



# First Press

*Worship and Wisdom*

First Presbyterian Church

July 3, 2022

## Our Pastor

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison

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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

**Deacon Love Fund** On the first Sunday of the month the Deacons ask that you consider an additional gift to the church supporting their Love Fund. This money is used to support folks in our church and community who are in need of a hand-up during a difficult time. We have helped with rent, utilities, gas, phones, medicine, car repair and more. Your gifts are always welcome. None of us know when we might need a little help from someone who cares. Thank you.

## Prayer List

### *Cares, Concerns and Celebrations*

- **David Fitzcharles** is at LMH for a compression fracture in his back. Prayers appreciated.
- **Sven Alstrom** had knee surgery last week at LMH.
- **Jean Givens** is receiving rehab at LMH.
- **Ted Waiss** welcomes our prayers as he receives radiation treatment for a skin cancer.
- **Stan Roth** is home following surgery at LMH 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.

## Birthdays in the Congregation

July 6

Ross Freese

July 7

Alex Laughlin

July 8

Sarah Judd

July 9

Larrie Scott

Trena Wilson

July 10

Zelma Funston

## Calendar

July 3

8:30 am

Summer Open Nursery

9:15 am

Coffee and the Wired Word

10:30 am

Worship

9:45 am

City Fireworks Display

July 4

Church Office Closed for the Holiday

July 5

1:30 pm

Parkinson's Art Class

6:00 pm

Property Committee Meeting

July 6

7:00 pm

Boy Scout Troop 59 Meeting

July 7

1:00 pm

Sunday School Planning Meeting

July 10

8:30 am

Summer Open Nursery

9:15 am

The Wired Word

10:30 am

Worship

## Sunday Helpers

**Ushers:** Myron Shipley and Pat McAlister

**Greeters:** John and Ruth Hughes

**Securing the Offering:** Linda Watts and Jan Roth

**Mugger:**

**Sunday Sexton:** Margie Dyck

**Flowers today** are a gift from the Session of FPC

If you would like to provide the flowers for the Sanctuary on a particular Sunday, please sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office.

## 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.

*"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."* – Hebrews 13:2

**Guests delight us.** Our goal is simple: make all people feel welcomed, not overwhelmed. We were all visitors once and remember how it feels to try a new place of worship. Attend as often as you want. Visitors are welcome at all FPC events, classes, and small groups as well as in worship. We will always be glad to see you!

## Session and Church policy

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

**Mask update** – At their meeting on May 10, the Session determined that we will continue to follow the guidelines of the Lawrence Douglas County Health Department regarding masking at church. Their weekly report to the public will determine what level we will use on Sunday. Until we are back in the Green / Low area, we will not have Fellowship inside.

## Worship

**Worship at the Lake is back!** The Youth Group invites you to join them at Clinton Lake on Sunday, July 17 at 6:00 pm. We will meet at Overlook Park, Shelter #1 for dinner, music, worship, games and time together in the great outdoors.

## Education

### Summer Sunday School for Everyone!

Beginning June 5, 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 Chapel. Not interested in conversing about designated lessons? Come anyway and just spend some time getting to know other FPC members. Contact Linda Watts to sign up for the weekly email at [lindajoywatts@gmail.com](mailto:lindajoywatts@gmail.com)

**Prayer Squares** - Our first meeting was small but great for those able to attend. We will offer this opportunity again on Monday, July 25 at 4:00 pm in the Chapel. It will be a great time to breathe, reflect and consider your own needs. There will be some contemplative music, and guidance in the pause.... Children are welcome too! Please join us and receive your own prayer square.

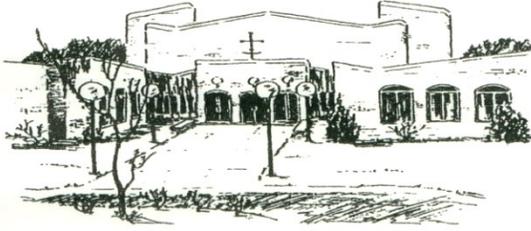
**Sunday Nursery** – We have not been able to hire or recruit workers for our nursery on Sunday mornings, so beginning May 29<sup>th</sup> and through the Summer, the nursery will not be staffed. **Parents are welcome to use the nursery to stay with their children.** This decision has been regretfully made after an ongoing search for childcare workers since late November of 2021. We plan to resume childcare when the fall schedule resumes, if workers are available. Our apologies for the inconvenience to parents.

