

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 in fellowship in the parlor following the service, where coffee and cookies are served. Come and get to know our members and begin to learn more about us.

Nursery: While children are welcomed and encouraged to remain in the Worship service, there is a nursery available for younger children. Any church member can direct you.

Up-coming Events for the week of March 3rd - 9th

MONDAY

2 pm Parish Life Committee

5:30 pm Christian Growth Committee

7:30 PM The Singing Statesmen from the University of Wyoming & the Kelly Walsh A Capella Choir will perform in Concert, FPC Sanctuary

TUESDAY

10 am Bible Study

4:15 pm Companions in Christ

6:15 pm Companions in Christ

Wednesday

9:30 am Bible Study - Jeremiah

7 pm Choir Practice

8 pm Bell Choir practice

Next Sunday

9 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship/Fellowship to follow

- Inquirer's Class – meet in the small conference room on the 2nd floor

Texts: Isaiah 6:1-8, Acts 1:1-11

Sermon: *He Ascended Into Heaven*

Daylight Savings Time begins!!

Participants in Today's Service

Pastor	Paul R. Kuhn
Liturgist	Janis Hall
Head Usher	Jane Drake
Communion Servers	Grace Ward, Leith Culver, Judy Schenk & Henry Groenberg
Organist	Beverly Reese
Choir Master	Zach Vreeman

Minute for Missions

Each year Casper First divides 10% of all the tithes and offerings between ministries. This year they include; a pastor in the mission communities of; Kamwangu, Kenya and Channel North Africa, Medical Centers of West Africa, Interfaith of Natrona County, and the Dorcas Comfort Ministry's fleece blanket ministry.

One of those ministries is Interfaith of Natrona County, founded in 1984. The non-profit is committed to assist those in need. Through the efforts of the late Barbara Pringle, long-time FPC member, the organization's primary focus is homelessness prevention through a broad range of emergency services and a case management program that promotes self-sufficiency.

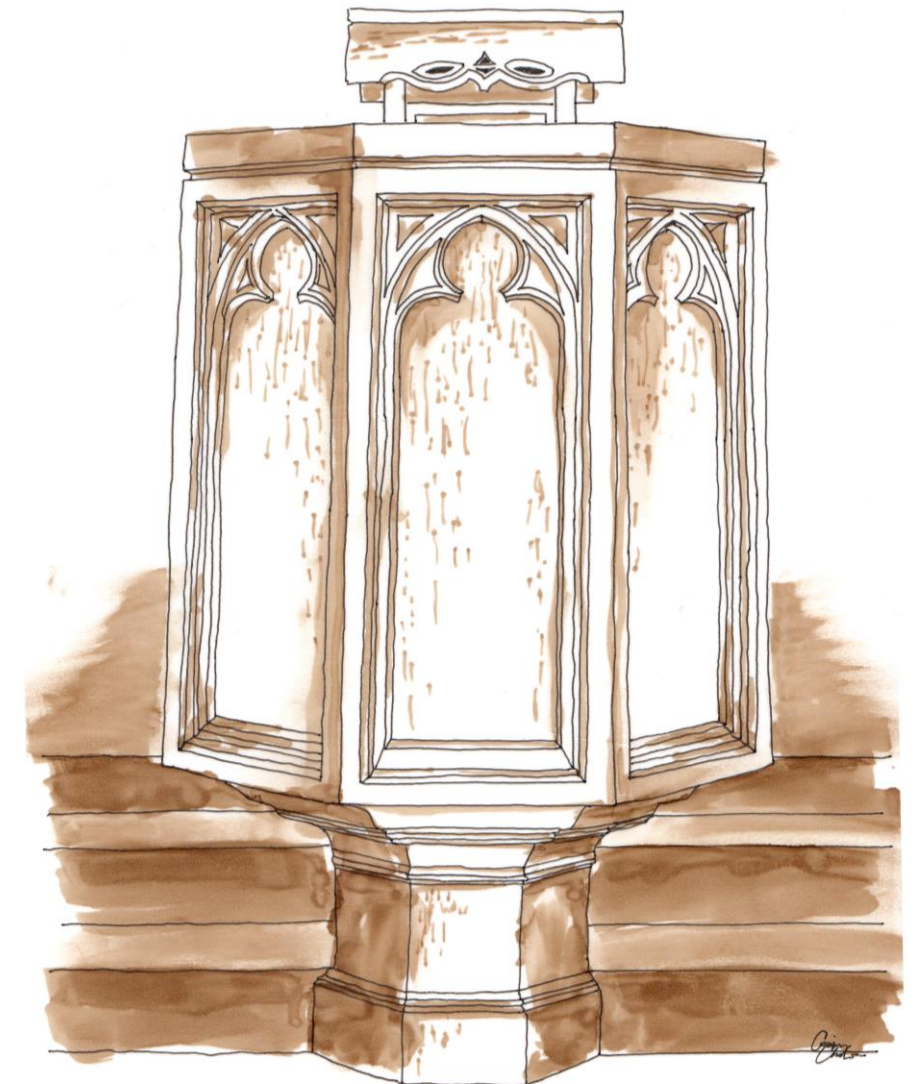
Our church's donation will be \$1,000. Throughout the year however; we encourage individuals to help Interfaith in other ways. Your donations of toiletries, diapers, gently used walking shoes, and blankets can be placed in the bin marked "Interfaith" near the south sanctuary door. Your time as a volunteer, and of course your prayers, are also needed! Interfaith is located at 300 N. Center Street. The contact information is 307-235-8043 or www.interfaithnc.org.

