

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.

Announcements

New Membership Class

Come and explore whether or not God is calling you to become a member of First Presbyterian Church. We will look at several areas of what it means to be a Christian and an active disciple of Jesus Christ as a member of Casper First. If you are not certain whether or not you are ready to join, this is the place to go to help you make that decision. We will meet for approximately 7-8 weeks during the Sunday School hour in the small conference room on the second floor beginning **February 21st**. Please call the church office to inform us of your intention to join us, or e-mail the church office. This will allow us to know who is coming and also helps us to know the quantity of materials needed for the class.

Confirmation is a time of study and preparation for young people to make a public profession of faith. The study will begin on **February 21st** and will meet on Sunday afternoons. It is designed for students in 7-12 grades. It will be completed on Pentecost Sunday, May 15th, as they take their vows before God and the congregation. Let Pastor Mark know if you have or know a student who might be interested.

There will be an **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** immediately following Worship **TODAY**, for the following purposes: reception of annual reports, presentation of the budget, and any other business appropriate to the annual meeting.

Prayer Concerns

- ✠ Phyllis Karns; Elizabeth Specht; family of Dominique Hennagin Dobson; Misty Folz; our Prayer and Vision teams
- ✠ 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. Tim Wilbanks and the congregation of Covenant Presbyterian Church of Vail Valley, CO*; Elders and Deacons; Kenya's Chogoria South Presbytery, the four churches of the Kamwangu Nendini, and Pastor Mackylas; Ali Arhab and Channel North Africa's outreach to new Christians and to Muslims; our EPC missionaries, Ryan, Brian, and Sean, and their families
**Each week we will focus our prayers on one specific church in the EPC Presbytery of the West.*
- ✠ For Christians suffering persecution in Libya, Iraq, Syria, Pakistan; for Christians at risk in Nigeria, Kenya, Algeria, Jordan, Egypt and elsewhere

Upcoming Events for the week of February 14-21

TODAY

9:15 Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Worship/Fellowship
Annual Congregational Meeting
following worship

