

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. 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.

Minute for Mission

The BUTTERFLY TREE is now set up in the parlor. Be sure to visit it after Worship today! Some of the butterfly tags on the tree identify the names, ages, and sizes of the children of current or former guests of The Transformation Center (the Central Wyoming Rescue Mission's shelter for women and children) who could use a bit of help in providing Christmas gifts for their children or grandchildren. Parish Life invites everyone to choose one or more butterfly tags. Just record the name of the child whose tag you choose and your name on the clipboard by the tree, and then be blessed while shopping for a nice outfit for your child.

In addition, other butterfly tags on the tree note much-needed items for TTC itself, like a vacuum cleaner or patio furniture, or something for ALL the emergency shelter guests to use, like appropriate DVDs or items most every lady needs, like stretchy knit gloves. There is a sign-out clipboard for these items as well.

By **December 21st**, please wrap and return your gifts to the tree in the parlor, attaching the butterfly tag to the package. Do NOT put your name on the gift or tag. Instead, indicate on the clipboard that your gift is under the tree. If you would like to help sort gifts and deliver them to TTC on December 21st, please meet in the parlor after Worship that day!

Prayer Concerns

✠ For Matt Martin, Johnny Ussery, Justen Christensen, Bobbie Waldram, Sue Robertson, Carol Palomo, Jan Capps, Heather Milliken, Paula Gardner, Marielle Bondurant, Margarete Krans, Joanna Volker, Barbara Scifers, Jo Moreland, Janis Hall, Tom Hoffman, Anna Michenzi, Barb Matthews, June Ann McDaniel, Kathryn Clark, Dusty Pope, MH Hennagin.

✠ 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 Christians suffering persecution in Libya, Iraq, Syria, Pakistan; for Christians at risk in Nigeria, Kenya, Algeria and elsewhere.

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

Upcoming Events for the week of December 1 -7

Monday
2:00 P.M. Parish Life

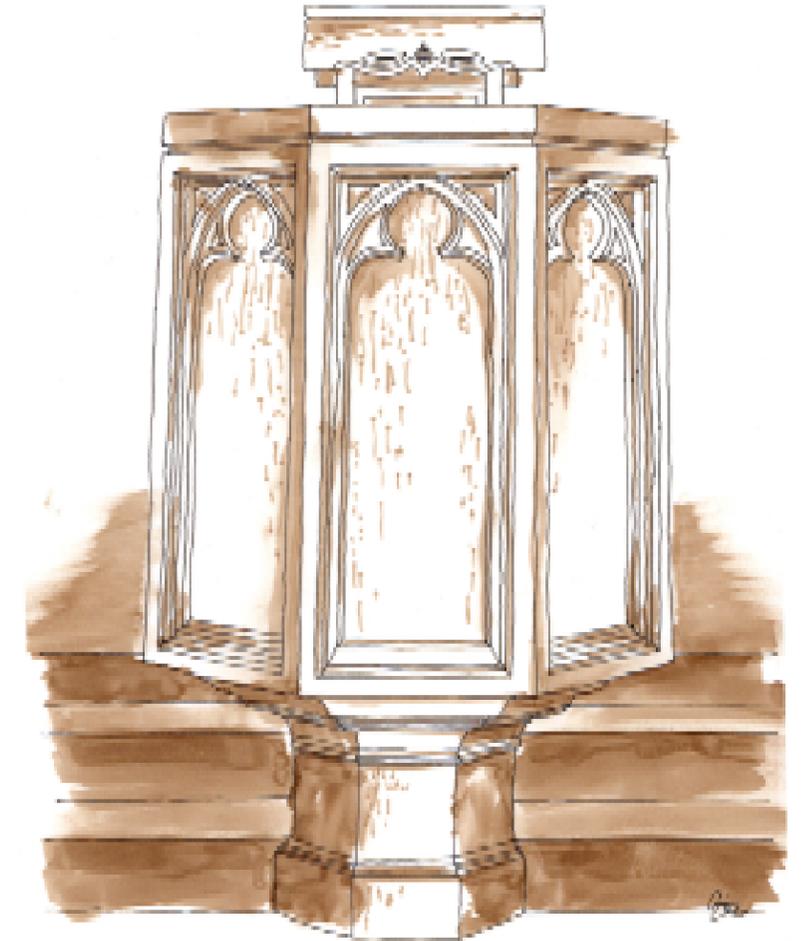
Wednesday
9:30 A.M. Bible Study
7:00 P.M. Choir
8:00 P.M. Bells

