

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 preschool-aged children. Ask anyone with a nametag for directions. Denim activity bags are available in the Narthex for children to use during the service.

Minute for Mission

Family Rescue Initiative Needs: The Central Wyoming Rescue Mission's Family Rescue Initiative program is locating more and more eligible homeless families to participate in the FRI mentoring process. The serious problem arising, however, is the need for MORE trained church teams to work with families. The FPC team is mentoring two families at the same time right now because of the shortage of teams and the urgent need to get families out of the cold as soon as possible. Review past newsletter information about FRI, and then let Judy or Tim Schenk or MH Hennagin know if you are feeling a call to mentor a homeless family. Training times can then be scheduled for you through CWRM. There is also a flyer about FRI in the mission hymnal racks at each sanctuary entrance. Most of the mentoring information you need is provided by CWRM and you will receive a 90 minute training session. GOD will equip you with everything else!

The Mission's Cold Weather Shelter opened for the winter on November 1st. This is a safe haven on the Life Steps campus where homeless women can go to sleep at night until space opens up at the Transformation Center. With temps dropping into the 20's now, more guests are showing up.

Needed for the cots used at the CWS are gently used or new **twin sheet sets and blankets!** King blankets also work, as they can be doubled. If you have donations, either take them to the church office or the Lord's Warehouse, or call 259-7101 for pickup. Thanks so much!

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. Bradley Strait, Rev. Bruce Finrock, Rev. David Strunk, and Rev. Chris Piehlour of Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church in Englewood, CO;* 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 8-15

TODAY

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

Monday 9th

5:30 P.M. Evangelism

Tuesday 10th

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

Wednesday 11th

5:30 P.M. HarvestFest Dinner
7 P.M. Choir

Thursday 12th

7 P.M. Stewardship

Next Sunday Nov. 15th

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

OT Text: Psalm 51
NT Text: 1 John 1:5-10
Sermon: "Confess or Perish"

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Order for the Worship of God

November 8, 2015

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Invocation

Passing of the Peace

Leader: Grace and peace to you.

People: And also to you.

*Opening Hymn *We Gather Together* #363

*Call to Worship From Psalm 103

Leader: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

People: as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Leader: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

People: Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

*Hymn *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness* #520

Psalter

Psalm 143
Pew Bible [Blue] p. 523, [Red] p. 664
Reading alternate verses

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 *Awake, My Heart* Jane Marshall

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Text

II Samuel 11
Pew Bible [Blue] p. 262, [Red] p. 333

Sermon *Geography Matters* Pastor Mark Tippin

*Hymn *Not What My Hands Have Done* #461

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

*Doxology #731

*Confession of Faith *Westminster Confession 6.1-6.3*

Our first parents were led astray by the cunning temptation of Satan and sinned in eating the forbidden fruit. It pleased God to allow them to sin, because in his wisdom and holiness he planned to order their sin to his own glory.

By this sin they fell from their original righteousness and fellowship with God, and so became dead in sin and completely polluted in all their faculties and parts of body and soul.

Since Adam and Eve are the root of all mankind, the guilt for this sin has been imputed to all human beings, who are their natural descendants and have inherited the same death in sin and the same corrupt nature.

*Hymn *How Firm a Foundation* #94

*Benediction

*Postlude

***Please stand if you are able**

Participants in Today's Service

Pastor	Mark Tippin
Organist	Heather Judd
Liturgist	Henry Groenenberg
Head Usher	MH Hennagin
Greeter	Sue Rainey
Nursery	Nita Christensen, Kim Brattis

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)

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.

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.