



First Press

Worship and Wisdom

First Presbyterian Church

October 2, 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

In September the Deacon Love Fund assisted several individuals pay their electric bills as well as some help with a storage unit payment while between housing locations. Your donations make it possible for us to help our neighbors and friends who are working through challenging times. Thank you for sharing your gifts with them! Use the Love Fund envelope or mark your gift for the Love Fund.

Prayer List

Cares, Concerns and Celebrations

- **Sophia Louise Virginia Sheldon-Sherman** born to Jenna Sheldon-Sherman and Steve Munch on September 17. The rose on the chancel is in her honor. Welcoming her home are her brothers, Henry and Jack Munch. Her grandparents are Jan Sheldon and James Sherman also members of FPC. Congratulations everyone!
- **Earl Huyser** had emergency surgery on September 18 at LMH. It went well and he is recovering. Prayers appreciated!

- **Grace Nganga** is traveling to Africa due to the death of her brother recently. Safe travels and prayers as she deals with her grief.
- **Henry Roberts** is doing well following some eye surgery recently.
- **Warren Corman** was awarded the 2022 Fred Ellsworth Medallion for his faithful, longtime service to KU by the Alumni Association on Sept. 23. Congratulations! Well deserved.
- **Lisa Wallace**, Nora Wallace's sister, is suffering from severe long COVID complications and appreciates our prayers.
- **Mary Warren** requests prayers for her sister's 2-year-old grandson, James, who is receiving a second round of chemo for stage 2 liver cancer.
- **Prayers for Becky May and her friend Jeff**, who lost a son-in-law and grandchild in a car accident recently. Jeff's daughter and granddaughter are hospitalized.
- **Phil and Sharon Rankin** appreciate our continued prayers.
- **Jean Givens** is home following a couple of surgeries and is experiencing some pain and welcomes our prayers for healing.
- **Gerry and Marcia McPhail** are grateful for prayers as they navigate the challenges of life.
- **Duane Janne**, brother of Carol Kyner, is being treated for brain cancer. Prayers appreciated.
- **Ellie Rose Calton**, great-granddaughter of Jan Poulson. 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

October 5

Web Golden

October 8

David Wiseman

October 9

G.R. Laughlin

Taylor Mitchell

Calendar

October 2

- 9:00 am Sunday Nursery Open
- 9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:30 am Worship
- 2:30 pm Alison Gruber Voice Lessons

October 3

- 9:00 am First 5 Years Classes – All Week
- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 4:30 pm Alison Gruber Voice Lessons
- 6:00 pm Cub Scout Den – Schwaller
- 6:00 pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Girl Scout Service Unit Leaders

October 4

- 1:00 pm Small World Classes
- 4:00 pm Adult Ministry Meeting
- 6:00 pm Boy Scout Recruitment Event

October 5

- 4:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 59 Meeting

October 6

- 1:00 pm Small World Classes

October 9

- 9:00 am Sunday Nursery Open
- 9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:30 am Worship
- 2:30 pm Alison Gruber Voice Lessons

Sunday Helpers

Ushers:

Greeters:

Offering: John Hughes and Jim Rumsey

Friendship Pad Collector: Petra Peterson

Mugger: Julie Simon

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. **Please be sure to sign the Friendship Pad if you are worshipping with us in person.** If you join us on-line - live or recorded - **please send us an email letting us know you joined us in worship.** We want to share in your joys and concerns in life! Register your on-line attendance at linda@firstpreslawrence.org Thank you!

Session and Church policy

This Sunday we are in a GREEN – LOW zone. Masks are optional. Thank you!

Worship

On this **World Communion Sunday**, the Worship Committee has provided a variety of breads from around the world to remind us that we are sharing this sacrament globally with all our brothers and sisters in Christ. It

doesn't matter what kind of bread is used, we are all beloved.

We will also be receiving the **Peace and Global Witness Special Offering**. This offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world. Thank you for your participation!

Education

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of our Christian Education Ministry to all ages. We are excited to be expanding and, in collaboration with other FPC ministries, offering a variety of opportunities to learn and grow together. **Come grow with us!**

For Children

This Sunday the children will be learning about Exodus 5:1-6, 13 God is with us even when we are sad and will help us. Can you share how God helped you when you were sad?

