



First Press

Worship and Wisdom

First Presbyterian Church

August 7, 2022

Our Pastor

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison

Email: helen@firstpreslawrence.org

Helen will be in the office Monday through Thursday.

Our Mission

We are a community of disciples who celebrate God's inclusive love by ministering to one another and the world.

Church Office Hours

9 am to 3 pm

Monday through Friday

Care

Deacon Family Groups

A	Peggy Southard	L-Ma	Linda Upstill
B	Grace Nganga	Mb-Ne	Nancy Rumsey
C-De	Cherie Hoover	Nf-R	Sandy Groene
Df-F	Diana Schoneweis	Sa-So	Kathy Stover
G-Hi	Julie Simon	Sp-V	Annette Camlin
Hj-K	Charles Tuttle	W-Z	Peggy Southard

Prayer List

Cares, Concerns and Celebrations

- **Henry Roberts** is home and recovering well after hip replacement.
- **David Fitzcharles** is receiving PT at home to strengthen his back. Prayers appreciated.
- **Jean Givens** is home!
- **Ted Waiss** is almost through his treatment and is grateful for your good thoughts. He is doing well.
- **Stan Roth** is home following surgery at LMH and is facing several weeks of rehab.
- **Gerry and Marcia McPhail** appreciate prayers while they negotiate changes in Gerry's living and health situations.
- **Duane Janne**, brother of Carol Kyner, is being treated for brain cancer. Prayers appreciated.
- **Ellie Rose Calton**, great-granddaughter of Jan Poulson, was born without a palate and will require much care. Prayers for Ellie and all her family.
- **George Crump** is being treated for some health issues and is grateful for our prayers.

- **Jeannine Tiemann** continues to cope with health issues and is grateful for our prayers.
- **Kristi McAlister**, FPC member and daughter of Pat McAlister, who is facing some serious health challenges.

Deacon Love Fund – On the first Sunday of the month the Deacons ask you to consider an additional gift to the church to help support those in need of assistance. This past month we received a thank you note from someone we helped, *“Thank you for the help with rent. I am a single mom with mental illness that makes it difficult. Thank you so much.”* She included a picture of her baby who is, of course, adorable. Your gifts allowed us to help her move forward in a difficult world. Thank you!

Birthdays in the Congregation

August 10

Terry Smith
Sarah Derby

August 12

Shane Lindemyer

August 13

Kelsey Camlin

August 14

Alice Fitzcharles
John Adams

Calendar

August 7

9:00 am	Summer Open Nursery
9:15 am	The Wired Word
10:30 am	Worship

August 8

8:00 am	First 5 Years Teachers Return
1:00 pm	Staff Meeting
4:00 pm	Music Staff Meeting
6:00 pm	Westminster Ringers Rehearsal

August 9

8:00 am	First 5 Years Orientation and Lunch
1:00 pm	Small World Board Meeting
1:30 pm	Parkinson's Art Class
6:30 pm	Session Meeting
7:00 pm	Kaw Valley Fiber Guild Meeting

August 10

9:00 am	First 5 Years In-Service Class
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 59 Meeting

August 11

9:00 am	First 5 Years Teacher Training
3:00 pm	Welcome Committee Meeting

4:00 pm Mission Committee Meeting
6:30 pm Pelathe District Scout Meeting

August 14

8:45 am Nursery Open
9:30 am **Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast**
9:15 am Children's Sunday School Open House
10:30 am Worship
1:30 pm Pelathe District Leader Training

Sunday Helpers

Ushers: Vic and Dianne Sisk and Martha Rose

Greeters: Claire and Hayley Lindemyer

Securing the Offering: Jeff Southard and Erinn Barcomb-Peterson

Mugger: Kathryn Roblee

Flowers today are given to the Glory of God from the EcoTeam of FPC

Welcome!

Welcome to everyone, whether you are joining us virtually or in-person, as a long-time member or a first-time guest, we are happy to have you with us.

Session and Church policy

This Sunday we are in a YELLOW – MEDIUM zone. Masks are optional. Thank you!

Mask update – At their meeting on July 10, the Session made a change to our masking policy and will now allow everyone to determine whether to wear a mask or not. We are “masks optional” unless the Lawrence Douglas County Health Department determines that the numbers put us in the “Red / High” zone of community spread. If that happens, we will return to “masks required”. Their weekly report to the public will determine what level we will use on Sunday.

