

First Presbyterian Church

Newton, Kansas



Did God Say?

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*In calling us to gather together to celebrate communion,
Jesus provides us with a tangible tool to express and enable unity.*

First Presbyterian Church - Newton, Kansas

Rev. Scott McGinnis, Pastor

Helen Wild, Organist

10:30 a.m. ~ October 3, 2021

PH = The Presbyterian Hymnal LUYH = Lift Up Your Hearts Songbook

✠ *Congregation invited to stand, if able.*

PRELUDE

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Welcome, Announcements, Guests, Prayer Requests

MINUTE FOR MISSION

World Communion Sunday ~ Joan Stretcher

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Pray in unison)*

We come to this service where we bring our needs and longings. Each of us has traveled different roads and conceived diverse thoughts this week. But underneath our differences lies the same basic need for love and acceptance. That’s why we are here - to admit to each other our need for love. Let us celebrate in worship the more marvelous fact of the universe - God loves us and accepts us just as we are.

✠ **LORD’S PRAYER** *(Pray in unison)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

✠ **HYMN**

“O for a Closer Walk with God”

PH #397

O for a Closer Walk with God

DALEHURST CM

William Cowper, 1772

Arthur Cottman, 1874

1. O for a clos-er walk with God, A calm and heav-en-ly frame,
 2. Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, Sweet mes-sen - ger of rest!
 3. The dear-est i - dol I have known, What - e'er that i - dol be,
 4. So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and se - rene my frame;

A light to shine up - on the road That leads me to the Lamb!
 I hate the sins that made Thee mourn And drove Thee from my breast.
 Help me to tear it from Thy throne, And wor - ship on - ly Thee.
 So pur - er light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.

Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is

now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

✠ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(Recite in unison)*

Dear Lord, We pray that you, O god, will bring into our hearts and minds, our plans and actions, our hopes and prayers, a greater love for all people. Break the silence of prejudice, the isolation of ignorance, the false sense of security in earthly fortresses and erase the fear that prevents communication. Help us to come home to your love. Help us to remember that God sent Jesus not to judge us, but to save us. In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Amen.

✠ **CHORAL RESPONSE** "Gloria Patri" PH #579

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be! World without end, Amen, Amen!*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Mary McGehee, Children & Youth Director

HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together" PH #513

SCRIPTURE **Genesis 3:1-7** (NRSV) Rojean DuBois

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE *Tell Me The Story: Did God Say?*

Rev. Scott McGinnis, Pastor

LORD'S SUPPER

*Communion is offered two ways: From the Communion Table or Packaged Individual Communion Elements.
Please place used cups in sealed bags and discard after service. Thank you!*

✠ **HYMN** "This Is My Song" Insert

✠ **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "A Joyful Noise"



GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Please place your offering in the offering plates located at the back of the sanctuary

513

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD 10.10 with refrain

African-American spiritual

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Arr. Melva Wilson Costen, 1988

1. Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; (on our knees;)
 2. Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; (on our knees;)

Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees.)
 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees.)

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. (on me.)

3. Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; (on our knees;)

knees

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Refrain

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. (on me.)

This Is My Song

5 Adagio ♩ = 80

1. This is my song, O God of all the na-tions.
2. My coun-try's skies are blu-er than the o-cean.
3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king-doms:

a song of peace for lands a-far and mine.
and sun-light beams on clo-ver leaf and pine:
Thy king-dom come; on earth thy will be done.

13

This is my home, the coun-try where my heart is:
but oth-er lands have sun-light too, and clo-ver,
Let Christ be lift-ed up till all shall serve him,

17

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho-ly shrine:
and skies are ev-ery-where as blue as mine.
and hearts u-nit-ed learn to live as one.

21

but oth-er hearts in oth-er lands are beat-ing
O hear my song, thou God of all the na-tions,
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the na-tions:

25

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my-self I give thee: let thy will be done.

World Communion Sunday -- *Fabrics from around the world*

Australia – Today 52.2% of the population claim to be Christian. Christianity arrived in Australia in 1788 with the arrival of British colonists and their subsequent descendants who were predominantly Christian.

Cameroon – The first successful mission was established in Cameroon in 1849 and it has grown steadily. Currently two-thirds of the population is Christian with Islam a significant minority.

China – Christianity arrived in China as early as the 7th century. It saw significant growth in the last 200 years. It is estimated there are 93 million to 115 million Christians in China, although only about 30 million regularly attend officially registered churches.

Guatemala – Missionaries arrived as early as 1519. About one third of the population is considered to be Christian, although it is commonly believed that there is much inculturation in beliefs because people have incorporated Christian ceremonies into relevant Mayan practices (mainly Catholic due to the large numbers of Jesuit missionaries over the centuries).

Indonesia – Christianity is the second largest religion in the country after Islam. Traders from India brought the faith to the country from the second to the fourth centuries, along with Judaism, Hinduism and Buddhism. A bigger push of Christianity occurred in the 16th century, predominately led by the Dutch and the Portuguese.

Jordan – The country is part of what was once known as the “Land of Canaan” and also as Ammon, Moab, and Edom in the Old Testament. While the country contains some of the oldest Christian communities in the world, dating back to the time of the Crucifixion, currently only about four percent of the population is Christian, down from 20% in 1920 due to the immigration of large numbers of Muslims over the past century.

Malaysian – The Christian faith was first introduced in the seventh century but saw significant growth beginning in 1848 with the arrival of traders from Europe and India. It is currently the third largest religion in the country.

Mexico – Eighty-two percent of the population of Mexico identifies as Roman Catholic and another six percent, as other Christian denominations. Christianity arrived along with the beginning of the military conquest by Spaniards beginning in 1573 through 1813.

Navajo – The Navajo tribe has often been described as “the most missionaried people in the world” beginning as early as 1627. Despite that fact traditional native spiritual beliefs remains strong. Only since the middle of the 20th century have tribal members begun to view Christianity as a viable option.

Thailand – Christianity was first introduced in the country in 1510 by an Italian merchant, accompanied by two Christian guides, who might possibly have been descendants of Nestorians who fled China in 1368. Currently only 1.17% of the population is Christian.

Today's Worship Team

Greeter: Marilyn Sjogren

Ushers: Susan Wyman & Carolyn Adams

Video/Livestream Tech: Steve Tangeman

Audio/Sound Tech: Not sure - turn around and look!

Today & This Week @ NFPC

World Communion Sunday

9:15 am– Sunday School for All Ages

No Choir Ensemble Practice

During Worship–

Lil' Worship Warriors (*Ages 2 thru 2nd Grade*)

Tuesday, October 5th

10:00 am to Noon– Pastor Scott's Office Hrs

To schedule an appointment please call 316-283-0504.
OR Pastor Scott can also be reached anytime on his cell phone - His number is listed in the church directory.

5:00 pm to 6:15 pm– Treble Clef Choir Practice

Wednesday, October 6th

10:00 am– Audiobook Group
in Common Ground

6:00 pm– Bell Choir



Thursday, October 7th

10:00 am– PWCT

6:30 pm– Nominating Committee Meeting

7:00 pm– Team Meetings

Scripture Genesis 3:1-7 (NRSV)

The First Sin and Its Punishment

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, ^[a] knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Mark your Calendars!

