

## 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.

## 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.**

## Announcements

First Presbyterian Church (EPC) of Casper seeks a **part-time Organist**.

We seek an organist who loves God and is committed to an understanding of worship as an entirely God-centered activity, and that music is a vital part of that worship, not a form of entertainment.

The organist will be responsible for providing all piano and organ accompaniment in the regular worship services of the church, including accompanying congregational hymn-singing, providing preludes/postludes and other necessary service music, and accompanying the choir on piano and organ for weekly rehearsals and anthems. The position is part-time, 6-9 hours/week. For more information and to submit a resume, email [firstpc@qwestoffice.net](mailto:firstpc@qwestoffice.net).

**Save the Date!** Our annual **HarvestFest Catered Dinner** will be on Wednesday, Nov. 11th. Watch the bulletin for more details to come!

## Prayer Concerns

- ✠ 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. David Zook and Visio Dei Church in Phoenix, AZ*; our Elders and Deacons; 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  
*\*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 November 1-8

### **TODAY**

9:15 Sunday School  
11:00 A.M. Worship/Fellowship  
4:00 P.M. Elder/Deacon Training

### **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

2:00 P.M. Parish Life

### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>**

7 P.M. Choir

### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>**

**No Dorcas this month**

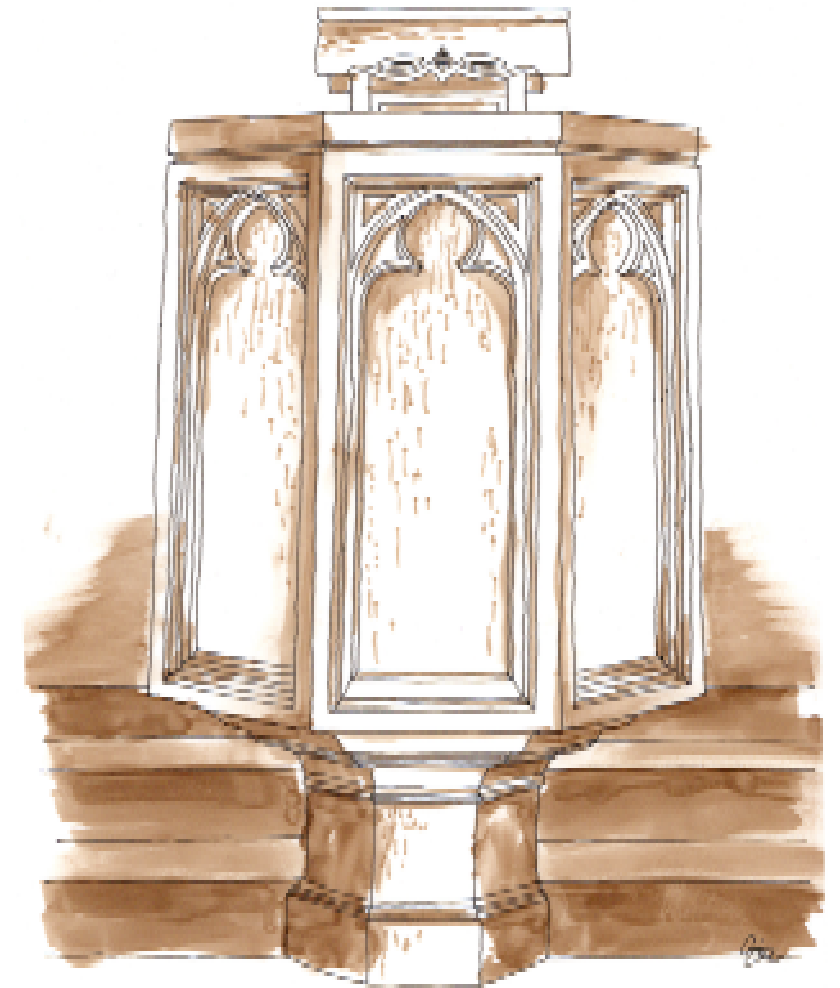
### **Next Sunday Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>**

9:15 Sunday School  
11:00 A.M. Worship/Fellowship  
Christian Growth following worship  
4:00 P.M. Elder/Deacon Training

**Text:** II Samuel 11  
**Sermon:** "Geography Matters"

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Order for the Worship of God  
November 1, 2015  
Communion

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Invocation**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Leader: Grace and peace to you.

**People: And also to you.**

**\*Opening Hymn** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* #30

**\*Call to Worship** (responsively) from Psalm 103

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!

**People: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,**

Leader: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with  
steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so  
that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**People: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger  
and abounding in steadfast love.**

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

Lord, we honor you with our lips but our hearts are far from  
you. We say Jesus is Lord and yet we fail to repent of those  
things which are not pleasing to you. We find it easier to question  
what you say instead of obeying you, before we fully understand  
everything. Forgive us of our sins in the name of Jesus Christ.  
Lead us by the power of the Holy Spirit to hate the things that do  
not please you and to love the things you desire for 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 unright-  
eousness. Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gloria Patri** #735

**Anthem** *Thank the Lord* Rene Clausen

**New Testament Text**

Luke 5:29-32  
Pew Bible [Blue] p. 861, [Red] p. 1095

**Old Testament Text**

II Samuel 9  
Pew Bible [Blue] p. 260, [Red] p. 332

**Sermon** *Mercy Produces Mercy* Pastor Mark Tippin

**\*Hymn** *I Need Thee, Precious Jesus* #497

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

The Nicene Creed (in hymnal p. 846)

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

For the Creation

For the Incarnation

For the Passion

For the Resurrection

For the Gift of the Spirit

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Giving of the Bread and Wine

**The Prayer of Praise** (in unison)

Heavenly Father, we give you immortal thanks and praise that  
upon us you have conferred so great a benefit as to bring us into  
the communion of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; whom having  
been delivered up to death for us, you have 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 your glory and to the edification of our neighbors; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit  
lives and reigns in unity, one God, world without end. Amen

**Prayers of the People**

Thanksgiving

Intercession

For the Church

For the Ministry

For the Nation

For all People

The Lord's Prayer

**\*Hymn** *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!* #600

**Tithes and Offerings**  
**Offertory**

**\*Doxology** #731

**\*Hymn** *Onward, Christian Soldiers* #572

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

**\*Please stand if you are able**

**Participants in Today's Service**

Pastor	Mark Tippin
Liturgist	Brad Ward
Head Usher	Jane Drake
Greeter	MH Hennagin
Communion Servers	Debbie Hutchins, Mike Fankhauser, Zach Vreeman, Heidi Walker
Nursery	Nita Christensen, Lexie Tippin

**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 for the Prayer Band.
  - If you have a prayer concern for the bulletin.
- † 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 requests that each member pay an EPC Annual Asking Amount of \$48 for 2015 (above and beyond your pledge)