## Support

**Personnel – We are hiring! - Christian Education Coordinator and Youth Director.** The 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 Bridges at [linda@firstpreslawrence.org](mailto:linda@firstpreslawrence.org). Applications will be processed as received until the position is filled. Job description available on request.

**Sunday Sexton** This position is open for an individual to serve for about four hours on Sunday mornings. Must be reliable. We are paying at least \$15.00 per hour. If you know of someone who might be interested in this position, please have them contact the church office at 785-843-4171 or [linda@firstpreslawrence.org](mailto:linda@firstpreslawrence.org) or Jim Rumsey, chair of the Property Committee at [rumseylaw@sunflower.com](mailto:rumseylaw@sunflower.com) for more information.

**Nursery Supervisor and workers** are needed to begin on August 14. We are seeking folks to work in our nursery to care for our children during worship. Please prayerfully consider who you know that might be a good fit for this type of position. For more information contact the church office at 785-843-4171.



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison, Pastor  
Jim Rumsey, liturgist

July 3, 2022

Prelude

Vanessa Thomas, guest pianist

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: The love of God is more splendid than purple mountain majesties.

**All: God's word of grace fills the spacious skies.**

One: The amber waves of grain remind us of God's abundant care.

**All: Above the fruited plain is God's eternal joy in anyone who follows the path of truth.**

One: In every nation, in every heart, God is working for good.

**All: Let our songs rise and let God's praise be heard from sea to shining sea.**

\* Opening Hymn

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*  
MATERNA

**Glory to God #338**

\* Call to Confession

Jim Rumsey, liturgist

Beloved, we are God's children because of the love God has for us, yet we sometimes fail to respond to God's outpouring of love. Let us confess our sins together. Let us pray...

\* Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Lord Jesus, God of each step, you walk with us on our journeys. Through our valleys of despair, our mountains of accomplishment and our twisting paths of transition, you are with us. Yet, we often think we made it by ourselves, refusing to acknowledge your gentle nudges, discounting the helping hands along the way, not noticing the prayers that followed us and went before us each step of the way. We have not been alone, though at times we could only see our single footprints, feel our overwhelming responsibility, hear only our heartbeat of depression.**

**Loving Jesus, God of each step, you smooth the path in front of us; you hide a prayer in every tree; you send friends to accompany us, whose appearance on the path is not mere coincidence; and you tilt our eyes to the future. Thanks be to you, O God, Friend, Savior, and Companion on the way. (Silent prayer.) Amen.**

\* The Blessing of the Water

\* Assurance of Pardon

One: The mercy of God has no beginning and no end but endures forever. Friends, receive the free gift of God's grace that is yours this day.

**All: Alleluia! Amen.**

\* **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* from The Presbyterian Hymnal

GLORIA PATRI

*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**

Linda Burton

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Holy God, wake us up if we are asleep, calm the storm if we are overwhelmed, or hold us fast if we are running – whatever it takes, open our hearts and minds to hear your voice as you speak a new and life changing word to us. Amen.**

**Hebrew Bible Reading**

1 Samuel 8:1-9

Jim Rumsey, liturgist

**New Testament Reading**

John 6:1-15

**Sermon**

*“Jesus, Arthur, and George”*

Pastor Helen Hutchison

**Hymn**

*My Country 'Tis of Thee*  
AMERICA

**Glory to God #337**

**Call for Offering**

**Vocal Anthem**

*Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor*

IRVING BERLIN

Words from “The New Colossus” by Emma Lazarus

Kevin Smith, soloist

Vanessa Thomas, 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:

***Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:***

***The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;***

***Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustains our hope and comes on earth.***

***With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.***

***In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, Now and 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** *This Is My Song* **Glory to God #340**  
FINLANDIA

**Blessing and Charge**

**Postlude**

Vanessa Thomas, piano

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

## **Mission**

**Matthew 25** - The Matthew 25 committee is a small group working to put the tenets of Matthew 25 into action within our congregation. One of the most important of these tenets is to stand up, as Christ taught us, to provide a voice for those who have difficulty standing up for themselves. As a congregation, we can't do a good job of standing up unless we are informed about the issues. In our current political climate, that means paying attention to what is going on in the KS legislature and what is being said by candidates for office and others who seek to influence our beliefs.

During the mission minute on Sunday morning, we asked you to help us stand up by opting in to join an email list to receive information about important issues that threaten the "least of us" in Kansas. We will use the [Kansas Interfaith Alliance](#) to help us sort out the issues. KIFA is a multi-faith organization that "unites people of faith and conscience from across our state to advocate for moral public policy in Kansas." Some of our Matthew 25 committee members are involved in the Lawrence KIFA chapter.

