

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.

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 2nd

2:00 P.M. Parish Life

Tuesday 3rd

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

Wednesday 4th

7 P.M. Choir

Thursday 5th

No Dorcas this month

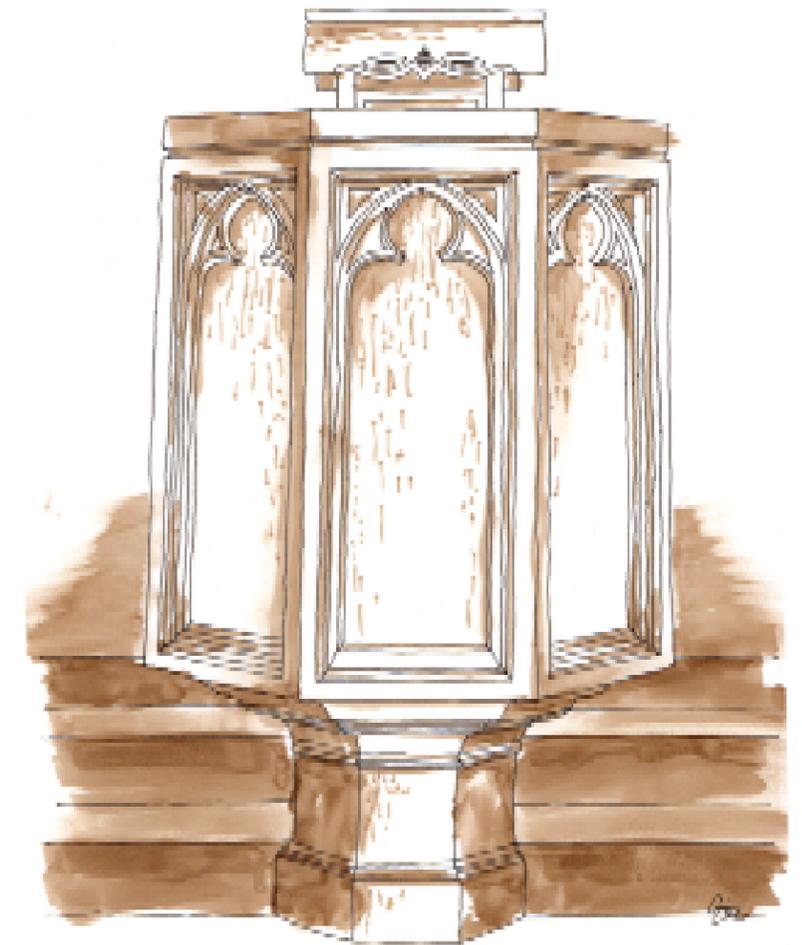
Next Sunday Oct. 8th

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"

First Presbyterian Church (EPC)

November 1, 2015



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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)