



First Press

Worship and Wisdom

First Presbyterian Church

June 12, 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

- Nancy Rumsey had shoulder surgery last week at LMH
- Jim Woelfel had heart surgery at KUMC this week. He is doing well and hopes to be home soon.
- Sue Schmidt is doing well after knee surgery.
- Yvonne Davidson has been treating an infection for quite some time. She appreciates our prayers.
- George Crump is being treated for some health issues and is grateful for our prayers.
- Kristi McAlister, FPC member and daughter of Pat McAlister, who is facing some serious health challenges.
- Jeannine Tiemann continues to cope with health issues and is grateful for our prayers.

Birthdays in the Congregation

June 13

Camryn Resseguie

June 14

Jeff Southard
Amber Luckie

June 14

Mark Schonweis

Jamie Resseguie

June 19

Henry Lake

Calendar

June 12

8:30 am

Summer Open Nursery

9:15 am

Coffee and the Wired Word

10:30 am

Worship

June 13

9:00 am

Summer Camp – all week!

1:00 pm

Staff Meeting

June 14

1:00 pm

Parkinson's Art Class

6:30 pm

Session Meeting

7:00 pm

Kaw Valley Fiber Guild

June 15

5:00 pm

Personnel Committee

7:00 pm

Boy Scout Troop 59

June 18

10:00 am

Faith and Sexuality Workshop

June 19

8:30 am

Summer Open Nursery

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Worship

Sunday Helpers

Ushers: Vic and Dianne Sisk, Pearl Hoover, Claire Lindemyer, and Cherie Hoover

Greeters: Marin Hoover, Hayley Lindemyer, and Dorothy Devlin

Securing the Offering: Linda Watts and Jeff Southard

Mugger: Dede Dresser

Sunday Sexton:

Flowers today are given with love and in memory of Ann and Clark Bricker from David and Diane Bricker.

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!

Our Pictorial Directories have arrived! Pick up your copy in the church office between 9 and 3 during the week or on Sunday. If your picture is in the directory, we have a copy with your name on it! If you did not have your picture taken, we still have copies available!

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 report to the public on Tuesday will determine what level we will use on Sunday. LDCHD uses a “Green, Yellow, Red”, but are moving to a “Low, Medium, High” metric system to show the level of community transmission. Until we are back in the Green / Low area, we will not have Fellowship inside. It will be up to the Fellowship Committee to serve coffee outside on any given Sunday. If you can help them serve, contact Chris Heider (y.c.heider25@gmail.com) or John Hughes (785-842-1036).

Education

Summer Sunday School for Everyone!

Join us for **Coffee and 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 on the East Patio when we need to wear masks inside or in Fellowship Hall when it is safe to do so. That way we can have coffee!

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

Opportunities Coming Up Soon!

Just for Men – We are offering something just for men on Father’s Day! Join the group in the Sanctuary for some music with David Pérez at 9:15 am for about 30 minutes. Requests are welcome at that time! This might be the start of something great for our men of the church.

Women’s Workshop – “Sexuality and Faith: Rediscovering the God-given Gift of our Bodies” Join Judith Galas on Saturday, June 18 from 10 am to 4 pm at the church. Sign up with Julie Simon at 304-654-3992.

Prayer Squares – Meeting on the last Monday of the month and beginning on June 27 at 4:00 pm. Come for a 30-minute time of refreshing, centering, meditation and prayer. Spend this time on yourself and your intentions for the day, the week, the month, or your life! Each person will receive a prayer square for the next month.

Sunday Nursery – We have not been able to hire or recruit workers for our nursery on Sunday mornings, so beginning May 29th 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. Applications will be processed as received until the position is filled. Job description available on request.

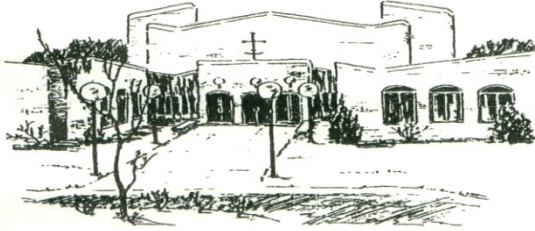
Sunday Sexton This position is open for an individual to serve for about 4 hours on Sunday mornings. Must be reliable. We are paying at least \$15.00 per hour. If you know of someone who might be interested in this position, please have them contact the church office at 785-843-4171 or linda@firstpreslawrence.org or Jim Rumsey (rumseylaw@sunflower.com) for more information. Thank you!