Worship

Chancel Choir Rehearsals Begin Wednesday, August 24th at 7pm!

Come join the FPC Chancel Choir as we embark on an exciting year of joyous musicmaking together! All are welcome to join! If you're not quite sure, and you'd like to come to our first rehearsal to try it out and see if it's a good fit, please join us on Wednesday, August 24th from 7pm-8pm in the Sanctuary. If you have questions, feel free to talk to me after the service on Sunday or email me at akloganbill@gmail.com. Angela Loganbill, Music Director

Support

Personnel – We are hiring! - Christian Education Coordinator and Youth Director. This position requires personal faith development, solid interpersonal skills, Office 365 competency, familiarity with database applications (or will train), and ability to work a flexible 30 – 40 hour week including hours on Sunday. Interested applicants should send resume and cover letter to

linda@firstpreslawrence.org. Applications will be processed as received until the position is filled. Job description available on request.

Nursery Supervisor and workers are needed to begin on August 14. We are seeking caring people to work in our nursery with our children during worship. Please prayerfully consider who you might be able to refer for this work! Contact the church office at 785-843-4171 for more information.

Children's Sunday School needs help – perhaps from you? We need two Sunday School assistant teachers for the 1st and 2nd grade class beginning Sunday, August 21st from 9:15 to 10:15 am. You will be working with a dedicated head teacher and an established routine and lessons. “A rewarding experience with FPC children and our existing Sunday School teachers.” Contact the church office if you can participate in this opportunity.

Education - Summer Sunday School for All!

Join us for **The Wired Word** a connection to weekly current event articles and Biblical scriptures for conversations in an informal setting. Each Sunday this summer, Adult Education leaders will be facilitating conversations. You can sign up to receive an email with a short one-page article to read along with supporting Biblical references. You can also pick up a paper copy on Sunday morning!

The class will meet at 9:15 am in the Fireside Room. Contact Linda Watts to sign up for the weekly email at lindajoywatts@gmail.com

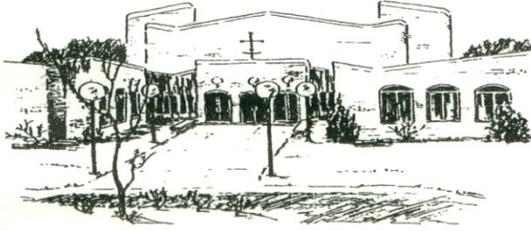
Coming up on August 21

***The Seven Churches of Revelation:
The History and the Message***

led by Pastor Helen

In 2014, I was able to go on a study trip to Turkey. Of course, we spent some time at the places that had a connection to Paul and his journeys and ministry. We also spent time visiting the sites of the seven churches who specifically received messages from John of Patmos in Revelation. Chapters 2-3 are known as the letters or sermons to the seven churches (really it is more of a message: each church receives a couple of paragraphs). What I learned about the geography and history of these towns and cities profoundly impacted my understanding of these chapters of Revelation.

I know Revelation is a book people either tend to love or to hate. Whatever your thoughts about the book of Revelation, my hope is we can learn about these towns and cities to see how the messages sent to the churches can still be messages that resonate with us and our world today. We will be studying the letters to the churches of Revelation for six weeks in Adult Sunday School starting August 21 and meeting in the Chapel.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison, Pastor
Linda Watts, liturgist

August 7, 2022

Prelude

Give Me Jesus
RICHARD BILLINGHAM, arr.

David Pérez, organist

Moment for Mission

Pancake Feed

Kelly Jones-Grube

Welcome and Announcements

Congregational Introit

As the Deer
AS THE DEER

Glory to God #626

*As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.*

Call to Worship

One: People of faith, we are God's children.

All: We are God's family, God's own flesh and blood.

One: We are God's heirs, God's legacy.

All: We are beloved and redeemed, chosen and called.

One: We have nothing to fear, for in Christ, God's love is poured out upon us.

All: It is our joy to bear the family resemblance of Christ to the world.

One: Let our lives proclaim the truth that God is love and perfect love casts out fear.

* Opening Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory
CWM RHONDDA

Glory to God #307

* Call to Confession

Linda Watts, liturgist

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again. Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Source of all life, we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. (Silent prayer.) Amen.

* The Blessing of the Water

* Assurance of Pardon

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people, who will always be made new in the name of Jesus Christ.

