves on at least one Session committee.

The Deacons are the "serving" arm of the Lord with responsibility for community and many congregational service functions (community meals, Adopt-A-Family program, food pantry, nursing home worship services, etc.) Each deacon is expected to serve on at least one Deacon committee.

Session Member Suggested Nominees

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Board of Deacons Suggested Nominees

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FIRST SUNDAY

SUMMER BRUNCH

GATHER IN GRATITUDE

FOR OUR BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS

FISHER HALL

AFTER TODAY'S 10:30 AM SERVICE

AUGUST 7

POTLUCK STYLE!

BRING A DISH AND ENJOY FELLOWSHIP
WITH FELLOW CONGREGANTS!

DISPOSABLE SERVE & FLATWARE
DONATIONS APPRECIATED!

WAYS TO SERVE & GIVE

Community Outreach Dinner Volunteers
Tuesday, July 26th will be Team #4

Main Dish | Barbara Blair, Sally Mullen, Dave Davis, Kathie Gathers, *Jana Schwandt

Side Dish & Bread | Becca Montross

Dessert | Jan Gibbs

Server | Konza Rotary Club

If are interested in volunteering or have any questions regarding Community Dinners , please contact Claudia Voos at (785) 313-1874 or cvoos@BurnettAuto.com

Community Outreach Breakfast Volunteers
Wednesday, July 27th will be Team #5: VanderPol

Egg Bake | Shirley Vogts, Chris Gathers & Melissa Soldan

Set Up, Fruit, etc. | Stacey Montgomery, Keith Vogts, Melissa Soldan & Mary VanderPol

Clean Up | Josh Medicinebird, Jeannie Davis & Mylo Watennford

Brown Bag Lunch | Emily Mark

If are interested in volunteering or have any questions regarding Community Outreach Breakfast, please contact John & Peggy Lyons at 785-539-3644 or lyonspeg3@yahoo.com

CALENDER FOR JULY 24TH-30TH

Sunday, July 24
8:30am | Parkside Service
9:00am to Noon | Nursery
9:30am | Sunday School (all ages)
10:30am | Worship

Monday, July 25
9:00am | VBS
5:00pm | Community Showers
6:30pm | Troop 74

Tuesday, July 26
9:00am | VBS
5:00pm | Community Showers
6:00pm | Community Meals

Wednesday, July 27
7:30am | Community Breakfast
9:00am | VBS

Thursday, July 28
7:30am | Community Breakfast
9:00am | VBS

Friday, July 29
9:00am | Food Pantry
9:00am | VBS Setup

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

We Gather Around The Word

Prelude | Mitchell Jerko, Organist
My Faith, It is an Oaken Staff by David Hegarty
Trumpetings by Lani Smith

Introit | Choir
Thy Word Is A Lamp by Lloyd Larson

Welcome and Announcements | Liturgist

Call to Worship | Liturgist
One: We thank you, O Lord, for when we call, you answer.
All: For though the Lord is high, God regards the lowly.
One: Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
All: God does not forsake the work of his hands.
One: Come, and let us worship God.

*†**Hymn #39 |** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*†**Prayer of Confession (in unison)**
Gracious God, we confess that we have fallen short of who you call us to be. We seek peace and comfort in our lives, ignoring the needs of those around us. We live our lives in ways that bring chaos and calamity to our neighbors. Cleanse us from sin and show us your steadfast love, so that in turning to you, we may seek unity and peace for all of creation.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**
The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.
And also with you.

*†**Response of Joy | Hymn # 581 | "Gloria Patri"**
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Proclaiming The Word

Prayer for Illumination | Liturgist

Holy God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, open our hearts and minds that we may hear with joy what you say to us. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson | Genesis 18:20-32 | Liturgist

Anthem | Ryan Keith, Violin & Choir
God of Grace by Lloyd Larson

Special Offering from Children

New Testament Reading | Luke 11:1-13

Sermon | The Point of Prayer | Rev. Jason Pittman

***Hymn #465 |** "What a Friend We Have In Jesus"

Responding to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith | The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Special Music | Ryan Keith, Violinist

The Offering

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Communion

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ.

Help us to bring your salvation and joy to the entire world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bearing The Word Into The World

***Hymn #175 |** "Seek Ye First"

***Benediction**

Postlude | Mitchell Jerko, Organist

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart by Donna Robertson

Please begin your ministry in Christ's name by greeting your neighbors.
(*Stand as you are comfortable.)

NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS

Whatever is going on in your life, big or small, God cares. So, do we. We'd love to be able to support you and hold you and anyone you know up in prayer.

You can contact our church office at 785-537-0518 or email our Communications Coordinator and let us know where in your life we can support you.

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Our **mission** is to create disciples for Jesus Christ and to practice His teachings by **loving** and **serving** God and one another.

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