

## CONTRIBUTING TO TODAY'S SERVICE:

Greeter: Kay Enz

Ushers: Bill & Karen Wilson

Tech Crew: Larry Trussell & Steve Tangeman

Organist: Kelli Glann

Scripture Reader: Bill Wilson

Prayers requested for health, healing, and peace:

Charlene Lloyd, Tammy Geiger-Stephenson,  
The family of Rev. Bill Kleymann, The Family of Elinor Kliever,  
Arlen Anderson, Ron Cheyney, Nancy Ice Schulp, and Jeri Smith

## THIS WEEK @ FPC January 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>

**Today** 9:15 am Adult Sunday School  
10:30 am **Worship Service**  
**After Worship: Volunteer Appreciation Lunch**  
**All are Welcome!**

**Monday** 8:30 - 10:00 am Ping Pong in the basement

**Tuesday** 10:30 am Session

**Wednesday** 10:00 am Coffee with the Pastor  
7:30 pm FPC Bell Choir

**Next Sunday** FPC Bells Play in Worship  
\*Annual Congregational Meeting after Worship\*

Worship @

*First Presbyterian Church*

Newton, KS



**PRELUDE “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”**  
arr. Mark Kellner

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

- Welcome, Announcements, Guests & Prayer Requests

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

*Heavenly Father, You have anticipated everything that we need and have given us wise words of command, instruction, and comfort to surround every circumstance. We accept them as gifts to be embraced in joy. As we listen and believe, accomplish Your will in us for Jesus’ sake. In Jesus name, Amen.*

✠ **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** “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” PH #379

✠ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

(Recite in unison)

*God, I know that I have sinned. I know that I deserve the consequences of my sin. However, I am trusting in Jesus Christ as my Savior. I believe that His death and resurrection provided for my forgiveness. I trust in Jesus and Jesus alone as my personal Lord and Savior. I ask for forgiveness for my sins, trusting in Your faithfulness to forgive. In Jesus name, 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!*

**HYMN** “Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak” PH #426

**SCRIPTURE**

Bill Wilson

Luke 8:1-15 NRSV

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

**SERMON** – Pastor Scott McGinnis

**“On Being Good Soil”**

**GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** “Jesus Loves Me” arr. David Paxton

✠ **DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION** PH #592

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

✠ **HYMN** “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing” PH#538

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** “The Heavens are Telling”

arr. Joseph Hayden

## Luke 8:1-15 NRSVue

**8** Soon afterward he went on through one town and village after another, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, <sup>2</sup> as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, <sup>3</sup> and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who ministered to them out of their own resources.

<sup>4</sup> When a large crowd was gathering, as people were coming to him from town after town, he said in a parable: <sup>5</sup> "A sower went out to sow his seed, and as he sowed some fell on a path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. <sup>6</sup> Some fell on rock, and as it grew up it withered for lack of moisture. <sup>7</sup> Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. <sup>8</sup> Some fell into good soil, and when it grew it produced a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out, "If you have ears to hear, then hear!"

<sup>9</sup> Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. <sup>10</sup> He said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but to others I speak in parables, so that

'looking they may not perceive  
and hearing they may not understand.'

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<sup>11</sup> "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup> The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup> The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. <sup>14</sup> As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. <sup>15</sup> But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart and bear fruit with endurance.

**Newton is experiencing an increased need for food this month. Please consider donating.**

**The Salvation Army needs:**

**Spaghetti-O's and other canned meals, ramen noodles, canned vegetables, soups, spaghetti sauce and noodles, granola bars and boxed individual snacks, crackers, hamburger helper, pop tarts, peanut butter and jelly, toilet paper, and paper towels.**

**New Jerusalem has a food pantry as well to donate to. They are located at 209 E. Broadway St.**

Annual Reports are in the Narthex.  
Please help yourself to a copy. If a digital  
copy is preferred, please email the office.  
The Annual Congregational Meeting will  
be next Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> after worship.

Open House at the Glann's  
Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The Glann's invite you to see the  
new remodels in their home.

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