* Passing the Peace

One: Knowing the grace and mercy of the Lord, we share it with one another.

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please greet one another and exchange signs of peace and reconciliation.)

* Hymn

Glory Be to the Father
GLORIA PATRI

from The Presbyterian Hymnal

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

Children's Moment

Judy Wilson

Prayer of Illumination

Holy One, how do we see for the first time a story we've read so many times? Give us new perspective. Help us not to assume we know all there is to know, but to open our hearts and minds to your Spirit and the new truth you may be teaching us today. Perhaps the truth will not be new, but a lesson we've heard and simply need to be reminded of again. Wherever it is you are leading, let us be willing to follow. Whatever it is you want to teach, let us be open to listening and obeying. Amen.

Hebrew Bible Reading

Genesis 15:1-6

Linda Watts, liturgist

New Testament Reading

Luke 12:32-40

Sermon

"Do Not Fear"

Pastor Helen Hutchison

Hymn

To Abraham and Sarah (I Will Be Your God)
LLANFYLLIN

Glory to God #51

Call for Offering

Vocal Anthem

I Would Crawl All the Way to the River
PUTNAM, WILSON, AND JONES

Bill Seidel, soloist
John Bell, guitar, David Pérez, piano

Prayer of Dedication

Source of life, may the works of our hands bring you honor. May the life we live reflect the risen Word of life. May the service we offer be inspired by the Breath of life. Amen.

Offering plates are located in the Narthex at the end of the "sign-in" tables.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving and "The Lord's Prayer"

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Praise to you, O God, ...

...As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed (Traditional Version)

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.

* Closing Hymn

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers
LLANGLOFFAN

Glory to God #362

Blessing and Charge

Postlude

Sing Out
MARY BETH BENNETT

David Perez, organist

* Stand as you are able – in spirit or in body

Family Ministry

Field Day Family Fun at FPC – SUNDAY! July 31st was amazing!

Thank you to Chris Heider and everyone who made this afternoon possible. We welcomed several of our First 5 Years families and a couple from the neighborhood as well as our own FPC family members. Our “Build a Backpack” project was also successful. We collected the following:

7 – Backpacks

9 – Composition Notebooks

15 – Sets of Colored Pencils

27 – Packs of Crayons

24 – Dry Erase Markers

32 – Folders

10 – Glue

54 – Glue Stix

9 – Headphones

36 – Highlighters

7 – Kleenex

14 – Markers

7 – Pkgs of Notebook Paper

14 – Pkgs of pencils

1 – Pencil Sharpener

13 – Pencil Boxes / Bags

20 – Scissors

5 – Rulers

9 – Sanitizing Wipes

46 – Spiral Notebooks



Come kick off the year at Rock Springs Ranch with us! 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, s'mores 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, towels, and clothes for the weekend. Prepare to have a good time! Register by September 12, 2022. Contact Kelly Jones-Grube at kellygal78@hotmail.com for registration information.

Mission

Just Food (<https://www.justfoodks.org>) is the food bank of Douglas County, supplying 29+ partner agencies with fresh produce, dairy products, meat, bread, and pantry staples. Tuesday through Friday, Just Food operates a food pantry out of the main building (1000 E 11th street, Lawrence) serving 150-300 families daily.

For many families in Douglas County, the numbers simply don't add up. With the rise in cost of everything, there is little left for the most basic needs a family requires. In the coming months thousands of Douglas County families will experience financial obstacles, especially families with children who are out of school for the summer.

Your support of Just Food can ease this burden for these families by removing the fear of not being able to provide the most basic needs for their families. FPC Mission dollars support Just Food, and you may donate directly to Just Food. In addition, FPC has collection barrels in the narthex and at the south entrance for your food donation. Suggestions include powdered milk, cooking oil, coffee/tea, flour/yeast, sugar, diapers (especially size 4), feminine hygiene products, salt/pepper, spices, cake mix/frosting, dish detergent, paper towels, and can openers. FPC Volunteers take your food donations in the barrels to Just Food on a regular basis.