Finance

	Budget	Actual
Gifts – May	\$41,483.00	\$40,857.00
Gifts – 2022 – YTD	\$255,418.00	\$235,038.00

Thank you for your continued support of our work and ministry together.

It is not too late to make a pledge or gift to First Presbyterian Church! Go to Online Giving at www.firstpreslawrence.org. Fill out a pledge card [here](#) for on-going or one-time gifts!



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Trinity Sunday

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison, Pastor
Suzanne Galle, liturgist

June 12, 2022

Prelude

Récit de Tierce en Taille
NICOLAS DE GRIGNY

David Pérez, organist

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: We gather to worship God, the Creator and Redeemer.

All: The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and Esther, Sarah and Ruth, our refuge and strength in times past, and the Lord of all history.

One: The Father who is with us in all of life, our provider and prompter in the here and now, the Lord of today.

All: The Maker of a new heaven and a new earth, our help and hope for what is to come today and tomorrow.

One: Here now in our worship, fill us with strength and purpose.

All: Renew our spirits as we move into the future, always confident and hopeful as persons of faith.

Opening Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
NICEA

Glory to God #1

Call to Confession

Suzanne Galle

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)

Eternal and holy God: On this Sunday devoted to the mystery of your being, we offer this prayer to extol your greatness. Our planet is the merest speck in one little solar system in one of millions of universes -- and you, O God, created them all. You filled the great lawgiver, Moses, with awe when you let him experience your holiness in that burning bush. You overwhelmed the mighty prophet Isaiah with the vision of your glory. Your Spirit unleashed a furor of wind and fire at Pentecost, transforming the bewildered disciples into apostles of astounding power.

Mighty God: On this Trinity Sunday we confess that the mystery of your being is not for us to fathom. For our earthbound minds, three cannot be one and one cannot be three. Help us to accept by faith, thankfully, what we are not meant to understand.

Gracious God: Faced with your greatness, we bless you for the mercy you have shown us by forgiving our disrespect for you and our disobedience to your commandments, and by bridging the gulf between us by the life, death and resurrection of your divine Son, who addressed you as Father and encouraged us to turn to you with equal confidence. We pray in his name. (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

Judy Wilson

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

Psalm 8

Suzanne Galle, liturgist

New Testament Reading

Romans 5:1-5

Sermon

"Living in the Mystery"

Pastor Helen Hutchison

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in the Father, the creator, the orchestrator, and the one who gives life.

We believe in the Son, the Savior of all mankind, our Redeemer.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, sent from the Father, to lead us and to guide us.

We believe that all are living and working and moving throughout our lives.

We are thankful for the role of God the Creator, God the Redeemer and God the Sustainer.

Praise be to them all!

Hymn

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

Glory to God #7

NORWICH

Call for Offering

Vocal Anthem

I Will Lift Mine Eyes Up to the Mountains

Kevin Smith, soloist

ANTONIN DVORAK

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.

Prayers of the People and 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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Glory to God #32

ELLACOMBE

Blessing and Charge

Postlude

Crown Him with Many Crowns

David Pérez, organist

LESLIE GÓMEZ, arr.

From the PNC

Thank you all so much for your support of us during our search for Pastor Helen. Thanks for your "Prayers at Noon" for Helen as she was moving out of Nevada and into Kansas and the trip in-between. We are so fortunate to have had your help and patience through this process. You really came through whenever we asked, but especially with a card shower with suggestions for places for Helen to visit, shop and dine. We also appreciate your gifts towards her gift cards. She will have lots of fun being introduced to Downtown Lawrence, Theater Lawrence, Pendleton's Country Market, The Merc, and Howard Pine's Garden Center among others. As a committee we continue to support Pastor Helen as she gets settled in her home as well as in her position as our pastor. We look forward to participating with you in her ministry with FPC, Lawrence. *Kelly Jones, Dave Livingood, Bill Seidel, Henry Johns, Mark Shiflett, Stephanie Lake, and Thomas Lushington.*



Mission

Matthew 25

URGENT!! Are you READY to Vote?

Tuesday July 12 is the deadline to register to vote in the August 2nd primary to cast your vote on [HCR 5003](#) – a proposed constitutional amendment to create a new section in the Kansas Bill of Rights regulating abortion. If passed, the amendment will allow our state politicians to decide whether abortion is permitted for victims of incest and rape, or to save the life of the mother. Jesus teaches us that we must stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves-voting is the most powerful way to do this in a democracy. GO to ksvotes.org to get registered today. If you won't be in Lawrence on August 2 YOU CAN STILL VOTE-CHECK OUT YOUR OPTIONS HERE:

[Douglas County Clerk's Office](#)

In the Community

The Lawrence Kansas Community Remembrance Project continues this week with three events for you to attend.