For Adults

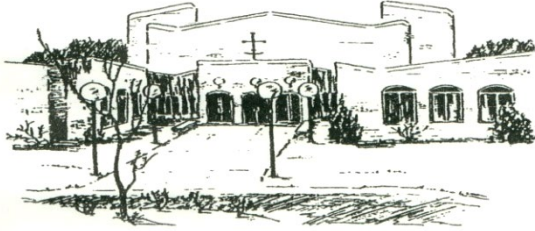
Seeking the Lost This Sunday, October 2, at 9:15 am Madison McKinney, FPC member and currently serving as the co-chair of the Advocacy Committee on Women and Gender Justice will report on her work with Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People, a sub-committee of the Advocacy Committee. She was highly involved in presenting the committee's report at the most recent 225th General Assembly. In addition to her work with the General Assembly, Madison teaches preschool in Olathe. She comes from both the Dakota and Choctaw Indigenous nations.

Parables – Stories for Life in God's World

There will be an 8-week Kerygma study beginning Sunday, October 9 at 9:15 am. Rod Nitz will lead the study of the timeless stories that speak to our faith and influence the decisions we make while discovering what makes a parable unique. Appreciate how Jesus used these seemingly simple stories to express the heart of the good news he brought. After an introduction we will study Parables of Growth, Parables of Reversal, Parables of Preparation, and Parables of Decision. Register with Linda Watts at lindajoywatts@gmail.com. Books are required.

For Men

Men's Friday Morning Group – Join a group of men meeting on Friday mornings at 10:00 am. Their next meeting will be Friday, October 7 in the Fireside Room at FPC. Their topic for the day will be "Mentors in Our Lives". Call Charles Tuttle for more information. 785-760-0747. Don't forget to invite a friend or neighbor to attend this group with you!



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

World Communion Sunday

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison, Pastor
Jan Roth, liturgist

October 2, 2022

David Pérez, organist.

Prelude

Gitanerías

ERNESTO LECUONA, transcribed by David Pérez

Welcome and Announcements

Friendship Pads: Please help us maintain good communication with all our members and guests by completing the Friendship Register as it is passed from the end of each pew. Please include your email address if you wish. We invite you to note the names of those sitting near you and greet them before leaving today.

Cards of Encouragement: Blue cards found in the pew rack ~ please put in offering plate.

Choral Introit

O come and Sing Unto the Lord

Chancel Choir
Angela Loganbill, director

Call to Worship

One: All around the world,

All: People rise to greet the morning and sing praise to the Creator.

One: All over the earth,

All: People hold hands around a table and offer thanks.

One: All around the globe,

All: Some cry for food, some are filled with laughter, all search for truth.

One: All around the world,

All: Hearts hear a sacred melody and yearn for peace.

One: Throughout this day, across many lands,

All: Sisters and brothers touch the bread of life and drink the cup of joy.

One: All around the world,

All: People sing, and we join the unending chorus of praise.

* Opening Hymn

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table
WELCOME TABLE

Glory to God #770

* Call to Confession

Jan Roth, liturgist

We cannot earn God's grace or favor. It comes to us, not as something owed, but as a gift freely given. Confident of God's love for us, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Risen Savior, you call us to your table of grace to enjoy your presence, to experience your healing, to be made one with your people of every time and place. But we dare not come to the table with dirty hands and sin-stained hearts. Only your forgiveness can make us clean within. We confess we have edged you to the fringes of our lives as we have become occupied with countless so-called "urgent" matters. We confess we have fooled ourselves into believing we are too busy to pray and too exhausted to serve. We have devised clever justifications for ignoring the poor and avoiding those in despair.

Forgive us, dear Lord, and help us do better. Help us order our days and our deeds according to your will. Open our hearts to the needs of those who cannot return our favors. Grant us pardon, and comfort us with the assurance of your Spirit. Then shall we be free to celebrate your feast of love with the saints of this and every time and place. Amen. (Silent prayer.) Amen.

* The Blessing of the Water

* Assurance of Pardon

One: God is always with and for us. God is always there to forgive us, comfort us, heal us, restore us, and

guide us. Know now that God's love is being poured out upon us right now in this moment of time.
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

Paul Laird

Prayer of Illumination

Jan Roth, liturgist

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

Proverbs 25:6-7

Jan Roth, liturgist

New Testament Reading

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon

"Feasting at the Table"