Kentucky Mission Team Trip – October 2-8, 2022 in Hopkins County Kentucky - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Hopkins County Emergency Management Agency in partnership with Madisonville's first Presbyterian Church are sponsors of the trip. Bob and Rhoda Frasier will lead this team to do repair, clean up, and maintenance on homes devastated by the December 2021 Tornado Event. This trip is open to persons 18 and over, from a Presbytery of Northern Kansas ministry. Maximum Group size is 20. [Complete your registration on-line at pnks.org by August 31](https://pnks.org). As space is available persons from out of the presbytery may be accepted to participate in this mission. Registration fee is \$100 per person. The Stewardship and Mission Committee covers the cost for this mission trip (group travel, accommodations, and other costs) above the registration fees collected. You will be responsible for meals on the way to and from Madisonville, KY.

Justice Matters Listening Process – Reflecting on Courageous Listening – As house meeting leaders begin to prepare for this year's listening process, the wise words of Sikh activist Valarie Kau call us to recognize that real listening takes courage – and that it preserves our common humanity. *“When I really want to hear another person's story, I try to leave my preconceptions at the door and draw close to their telling. I am always partially listening to the thoughts in my own head when others are speaking, so I consciously quiet my thoughts and begin to listen with my senses...Listening is not just moral, it is strategic. It gives us information for how to fight in smarter ways for justice...Listening is how we gain the information we need to reimagine.”* Are you ready to listen and take action? Contact Margie Dyck at mwdyck@gmail.com to make sure you receive an invitation to a house meeting. The Listening Process Kickoff is August 27, and most house meetings will take place in September.

Presbyterian Women News

Presbyterian Women are planning to have their Fall Gathering on Saturday, September 10 from 2:30 to 4:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Make plans to join us for this afternoon tea and cookies event – the first we have held in over two years due to COVID19.

Our speaker will be FPC member Dr. George Wilson. He and his wife Beverley traveled to Cape Town, Africa, and he will share their experiences in helping a school purchase water storage tanks. He will share his slides and teach us more about Africa.

Our service project will be to gather items for Willow Domestic Center. They are looking for shampoo, conditioner, grooming products, sanitary hygiene items, etc. Donations of items are most appreciated as are monetary gifts. Eve Circle will host this event and all women of FPC are cordially invited to join us! If you have questions please call Carol Kyner at 785-856-1683.



Fall Kick-Off August 14



Start your day with Pancakes! The YG@FPC is hosting a pancake feed beginning at 9:30 am. Donations for the pancakes will benefit the Youth Group. They hope to use the funds to go on a Mission Trip sometime soon. We will be in Fellowship Hall and look forward to flipping pancakes in your general direction!

SUNDAY
SCHOOL
OPEN
HOUSE



Sunday School Open House! From 9:15 to 10:15 am the Sunday School Rooms will be open, and the teachers will be available to greet you to get you registered for the school year. They will be in the north hall of the church and can get you to the appropriate room. We are using the Sparkhouse curriculum this year and are excited to see everyone and get together again.

What is happening at FPC? Whether you decide to have a pancake or not, be sure to stop by the Fellowship Hall before worship at 10:30 am to see and learn some of the many ministries at FPC. There is something for everyone. It takes all of us to make the church relevant to our lives and our community, so check out all the ministries and find the one that fits best with your interests and schedules. If you don't see anything, talk to some of the folks there about what you are interested in doing / learning and we can probably get something going!

Bring your Backpack to worship! We will be blessing the backpacks - or whatever you use to represent your work in school or in the community - to get the year off to a great start. Who can't use a little more blessing on their work?



Teacher Commissioning in worship. If you are wondering who provides their leadership, knowledge and love to our learning here at FPC, come to worship and meet the great people who are doing just that! We will recognize all of our educators at all learning levels. We are so blessed to have so many who help us deepen and strengthen our spiritual lives at FPC!

The best way to have new people check out all that we offer is for each of us to invite our friends.
Share with someone your favorite part about First Presbyterian Church and then ask them to join you!

INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR
REV. DR. HELEN HUTCHISON
AUGUST 28, 2022 @ 4:00PM

The Presbytery of Northern Kansas invites you
to attend the installation service for

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison

August 28, 2022 at 4:00pm
at First Presbyterian Church in Lawrence, KS



Following the Installation Service,
the Pastor Nominating Committee at FPC invites you
to stay and celebrate with Helen
and enjoy some ice cream!



Worship Service begins
at 4:00pm

This is a worship
service of the
Presbytery of Northern
Kansas

After worship, there
will be an ice cream
social

QUESTIONS?

NEED DIRECTIONS?

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