

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GREAT BEND, KANSAS**

July 5, 2009

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 A.M.

GATHERING

*Worship begins with God. God takes the initiative and calls the Church into being.
In the name of Christ, we heed God's call and gather as the community of faith.*

PRELUDE

THE WELCOME (Greet your neighbors)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ron Harders

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: In God's realm, weakness becomes strength.

PEOPLE: Emptiness is fulfilled to overflowing.

Pastor: Fear grows into courage.

PEOPLE: The foolish learn wisdom.

Pastor: The wise learn God's foolishness.

PEOPLE: The great are humbled, and the humble lifted up.

Pastor: In God's steadfast love, all things are made whole.

***HYMN No. 601**

"Song of Zechariah"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and God of glory, we want glory for ourselves. We want to be strong and independent. We daydream about doing great things. We forget that we depend on you for everything: for the very air we breathe; for your strength that holds us together; for life in the community you create in Christ; for the forgiveness that makes new life possible. In your mercy, bind us together and send us out to proclaim the good news of your kingdom.

(Silence for Personal Confession)

DECLARATION OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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.***

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Hear the teaching of Christ:
A new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
The peace of Christ be with you,
And also with you.*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Gathered in God's name, we now open ourselves to God's life-giving Word

DIALOGUE WITH OUR CHILDREN

Pastor Scott

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen*

OLD TESTAMENT READING- *II Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10*

NEW TESTAMENT READING – *Mark 6:1-13*

RESPONSE

*The Gospel of the Lord
Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

What is a Miracle?

Dr. Solether

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

The proclamation of God's Word invites responses of faith and love

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN No. 260 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Confession of 1967, Part III)

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of man's life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes man's natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that his purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from his creation.

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father's house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in men and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

OFFERING

Offertory

*DOXOLOGY

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING

The God who calls us together in worship now sends us out in service.

*HYMN No. 564

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord be kind and gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you peace.
Amen.*

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand

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PARTICIPANTS THIS WEEK

Organist: Stephanie Stinnett

Lay Assistant: Jan Bonine

Ushers: Helen Curran, Tammy Solether, Phil and Carol Woodmansee

Coffee Host: Deacons

Taping the Service: Deacons

Remember these people during times of prayer today:

Ethel Dyer, Bill VanSkike, Jane Howard, Jessie Lippert, Marge Shauers, Jim Johnson, Harold and Elaine Johnson, Bill Redburn, Sarah Emerson, Ann McClellan, Jack Luft, Brad Stegman, Amy Humphreys, Bill and Pat Rowe, Doreen Boor, David Cross, Samantha Howes, Judy Piland, Janis Friedeman, Jo Heaton, Marlene Albert, Lu Adams, Phyllis Vogt, Brenna Clayton, Alice Fox, Mike Mugler, Don Kline, Theresa Newson, Alice McDonald, Lisa Borger, Joy Herd.

God of all people, be with the Uniting Church in Australia and the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand as they seek to follow you. Give them courage to act and wisdom to know what to do. Amen.

MISSION STATEMENT OF
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GREAT BEND, KANSAS

Called by God and guided by the Holy Spirit, the mission of the First Presbyterian Church, Great Bend, Kansas, is to worship God, grow in our knowledge of God's love, reach out to make new disciples, and commit our lives to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Calendar

Sunday, July 5

9:00 a.m.—Church School

10:00 a.m.—Worship, Sanctuary

4:00 p.m.—Golf with Presbyterians, Lake Barton Golf Course

Monday, July 6

7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts, Ichthus Room

Tuesday, July 7

Wednesday, July 8

7:00 p.m.—Informal Worship, Chapel

Thursday, July 9

Friday, July 10

9:30 a.m.—Coffee Klatch, Parlor

Saturday, July 11

Sunday, July 12

9:00 a.m.— Church School

10:00 a.m.—Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary

4:00 p.m.—Golf with Presbyterians, Lake Barton Golf Course

Hearing Aids Available

"Hearing Aids" are available at the back of the sanctuary for use during the service. If you are hard of hearing, try these out! (Don't forget to turn off the hearing aid before putting them away. Thank you.)

Please remember to register your attendance on the Friendship Pads, which are located in the pews next to the inside aisle. Then, pass them on to those worshipping near you. Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. We are glad you are here!

Informal Worship Service

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for praise and worship in an informal setting. Informal Worship continues this Wednesday, July 8, in the chapel.

GOLF WITH PRESBYTERIANS

It's time to golf again! Join fellow Presbyterians for golf at Lake Barton Golf Course each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. .

CAMP EDGE

Vacation Bible School will be held at Trinity Methodist Church, July 13-17 from 9:30 to 12 noon for children 4 years to 6th grade. If you are interested in helping in any way for a day or for the week, please call Phyllis at 793-3995 or leave a message at the church office. Advance enrollment forms are available. We hope any children in any way associated with our church members will register and attend.

Change in Prayer Tower

Beginning the first of July, we are making some changes with the Prayer Tower. Instead of having an on-going prayer list, we will have a monthly renewable prayer list.

At the beginning of each month, we will start over with a blank list and add names as they are submitted. If you want a person's name to remain on the list, you will need to renew that name each month. You will also be given the option of placing the name on the permanent list.

The Permanent List is a separate list used by those of us who receive the prayer tower weekly and is not printed in the bulletin or newsletter. If you would like a copy, please contact Mary LeRoy or the church office.

Please remember, you must have the person's permission before putting them on the prayer list. Thank you.

COFFEE KLATCH CONTINUES DURING SUMMER

Every Friday morning you can find a good cup of coffee and good conversation at the Coffee Klatch. Everyone is welcome. The Klatch meets at 9:30 a.m. in the small parlor.