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 Sunday Bulletin for prayer.
- ✠ If you are interested in joining First Pres (or just learning more about it) and consider attending the Sunday AM Inquirers' class.
- ✠ 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.

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Order for the Worship of God

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Prelude *Prelude and Fugue in C minor* J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Leader: Grace and Peace to you. **People: And also to you.**

*Introit

1. *Choir:* Hea-ven and earth, and sea and air, All their Mak - er's praise de clare:
2. *All:* See the glo - rious orb of day Break - ing through the clouds his way;

Wake, my_ soul, a - wake and sing: Now thy grate - ful prais-es bring
Moon and stars with sil - very light Praise Him through the si - lent night.

***Call to Worship** (responsively) Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

People: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name!

People: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

*Invocation

***Hymn** *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* # 15

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

LORD God, eternal and everlasting Father; we acknowledge before Thy holy majesty that we are sinners, conceived and born in guilt and corruption, unable of ourselves to do any good; who by reason of our depravity transgress without end Thy holy commandments. Therefore, we have drawn upon ourselves by just sentence condemnation and death. But, O LORD, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and deplore our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true penitence beseeching Thee that Thy grace may relieve our distress.

Be pleased then to have compassion on us, O most gracious God, Father of all mercies, for the sake of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And in removing our guilt, grant us the daily increase of Thine Holy Spirit; that acknowledging from our inmost hearts our own unrighteousness, we may be touched with sorrow that we shall work true repentance; and that Thy Spirit, mortifying all sin within us, may produce the fruits of holiness and righteousness well pleasing in Thy sight. Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
~ 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 unrighteousness.
"Thanks be to God!"**

*Gloria

Anthem *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* Hal H. Hopson

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Text

II Samuel 7:8-14
Pew Bible [Blue] p. 259 [Red] p. 330

New Testament Text

Acts 13:13-23
Pew Bible [Blue] p. 921 [Red] p. 1172

Sermon

The Son of David

*Hymn

Come, Christians, Join to Sing #302

Sacrament of Christian Baptism Naomi Angeline Vreeman

***Hymn** *Children of the Heavenly Father* #131 vv 1,2,5

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation
Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer
The Institution
The Giving of the Bread and Wine

The Prayer of Praise (in unison)

Heavenly Father, we give Thee immortal thanks and praise that upon us Thou hast conferred so great a benefit as to bring us into the communion of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; whom having been delivered up to death for us, Thou has given for our food and nourishment unto eternal life.

Now grant us grace that we may never be unmindful of these things, but rather shall carry them engraven upon our hearts, that we may advance and grow in that faith which is effectual unto every good work. Thus may the rest of our lives be ordered and followed out to Thy glory and to the edification of our neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth in unity, one God, world without end. Amen

***Hymn** *Now Thank We All Our God* #98

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *To God Our Anthem Raising* J.S. Bach

*Doxology

*Benediction

***Postlude** *Toccata on "OLD HUNDREDTH"* M Burkhardt

*** Please stand if you are able**

Prayer Concerns

✠ For Bernadine Reed, Matt Martin, Johnny Ussery, Justen Christensen, Bobbie Waldram, Sue Robertson, Carol Palomo, Jan Capps, Heather Milliken, Ardis Milliken, Paula Gardner, Marielle Bondurant, Carter Amador, Margarete Krans, Kathy Aeschliman, Joanna Volker, Barbara Scifers, Jo Moreland, the families and friends of Vera Welch, Shirley White, Marge Galles, Merl Randall and for Pastor Paul and family.

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

✠ For all military men and women and their families, especially Brian Barksdale, Travis Githens and for others serving in dangerous positions.

✠ For the Presbytery of Wyoming; for the EPC Presbytery of the West, for our Elders and Deacons as they prepare for EPC installation, for churches in the process of re-affiliating including; Christ Reformed Presbyterian Church (EPC) in Lingle, for Chogoria South Presbytery in Kenya, the Nendini of Kamwangu and Pastor Macklas Muteginjagi and for Christians being disciplined in Algeria and Cameroon.

✠ For Christians suffering persecution in Libya, Iraq, Pakistan, Syria, and wherever else they may suffer, for Christians at risk in Nigeria, Kenya, Algeria and other places.

Please update the office about those you have added to these Prayer Concerns.

Our Mission Statement

Recognizing that we are a broken and sinful people in a fallen world in need of a Savior and a transforming, everlasting relationship with the one triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, our mission is to glorify God as a theologically reformed Presbyterian congregation through

- ✪ Christ-centered liturgical worship to strengthen our faith,
- ✪ Biblically-grounded teaching and preaching to equip disciples,
- ✪ Family-focused fellowship to nurture and encourage each other, and Gospel-based ministry to share God's grace and love in Casper and beyond.