

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. (*Please do not send children to the nursery unattended.*) Ask anyone with a nametag for directions. Denim activity bags are available in the Narthex for children to use during the service.

Announcements

There will be a Congregational Meeting following the service today for the purpose of voting to approve the call of the Pastor Candidate, Rev. Mark Tippin, to become our new pastor.

Please be sure to join us after worship and the Congregational Meeting today for a Potluck in the Social Hall.

Minute for Mission

If you have not committed to pray for one of the EPC West missionary families listed on the clipboard in our Mission area outside the south Sanctuary entrance by the Chancel, consider doing so today! There are several individuals for whom no one is praying (especially the children)...and of course, more than one person can pray for any of them. You can pray for protection, open doors/hearts/minds and boldness for just the moms or just the kids, for one person or for a missionary couple...any combination that touches your heart. Through watching 5 minute DVDs for several months, the Evangelism Committee has learned of the HUGE importance this intercessory prayer is to the Missionaries that the EPC West sends to work with unreached people groups around the world. All four of the families on the clipboard are home-based in Colorado. Prayer requests received from a secure Missionary Prayer Network online are printed and put in our missionary families' folders located on the same table with the clipboard. Feel free to look through the folders and take notes, but please leave them on the table. Thank you for being a part of EPC West World Outreach in this very important way!

Prayer Concerns

✠ For Matt Martin, Johnny Ussery, Justen Christensen, Bobbie Waldram, Sue Robertson, Carol Palomo, Jan Capps, Heather Milliken, Marielle Bondurant, Margarete Krans, Joanna Volker, Barbara Scifers, Jo Moreland, Janis Hall, Anna Michenzi, Barb Matthews, June Ann McDaniel, Kathryn Clark, Dusty Pope, Fern Olsen, Isaiah Vreeman and the entire Vreeman family

✠ 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 the upcoming EPC Presbytery of the West meeting and the many preparations that are taking place

✠ 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 March 22-29

Monday

8:45 A.M. Worship Committee
5:30 P.M. Facilities
7:00 P.M. Session

Wednesday

9:30 A.M. Bible Study
7:00 P.M. Choir
8:00 P.M. Bells

Tuesday

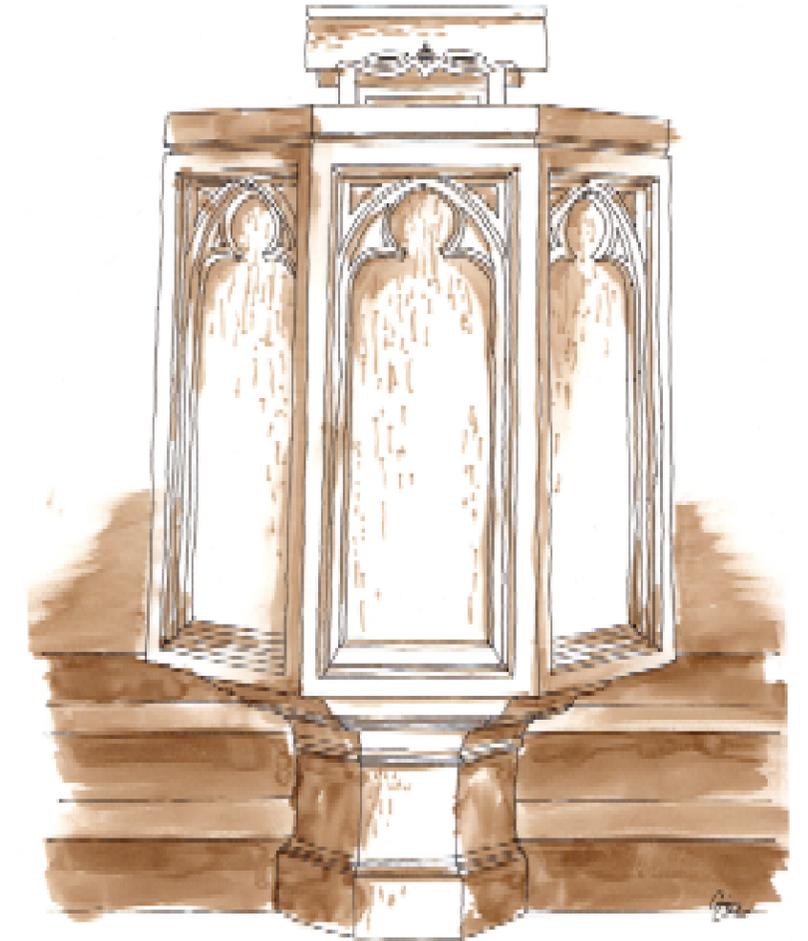
4:15 & 6:15 P.M.
Companions in Christ

Sunday

9:15 A.M. Sunday School
(Inquirer's Class Meets)
11:00 A.M. Worship

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Order for the Worship of God

March 22, 2015

Prelude *Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne* Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Leader: Grace and peace to you.

People: And also to you.

Introit

1. *Choir:* Come let us sing un - to the Lord new songs of
2. *All:* For lo, he comes; at his com - mand all na - tions

praise with sweet ac - cord; for won - ders great by
shall in judg - ment stand; in jus - tice robe and

him are done, his hand and arm have vic - try won.
throned in light, the Lord shall judge, dis - pen - sing right.

*Call to Worship Psalm 135: 1-3, 21

Leader: Praise the LORD. Praise the name of the LORD; give praise, O servants of the LORD,

People: you that stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God!

Leader: Praise the LORD, for the Lord is good; sing to his name, for he is gracious!

People: Blessed be the LORD from Zion, he who dwells in Jerusalem! Praise the LORD!

*Invocation

***Hymn** *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* #381

***Psalter** Psalm 138
Pew Bible [Blue] p. 521 [Red] p. 661
Reading alternate verses

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Almighty God, who art rich in mercy to all those who call upon Thee; Hear us as we come to Thee humbly confessing our sins and transgressions and imploring Thy mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Thy holy laws by our deeds and words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before Thee our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and unwillingness; and all our failures and shortcomings toward Thee and our fellow men. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; and of Thy great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life; through the merit and mediation of 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 all unrighteousness. Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri #735

Anthem *Come Thou Fount* Crawford Thoburn

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Text Genesis 12:1-9
Pew Bible [Blue] p. 8 [Red] p. 11

New Testament Text Hebrews 12:1-3
Pew Bible [Blue] p. 1008 [Red] p. 1285

Sermon *Let's Get to It* Mark Tippin

***Hymn** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* #528

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 *Simple Gifts* Wilbur Held

***Doxology** #731

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed* in hymnal cover

***Hymn** *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* #4

*Benediction

***Postlude** *Variation on MIT FREUDEN ZART* L.E. Cummings

***Please stand if you are able**

Participants in Today's Service

Pastor	Mark Tippin
Liturgist	Janis Hall
Head Usher	Bill Specht
Organist	Beverly McAmis Reese
Choirmaster	Zach Vreeman
Greeter	Sue Rainey

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 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 \$48 for 2015 (above and beyond your pledge)
- ✚ Printed copies of prior sermons are available in the magazine rack outside the church office.

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.