Pastor Helen Hutchison

Hymn

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
LINSTEAD

Glory to God #526

Prayers of the People

Call for Offering

Choral Anthem

Esto Les Digo
KINLEY LANGE

Chancel Choir
Angela Loganbill, director
David Pérez, piano

* **Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Glory to God #606

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen*

* **Prayer of Dedication**

As we strive to have faith in you, O God, we give thanks for your faith in us. As we seek to make our home in you, we hope that you will find a home in us, so that all we have, all we say, all we do, may be to your glory. We pray in the name of your Son, who gives the gift of faith. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table
The Blessing of the Breads
Words of institution
Communion of the People
The Lord's Prayer

Chancel Choir

* **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** *Song of Hope* **Glory to God #765**
ARGENTINA

Blessing and Charge

Postlude *Andalucia* David Pérez, organist
ERNESTO LECUONA, transcribed by David Pérez

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

Mission

Matthew 25 – Help Educate Your Friends and Family About the November 8th election

As a Matthew 25 church we are called to put *our faith into action*. The simple act of voting is one of the most powerful ways we can exercise our faith.

This past summer the members of the Matthew 25 committee helped to educate FPC about the constitutional amendment. All we did was email a couple dozen of our personal and church friends to share information on how to register and vote along with a nonpartisan explanation of the amendment created by the Kansas Voter to Voter network. Our efforts and those of other Kansas faith-based communities helped double the number of voters on August 2nd.

The November 8th election is another big one. There are important state and local races on the ballot, and we will decide whether to retain Kansas Supreme Court judges. There are also two constitutional amendments that could fundamentally change the current system of governmental checks and balances in Kansas.

We are asking you to help us extend our reach beyond FPC and educate your friends and family so they can thoughtfully vote on these trickier ballot issues. We will provide you with suggestions on conversation starters for your email, one pdf attachment on how to vote and one providing non-partisan information on the ballot issues. All you need to do is gather the emails of ten or more of your Kansas friends and send them this important information. Please contact Mary Warren at themarywarren@gmail.com for materials to help us get out the vote!

Historical Performance of Lucy Tayiah Eads, Chief of the Kaw Indians



You are invited to Pauline Sharp's historical performance of "chief Lucy of the Kaw Indians" at 3:00 pm on Sunday, October 2, at Unity of Lawrence, 900 Madeline Lane in Lawrence. Sharp is a citizen of the Kaw Nation and serves on the Board of the Kanza Heritage Society. She has researched and studied the history and culture of the Kanza People, from whom the State of Kansas took its name. Sharp tells the story of the Kanza (Kaw) people through the character of her grandmother, Lucy Tayiah Eads, the first female chief of the Kaw nation. Admission is free. Contributions will be accepted to benefit the Kanza Heritage Society.

EcoTeam

Leave the Leaves and Save the Litter – *"Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."* Exodus 3:5

Take a risk with your neighbors. If asked why you are not raking up, removing, or blowing away leaves, a conversation can occur about where insects and other invertebrates go in the winter. The vast majority "overwinter", or spend winter, right where they spent all summer – they are just less active and more hidden. Invertebrates rely on fallen leaves and other organic debris to cover and insulate them from the elements. Whatever your landscape, you can help ensure that resources for nests and overwintering habitat are available. Even if you begin with a portion of your yard, you can make a difference.

Family Promise

Thank you to all FPC members who donated to our Family Promise host week. We were able to provide five frozen meals, cookies, brownies, donuts, and salty snacks plus gifts of handmade blankets by Vernis Flottman and some children's books. We also were able to give Family Promise \$800 in cash and many grocery gift cards. What a wonderful sharing of love and caring for these families in Lawrence who aren't as fortunate as we are. Thank you again for your very generous contributions and caring. Lois Dutcher, coordinator

Nominating Committee

The FPC Nominating Committee is working on the slates of Elders and Deacons to fill open positions as well as the class of 2025. There will be training! If you are interested in learning more, please contact Heather Soper at sopers1973@yahoo.com. It takes all of us to thrive – try something new!

Coming in October from FPC!
Mark your Calendar and watch for more information.

- **Join us for a trip to Pendleton's Pumpkin Patch on October 16th**
- **"Tales, Tunes, and Treats" – October 30th at 4:00 pm**
Wear your costume!

We are looking for "Trunks" for our October 30th "Tales, Tunes, and Treats" event. If you can offer your trunk as a place to hand out candy please let us know by calling the church office at 785-843-4171. You can decorate as much or as little as a pumpkin and the candy. Be ready to greet lots of little goblins after our stories and scary music is over. Here are some ideas to get you started!

Or just open the trunk and welcome our goblins! Lots of fun will be had by everyone!



First 5 Years welcomed the Firefighters to school this week.