On June 9 at 6:30 pm guest speaker Dr. Brett Campney will speak at the Lawrence Public Library about anti-black violence in Lawrence and Kansas during the long reconstruction following the Civil War.

On June 10 at 7:00 pm the Lynching Marker will be dedicated at City Hall. This marker memorializes the deaths of Isaac King, George Robertson, and Peter Vinegar in 1882.

On June 11 at 1 pm or 3 pm there will be a screening of the film, "Then Three were Taken" a true story of an 1882 Lawrence Kansas lynching by Barbara Higgins-Dover. The film will be shown at the Watkins Museum. You can get tickets at <https://tinyurl.com/threeweretaken>

All events are free. Be sure to take advantage of one or all of these opportunities to learn more about our community history!

COMMUNITY REMEMBRANCE PROJECT

Join the Douglas County <http://www.ldccrp.org/> CRP for three days of education and remembrance about racial violence in Lawrence.



GUEST SPEAKER
Anti-Black Violence in Lawrence and Kansas During the Long Reconstruction by Dr. Brent Campney

June 9, 6:30pm
Lawrence Public Library Auditorium



LYNCING MARKER DEDICATION
Dedicating a historical marker to the deaths by lynching of Isaac King, George Robertson, and Peter Vinegar in 1882

June 10, 7pm
City Hall
Informal Gathering at Potter's Field afterwards



'THEN THREE WERE TAKEN' SCREENING
The true story of an 1882 Lawrence Kansas Lynching, by Barbara Higgins-Dover

June 11, 1pm & 3pm
Watkins Museum
Tickets at <https://tinyurl.com/threeweretaken>

DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY REMEMBRANCE PROJECT

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JUNE 9, 10, 11

LAWRENCE, KS

Faith ∞ Family ∞ Focus

Sunday School Schedule

It is Summer Vacation for 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

Last Sunday was Pentecost. Pentecost is one of those special Christian celebrations that remains somewhat of a mystery to understand, especially for our children. It was originally a Jewish holiday signifying the early weeks of harvest. It now is observed on the 7th Sunday after Easter. The story is recorded in Acts 2. This day represents the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to always be with the people who follow him in what was called the Holy Spirit. Now that is a very difficult concept (spirit) for children to understand. Is it a sort of Halloween or a scary ghost? A more comforting image for children is to see spirit as the wind; you can't see it but you experience it. A fun tradition might be to make or buy a kite to fly every year on Pentecost. Red is the liturgical color for Pentecost so if you are making it, consider red paper or fabric.



Travel to an open space on a mildly windy day and as your kite (hopefully) begins to fly, talk about the connection between the Spirit and the wind. Although we do not see the wind just as we don't see the Spirit, the wind holds up the kite in a similar way that the Spirit holds us up so that we can care for ourselves and others.

This week we offer another opportunity to try something new! Summer can be a time of exploring new experiences. I once heard a suggestion from another parent who promoted letting your children try out new activities such as taking a music lesson, art lesson, sport, etc. It was to be a time of trying out new things. Family faith activities during these summer months will be taken from what is called, "Families Celebrate cards" (Augsburg Press) featuring faith-based reflections / rituals and activities that are designed to promote relationships and caring for others and our creation. On a nice partly cloudy day, not too warm, not too cool and before chigger season, lay out a blanket and lie down with your child. Talk about the patterns you see in the clouds and tell stories about what you are seeing.



Join in the Celebration!

- Thursday, June 16th – at Noon join a Zoom Meeting with the League of Women Voters Hot Topics: Juneteenth, Independence, and the Nation: Then and Now with Dr. Kim Warren and Deborah L. Dandridge. <https://bit.ly/3LtvdGR>
- Friday, June 17th at 7:00 pm Community Gospel Choir at Victory bible Church 1942 Massachusetts St.
- Saturday, June 18th from Noon to 8 pm a parade down Mass and Celebration at South Park – lots of activities including music, oral history videos, speakers, underground railroad tour, food, games, and more!
- Sunday, June 19th 3 to 5 pm a walking tour at Maple Grove Cemetery.

More information at www.lawrenceksjuneteenth.org