Monday Feb. 15th

6:14 P.M. Deacons
7:00 P.M. Session

Tuesday 16th

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

Wednesday 17th

7 P.M. Choir

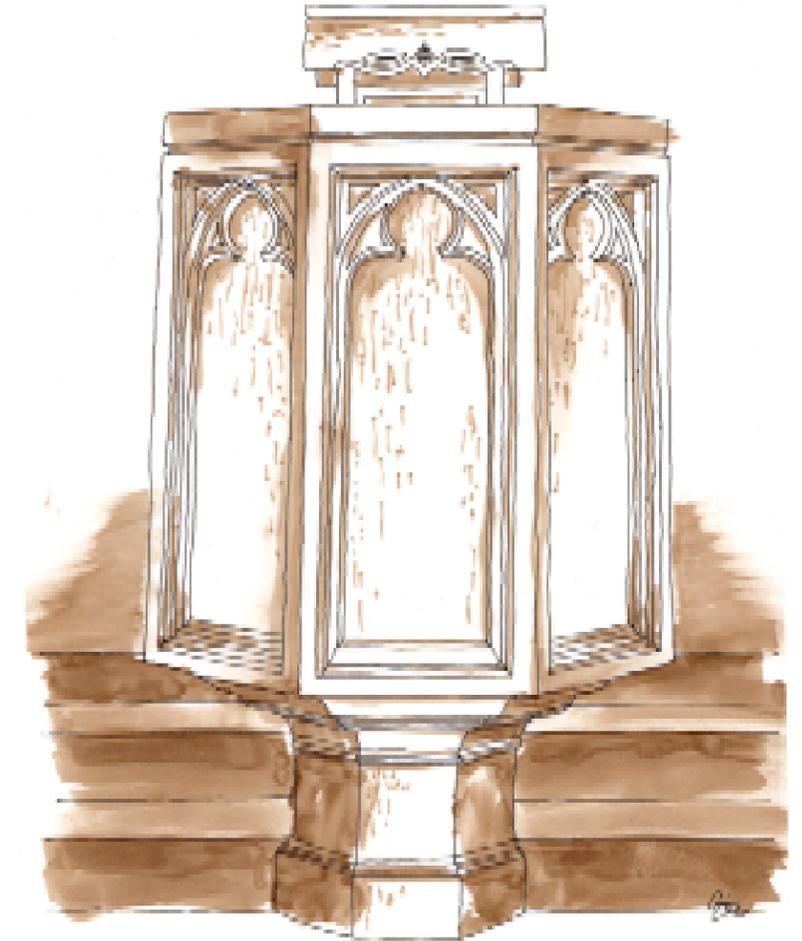
Next Sunday Feb. 21st

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

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Order for the Worship of God

February 14, 2016
First Sunday in Lent

Prelude *Blessed Assurance* Arr. Fred Bock

Welcome and Announcements

*Invocation

Passing of the Peace

Leader: Grace and peace to you.

People: And also to you.

***Opening Hymn** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* #302

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 145:8-13)

Leader: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

People: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!

Leader: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

People: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

***Lenten Hymn** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* #252

Psalter Psalm 147
Pew Bible [Blue] p. 525, [Red] p. 667
reading alternate verses

Prayer of Confession (in unison) *From II Chronicle 6:39-42*

Hear us from heaven, your dwelling place. Hear our prayers and our pleas, and maintain our cause. And forgive your people, who have sinned against you. "Now, our God, may your eyes be open and your ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. Now arise, O LORD God, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might. May your saints rejoice in your goodness. O LORD God, do not turn away the face of your anointed one," Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray and by whose stripes we are healed.

~ 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 unrighteousness. Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri** #735

Anthem *Beautiful Savior* Lloyd Larson

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Text

Isaiah 61:1-2
Pew Bible [Blue] p. 620, [Red] p. 789

New Testament Text

Luke 4:16-30
Pew Bible [Blue] p. 859, [Red] p. 1093

Sermon *Jesus Infuriates* Pastor Mark Tippin

***Hymn** *Amazing Grace!* #460

Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving
Intercession
For the Church
For the Ministry
For the Nation
For all People
The Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Open my Eyes* Arr. Albin C. Whitworth

***Doxology** #731

***Confession of Faith** *Westminster Confession 15.1*
Repentance which leads to life is the blessed product of the gospel working in believers' lives. Along with the doctrine of faith in Christ, it is a doctrine to be preached by every minister of the gospel.

***Hymn** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* #342

*Benediction

***Postlude** *To God Be the Glory* Arr. Fred Bock

***Please stand if you are able**

Participants in Today's Service

Pastor	Mark Tippin
Choirmaster	Zach Vreeman
Organist	Marilyn Fry
Liturgist	Brad Ward
Head Usher	Carol McClure
Greeter	Kim Brattis
Nursery	Nita Christensen, Hannah 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.

Minute for Mission

Baby Bottle Boomerang



Please place your baby bottle in the basket in the parlor during the coffee hour today. If you still need a bottle, empty ones are also available in the parlor ... just add your loose change, cash, or even a check made to True Care! Thank you for helping to erase the perceived need for abortion in Central Wyoming!

Do you sew? Another way you can help our partnership with True Care is to make them baby caps, bibs, receiving blankets, or baby quilts! True Care provides these items and needed infant equipment when a client's little one arrives, and FPC's Dorcas Comfort Ministry is providing them those fabric items 3 times a year – February, May and October. Extra fabric is available for quilts and bibs in the Dorcas Resource Room, and CLEAN old tee shirts make wonderful baby cap fabric. (Have some to spare? Dorcas can use them, especially baby pastels and brights!) We have a few more weeks to make and collect items for 2016's first gift. See Patti Christensen if you are able to help or if you need Dorcas fabric or patterns!