

## To Our Visitors, Welcome!

To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whosoever will come – this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of Jesus her Lord.

We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning, and we invite you to join us for fellowship, coffee, and cookies after the service in the parlor.

Children are welcomed and encouraged to remain in the worship service, however a nursery is available for infants and pre-school-aged children. Ask anyone with a nametag for directions. Denim activity bags are available in the Narthex for children to use during the service.

## Minute for Mission

We congratulate the Central Wyoming Rescue Mission on two outstanding recent milestones:

First, they have received accreditation by the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability, a nationally recognized ministry committed to helping Christian organizations and churches implement the highest standards of financial stewardship and integrity.

Second, the non-profit has been officially certified as a quality Rescue Mission in programs, development, and administration by the Association of some 300 Gospel Rescue Missions across North America. In addition, CWRM achieved an "Excellence" rating, the highest ranking of AGRM certification!

It is a blessing to be a partner with CWRM as we reach out to the homeless men, women and children in Central Wyoming...and beyond.

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## Prayer Concerns

- ✠ Phyllis Karns; Elizabeth Specht; Eli & Lola Dobson, children of Dominique Hennagin Dobson; Brian Hennagin, the Fry family, Alice Peterson
- ✠ For our country and all her officers, our state and all her officers, and our local community and all her officers.
- ✠ For all military men and women and their families, including Brian Barksdale, and especially for those serving in dangerous positions
- ✠ For the EPC Presbytery of the West, specifically for Rev. Michael Wright and the congregation of Littleton Christian Church in Littleton, CO; Kamwangu Nendini and Pastor Mackylas, Ali Arhab and Channel North Africa
- ✠ For Christians at risk in Nigeria

## Upcoming Events for the week of April 10-17

### TODAY

9:15 Sunday School  
11:00 A.M. Worship/Fellowship

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup>

5:30 P.M. Evangelism  
7:00 P.M. Stewardship

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00 A.M., 7:00 P.M. Romans Study  
4:15 P.M., 6:15 P.M. Companions  
in Christ

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>

7 P.M. Choir

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>

2:00 P.M. Dorcas

### Next Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>

9:15 Sunday School  
11:00 A.M. Worship/Fellowship

### **Next Sunday:**

**OT Text:** Genesis 2:1-3

**NT Text:** Luke 6:1-11

**Sermon:** "Sabbath Is a Gift"

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# Order for the Worship of God

April 10, 2016

**Prelude** *Sing a New Song* Broughton

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Invocation

#### Passing of the Peace

Leader: Grace and peace to you.

**People: And also to you.**

**\*Opening Hymn** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* #92

**\*Call to Worship** (from Psalm 30)

Leader: I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up  
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

**People: O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you  
have healed me. O LORD, you have brought up my  
soul from Sheol;**

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give  
thanks to his holy name.

**People: For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor  
is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.**

**\*Hymn** *All Creatures of Our God and King* #115

#### Psalter

Psalm 138  
Pew Bible [Blue] p. 521, [Red] p. 661

**Reading alternate verses**

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

**God of our future: you are coming in power to bring  
nations under your rule. We confess that we have not  
expected your kingdom. We have lived casual lives and  
ignored your promised judgment. Judge us, O God, for  
we have been slow to serve you. Forgive us, for the  
sake of your faithful servant Jesus, our Savior, whose  
triumph we want and eagerly wait for.**

~ Silent confession ~ **Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon** (responsively)

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and  
the truth is not in us.

**All: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and  
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all un  
righteousness. Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gloria Patri**

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#### Anthem

#### Prayer for Illumination

#### Old Testament Text

II Samuel 12:15-23  
Pew Bible [Blue] p. 263, [Red] p. 335

#### New Testament Text

Luke 5:33-39  
Pew Bible [Blue] p. 861, [Red] p. 1095

**Sermon** *To Fast or Not to Fast, That Is Not the Question*  
Mark Tippin

**\*Hymn** *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross* #264

#### Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving  
Intercession  
For the Church  
For the Ministry  
For the Nation  
For all People  
The Lord's Prayer (inside hymnal cover)

#### Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory** *God Leads Us Along* Loree

**\*Doxology** #731

**\*Confession of Faith** *Westminster Confession 1.7*

The meanings of all the passages in the Bible are not  
equally obvious, nor is any individual passage equally clear to every-  
one. However, everything which we have to know, believe, and  
observe in order to be saved is so clearly presented and revealed  
somewhere in the Bible that the uneducated as well as the edu-  
cated can sufficiently understand it by the proper use of the ordi-  
nary means of grace.

**\*Hymn** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #457

#### \*Benediction

**\*Postlude** *Legende* Broughton

**\*Please stand if you are able**

## Participants in Today's Service

Pastor	Mark Tippin
Choirmaster	Zach Vreeman
Organist	Marilyn Fry
Liturgist	Henry Groenenberg
Head Usher	MH Hennagin
Greeter	Janis Hall
Nursery	Jenny Tippin, Lexie Tippin

## Information

- ✚ Please call the church office (237-9509) ...  
If you or a member of your family would like a visit while  
recuperating in the hospital or at home.  
If you have a prayer concern.
- ✚ Session requests that each member pay an EPC Annual  
Asking Amount of \$48 for 2016 (above and beyond your  
pledge)

## Our Mission Statement

Out of humble gratitude for the free and undeserved gift of grace we have  
received through Christ, the mission of First Presbyterian Church (EPC) is:

**To proclaim, with boldness, God's glory, truth, and  
love revealed to us in his Word through the Holy Spirit. We  
seek to worship Him with our entire lives, being continually  
reformed to Scripture, our only guide in faith and practice.**

## Announcements

The 4:15 Companions in Christ group is wrapping up a wonder-  
ful study of the Psalms. The material used was an about-to-be-  
published study called *Praise Him* by Kristin Youmans. Led by Kris-  
tin, the group has used four contextual study anchors...History,  
Culture, Literary Structure, and Language...in order to go deep  
and deeper into the Bible's beautiful Hebrew poetry.

The group has already begun discussing possibilities for a  
summer study. Stay tuned for a starting date. All are welcome to  
join the group! Contact Kristin or Kim Brattis if you are interested.