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

The Nominating Committee will be meeting after worship in the library EVERY SUNDAY until further notice.

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Order for the Worship of God

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Prelude *An Advent Triptych*

John Ferguson

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Leader: Grace and peace to you.

People: And also to you.

Introit

Choir: O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you a - right? Your
All: Sin's debt, that fear-ful bur - den, let not your souls dis - tress; your

peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light! O
guilt the Lord will par - don and cov - er by his grace. He

kin - dle, Lord Most Ho - ly, your lamp with - in my breast to
comes, for men pro - cur - ing the peace of sins for - giv'n, for

do in spi - rit low - ly all that may please you best.
all God's sons se - cur - ing their her - i - tage in heav'n.

*Call to Worship

Psalm 138:1-2

Leader: I give thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;

People: before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple

Leader: and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,

People: for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

*Invocation

***Hymn** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

#194

Psalter

Psalm 96

Pew Bible [Blue p. 499] [Red p. 634]

Reading alternate verses, last verse in unison

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O Lord, our God, whose greatness is to be praised and to whom glory and strength belong; we confess to You this day that we are sinners who fail to declare Your glory. We confess that we too often serve the worthless idols of this world, preferring to follow the world instead of You. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us, O God, and have mercy upon us for Jesus' sake. As He took upon Himself our sin, so apply to us His righteousness, so that when He comes again we may greet Him with joy and adoration. For we ask it in His name.

~ 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

Arise, Shine, For Thy Light Is Come
(From Isaiah 60)

Don Humphreys

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Text

Isaiah 58:1-9

Pew Bible [Blue p. 617] [Red p. 785]

New Testament Text

Revelation 3:1-6

Pew Bible [Blue p. 1029] [Red p. 1312]

Sermon

Expectation #5 – Reality

Pastor Paul Kuhn

*Hymn

Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit

#331

Prayers of the People

Thanksgiving

Intercession

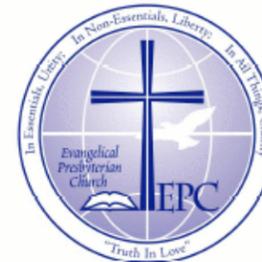
For the Church

For the Ministry

For the Nation

For all People

The Lord's Prayer



Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

See Amid the Winter's Snow

Dennis Johnson

*Doxology

#731

*Confession of Faith

Leader: How is God's grace revealed in the second covenant?

All: His grace is revealed in the second covenant by God freely providing and making available to sinners a mediator and through him life and salvation. God uses faith as the only way for sinners to become united to him; he promises and gives his Holy Spirit to all his elect in order to bring about this faith in them along with all the other saving graces and in order to make it possible for them to be holy and obedient, as proof of the truth of their faith and thankfulness to God and as the way he has established for them to be saved.

*Hymn

Rejoice, All Ye Believers

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*Benediction

*Postlude

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Arr. Paul Manz

***Please stand if you are able**

Participants in Today's Service

Pastor

Paul R. Kuhn

Liturgist

Henry Groenberg

Head Usher

Jane Drake

Organist

Beverly McAmis Reese

Choir Master

Zach Vreeman

Greeter

MH Hennagin

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 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 \$40.00 for 2014 (above and beyond your pledge)
- ✚ Printed copies of prior sermons are available in the magazine rack outside the church office