Our goal for the email list is to educate, not to preach; we want our members to share information as well as receive it. We hope that meaningful conversation about the very important issues facing us might arise on occasion along with suggestions that we can pass along to our church leadership. And of course, you can unsubscribe at any time.

If you would like to opt-in to join the list-please send an email to Mary Warren at [themarywarren@gmail.com](mailto:themarywarren@gmail.com).

We hope you are also aware that there is an important primary coming up in August. We would like to sign up folks **willing to provide a ride** to the polls to another member who wants to vote in person on August 2. Likewise, **if you want to vote in person and you need a ride**, let us know and we will hook you up. Please contact Margie Dyck at [mwdyck@gmail.com](mailto:mwdyck@gmail.com). Remember, you must be registered to vote by July 12 go [KSVOTES](#) to make sure you are registered and request an advanced ballot if you want to vote by mail or drop box.

Finally, there is power in numbers and if you want to put your faith into action and join our Matthew 25 committee-we'd love to have you. Please contact Linda Watts about the next committee meeting [lindajoywatts@gmail.com](mailto:lindajoywatts@gmail.com)

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## Faith ∞ Family ∞ Focus

### Upcoming Events

July 31 is Field Day Fun at FPC! We will have outdoor games and lots more, so save the date and watch for more information soon!

### Sunday School Schedule

It is Summer Vacation for Children's Sunday School, but we will continue to connect through this newsletter. Look for information about three events this summer for families of all descriptions. We hope you will be able to join us for a great time together.

### Faith Practice of the Week

#### Creepy, Crawly, and Curious

God made "...everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good" (Genesis 1:25). Unlike our forebearers in America, Native Americans, teach their children that all living things are relatives. The creeping / crawling bugs in your yard have a place in God's creation. Help your child/children learn about who lives in your grass and on your trees. Use a magnifying glass or take pictures in order to get a closer look. Teach your children that wasps and bees are important pollinators but need to be given plenty of space so as not to cause a problem. Don't kill, just avoid.

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**Family Promise** - Thank you to all who participated in our Family Promise host week with Connect Church. We were able to provide 5 frozen meals, both sweet and salty snacks, and \$575.00 in cash and grocery gift cards. FPC members are always so generous!! Thank you so very much!!!

I just learned that a new family has been placed in temporary housing with Family Promise who is a mom with a newborn, an 18-month-old son and a 3 year-old daughter. She is unable to drive and could use some baby supplies. If anyone would like to help, please send me money to 544 Arrowhead Drive, Lawrence, KS 66049 or see me in worship on Sunday. It is a tough position to be in with such little children to care for. When I get her list of needs, I can purchase some of them for her from all of you!!!! Thank you!!!! Blessings to all, Lois Dutcher

**Family Ministry** Children's Sunday School - Our Sunday School kiddos need your help! We need two Sunday school teachers for the 1st-2nd grade class beginning August 21. Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:15 am and 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.



**Church at the Lake** – Our Youth Group is hosting Church at the Lake this year on Sunday, July 17 at 6:00 pm. The Fellowship Committee will be helping them with the plans for a time to get together at Clinton Lake. Mark your calendar so you don't miss out! We will meet at Overlook Park, Shelter #1. There will be food, worship, fellowship, music perhaps and a good time – we hope it will be a little cooler! More information coming soon!

## Welcome

**Little Free Libraries** – First Presbyterian Church has joined a network of Little Free Libraries around the world. We are in the process of registering our two libraries with the network so that we can be found on maps. You don't have to wait! The philosophy of the Little Free Libraries is to "Take One, Leave One". We are not keeping score. We just hope that you and others in our community will use the books housed in these libraries to educate, entertain, inspire, and participate in the world that books provide. We hope you will check it out. Pick a book, use the benches to read a little (when it is a little cooler perhaps!), and take it home to finish. If you have books to share, please feel free to bring them to the church office. If you are interested in helping us keep the libraries stocked on a regular basis, please call us at 785-843-4171. We are working on a plan! Enjoy!

## In the Community

**Lawrence Habitat for Humanity Blueprint Bash Trivia** – Gather a team of six for a fun night of trivia and support Habitat for Humanity. The Blueprint Bash will be July 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel in Lawrence. The Blueprint Bash includes food stations, blueprint bash signature cocktails, wine and beer stations, trivia supplies, swag and raffle opportunities. It is just \$40 per person (\$240 per team). Register your team at [www.one.bidpal.net/blueprintbash](http://www.one.bidpal.net/blueprintbash)