

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 today**. 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 today** 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.

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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. Rob McClelland, Rev. Dr. Bill Ackerman, and the congregation of Faith Evangelical Church of Loveland, CO; 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 21 -28

TODAY

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

Monday Feb. 22nd

8:45 A.M. Worship Committee
5:30 P.M. Facilities

Tuesday 23rd

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

Wednesday 24th

7 P.M. Choir

Next Sunday Feb. 28th

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

OT Text: Numbers 11:10-17
NT Text: Luke 5:1-11
Sermon: "Difficult Choices in His Favor"

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Order for the Worship of God

February 21, 2016

Second Sunday in Lent

Prelude *Grace Medley* Arr. Schram

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 121)

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

People: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

People: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

People: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

***Hymn** *Holy, Holy, Holy!* #100

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

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Most gracious and loving God, you have loved us with a love beyond comparison; you have loved us when we were unlovable, and you have been faithful to your covenant. In Christ you say yes, and not yes and no. We confess, Lord, that we are covenant breakers instead of covenant keepers. We say yes, and then we say no. We have not kept your whole law; we have not loved you with all our hearts, minds, strength and souls, and we have not always loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your great mercy, in the name of Jesus Christ, forgive us.

~ 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 *Lamb of God* John Carter

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Text

II Kings 5:1-14
Pew Bible [Blue] p. 311, [Red] p. 394

New Testament Text

Luke 4:31-44
Pew Bible [Blue] p. 860, [Red] p. 1094

Sermon *Healing Is a Sign of the Kingdom* Pastor Mark Tippin

***Lenten Hymn** *What Wondrous Love Is This* #261

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 *Be Thou My Vision* Arr. Mark Hayes

***Doxology** #731

***Confession of Faith** *Westminster Confession 15.2, 15.3*

In this repentance the sinner is able to see his sins as God sees them, as filthy and hateful, and as involving great danger to the sinner, because they are completely contrary to the holy nature and righteous law of God. Understanding that God in Christ is merciful to those who repent, the sinner suffers deep sorrow for and hates his sins, and so he determines to turn away from all of them. And turning to God, he tries to walk with him according to all his commandments.

***Hymn** *How Great Thou Art* #44

*Benediction

***Postlude** *God So Loved The World* Arr. Fred Bock

***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	Mike Fankhauser

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

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!