

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 an unstaffed nursery is available for parents and children who might need a little break. Ask anyone with a nametag for directions. Denim activity bags are available in the Narthex for children to use during the service.

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

Update From Parish Life:

Central WY Rescue Mission Family Rescue Initiative

We continue to move forward with the Family Rescue Initiative!! FPC was the first church in Casper to accept the Mission's challenge to mentor a homeless family. Teams from 3 other churches will join FPC's team at the initial 90-minute training session right here at Casper 1st January 24th at 10 AM. Soon after, church mentoring teams will begin to meet the families with whom they will be working.

If have read through the following three questions several times, and the answers you receive are tugging at your heart, we have room for three more team members (men and women) on the FPC mentoring team!

*Do I desire to teach, inspire, and empower someone else?

*Do I long to be a living expression of God's kindness to those less fortunate?

*Do I have gifts waiting to be unearthed through acts of service?

Let any member of Parish Life know if your answer is yes! Once you have taken volunteer paperwork to Ellen Mennell at CWRM, you're ready to train on January 24th!

Prayer Concerns

✠ For Matt Martin, Johnny Ussery, Justen Christensen, Bobbie Waldram, Sue Robertson, Carol Palomo, Jan Capps, Heather Milliken, Paula Gardner, Marielle Bondurant, Margarete Krans, Joanna Volker, Barbara Scifers, Jo Moreland, Janis Hall, Tom Hoffman, Anna Michenzi, Barb Matthews, June Ann McDaniel, Kathryn Clark, Dusty Pope, Fern Olsen, Dave Christensen, Henry Groenenberg.

✠ For our country, the President, Cabinet, government officials, and staff; for our Congressional Delegation: Senators Mike Enzi and John Barrasso, Representative Cynthia Lummis; for Judge Brian D. Christensen.

✠ For all military men and women and their families, including Brian Barksdale, and especially for those serving in dangerous positions.

✠ For the Presbytery of Wyoming; the EPC Presbytery of the West; our Elders and Deacons; Christ Reformed Presbyterian Church (EPC), Lingle; 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 and their families

✠ For Christians suffering persecution in Libya, Iraq, Syria, Pakistan; for Christians at risk in Nigeria, Kenya, Algeria and elsewhere.

Upcoming Events for the week of January 12-18

Monday

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

Tuesday

4:15 & 6:15 P.M.
Companions in Christ

Wednesday

7 P.M. Choir
8 P.M. Bells

Thursday

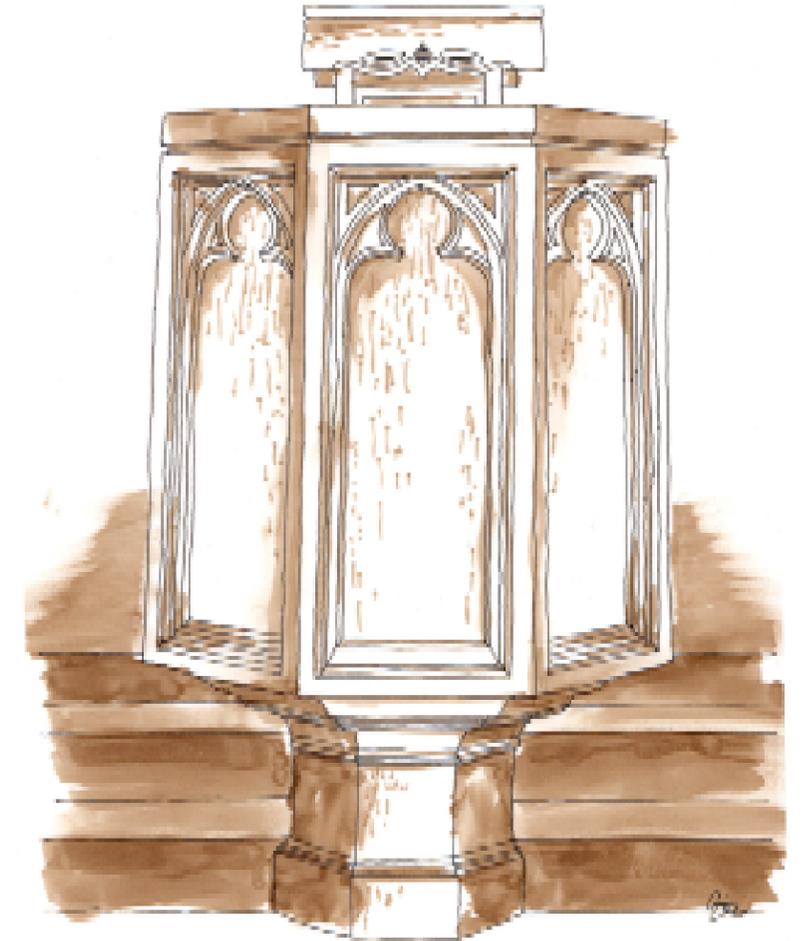
7:30 P.M. Willson & McKee
(ArtCore)

Sunday

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

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Order for the Worship of God

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Prelude *Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne* Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome and Announcements

*Invocation

Passing of the Peace

Leader: Grace and peace to you.

People: And also to you.

Introit *Heaven and Earth and Sea and Air* (see insert)

*Call to Worship

Psalm 150

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his might heavens!

People: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Leader: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

People: Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Leader: Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

People: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

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

Psalter

Psalm 27

Pew Bible [Blue p. 460] [Red p. 583]

Reading alternate verses

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O most great, most just and gracious God; You are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; but You have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all that repent and believe in Him. We confess that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused your holy worship. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. We have not sought first your kingdom. You have revealed your wonderful love to us in Christ and have offered us pardon and salvation in Him; but we have turned away. We have run into temptation; and the sin that we should have hated, we have committed.

Have mercy on us, O most merciful Father! In your Son is our salvation, in your promises our hope. Take us for your children and give us the Spirit of Your Son, and in the end receive us into your glory, through Jesus Christ our only Savior. (Richard Baxter)

~ Silent prayer ~ 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 *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* John Rutter

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Text Genesis 15:1-6
Pew Bible [Blue p. 10] [Red p. 13]

New Testament Text Romans 4:13-25
Pew Bible [Blue p. 941] [Red p. 1197]

Sermon "Purpose or Promise" Pastor Paul R. Kuhn

***Hymn** *How Firm a Foundation* #94

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 *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide You* J.S. Bach

***Doxology** #731

*Confession of Faith (in unison)

Heidelberg Confession #1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

***Hymn** *Now Thank We All Our God*

#98

*Benediction

***Postlude** *Now Thank We All Our God Marche Triomphale*
Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*Please stand if you are able

Participants in Today's Service

Pastor	Paul R. Kuhn
Liturgist	Janis Hall
Head Usher	Carol McClure
Organist	Beverly McAmis Reese
Greeter	Mike Fankhauser

Information

- ✚ Please call the church office (237-9509) ...
 - ✓ If you or a member of your family would like a visit when you are recuperating in the hospital or at home.
 - ✓ If you would like your name added to the Prayer Band.
 - ✓ If you would like your name in the Bulletin for prayer.
- ✚ The Session would like for each member to have a copy of the EPC Leadership Training Guide. You can pick up a free copy from the literature rack by the office door.
- ✚ Session is asking for a per capita payment of \$40.00 for 2014 (above and beyond your pledge)
- ✚ Printed copies of prior sermons are available in the magazine rack outside the church office

Announcements

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

After the meeting, please join us in the parlor for a **Card Shower** for Pastor Paul and Deb, as we thank them for their service here and wish them well in their upcoming endeavors.