

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



Travelers Needed for the Kingdom of God

We are looking to deliver our stockpile of wheelchairs accumulated on the top floor of our education wing. We need people who can deliver one or more chairs to a Wheels for The World center in the Denver area. We would like to accomplish this by the end of June. If you might be able to help, please contact Brad Christensen at 265-6044 for more details.

It's not too late to get in on the Adult Sunday School class mini-series that started today! The class will discuss upcoming worship service changes which will be going into effect on May 29th. It is led by Pastor Mark in the parlor. It will continue on May 22nd, and conclude on the 29th. We hope to see the entire congregation there!



Pentecost Breakfast
next Sunday, **May 15th**
at **9:30 A.M.**



The men of the church will prepare breakfast for the congregation to celebrate Pentecost Sunday. There will be no Sunday School due to this event. We hope you will all come join us!

Prayer Concerns

- ✦ Steve Vreeman
- ✦ 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. Michael Gallup and the congregation of The Neighborhood Church in Littleton, CO; Kamwandu Nendini and Pastor Mackylas, Ali Arhab and Channel North Africa
- ✦ For Christians at risk in Egypt

Upcoming Events for the week of May 8-15

TODAY

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

Monday 9th

5:30 P.M. Evangelism

Wednesday 11^h

7 P.M. Choir

Thursday 12th

2:00 P.M. Dorcas
7:00 P.M. Stewardship

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Next Sunday:

OT Text: Ezekiel 13:8-16
NT Text: Luke 6:43-49
Sermon: "A Living Creed"

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Order for the Worship of God

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Prelude *How Firm a Foundation* Joseph Funk

Welcome and Announcements

*Invocation

Passing of the Peace

Leader: Grace and peace to you.

People: And also to you.

***Opening Hymn** *O Worship the King* #2

***Call to Worship** (from Isaiah 65)

Leader: "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.

People: I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.

Leader: They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit."

People: Let us worship the Lord who makes such wonderful promises to us, even the promise of eternal salvation.

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

Psalter Psalm 122
Pew Bible [Blue] p. 517, [Red] p. 656
Reading alternate verses, last verse in unison

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

If you decided, O God, both to examine and to punish our iniquities according to their merits, who of us would be so clean and holy that he would stand before your justice? But because we know that you are noteworthy for your supreme kindness, each morning and evening we look up and wait for your help. So despite the fact that our iniquities are very numerous, may you be pleased to redeem us from them all out of your abundant goodness and mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord.

~ 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

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Text

Lamentations 3:25-30

Pew Bible [Blue] p. 688, [Red] p. 873

New Testament Text

Luke 6:27-42

Pew Bible [Blue] p. 862, [Red] p. 1097

Sermon *A Tough Call* Mark Tippin

***Hymn** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* #32

Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving

Intercession

For the Church

For the Ministry

For the Nation

For all People

The Lord's Prayer (inside hymnal cover)

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Shepherd Medley* Don Wyrzten

***Doxology** #731

***Confession of Faith** *Westminster Confession 2.2*

God has all life, glory, goodness, and blessedness in and of himself. He alone is all-sufficient in and unto himself, nor does he need any of his creations or derive any glory from them. Rather, he manifests his own glory in, by, unto, and on them. He is the only source of all being, by whom, through whom, and to whom everything exists. He has completely sovereign dominion over all things and does with, to, or for them whatever he pleases. Everything is revealed and completely open to him. His knowledge is infinite, infallible, and does not depend on any created being, so that to him nothing is conditional or uncertain. He is completely holy in all his purposes, works, and commands. To him is due whatever worship, service, or obedience he is pleased to require from angels, human beings, and all other creatures.

***Hymn** *Nothing but the Blood* #307

*Benediction

***Postlude** *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* James Pethel

***Please stand if you are able**

Participants in Today's Service

Pastor	Mark Tippin
Choirmaster	Zach Vreeman
Organist	Marilyn Fry
Liturgist	Brad Christensen
Head Usher	Bill Specht
Greeter	Sue Rainey
Nursery	Jane Drake, 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 have a prayer concern.
- ✠ Session requests that each member pay an EPC Annual Asking Amount of \$48 for 2016 (above and beyond your pledge)

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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.