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Office Hours

The office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Volunteers will staff our front desk from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday.

All-Church Prayer
*Lord, like the light breaking through our windows,
break through our resistance to change,
show us the new things you want to do through First Presbyterian Church,
and empower us to embrace new opportunities. Amen.*



*All are
welcome!*

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, September 20

Usher Team 3

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class
- 9:30 a.m. Donuts and Discussion
- 9:30 a.m. Good News Disciples
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary/Online
- 3:00 p.m. NA Group in Willard Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer

Monday, September 21

- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer
- 4:00 p.m. KYC Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Tuesday, September 22

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Widows, Tea, and Fellowship
 Olive Garden
- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer
- 5:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 23

- 7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study, Conf. Rm.
- 11:00 a.m. Strategic Planning Work Group
- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer
- 7:30 p.m. 12 Step in Willard Hall

Thursday, September 24

- 9:00 a.m. Stewardship Meeting, Conf.
 Rm.
- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 25

Pastor’s Day Off

- 11:00 a.m. Harvesters Food Distribution
- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer

Saturday, September 26

- 9:00 a.m. Faith and Flour
- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer

Sunday, September 27

Usher Team 4

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class
- 9:30 a.m. Donuts and Discussion
- 9:30 a.m. Good News Disciples
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary/Online
- 3:00 p.m. NA Group in Willard Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Pause for FPC Prayer

Welcome to FPC!

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here! Please fill out a Connection Card (in pew backs) and place it in the offering plate or hand it to the pastor. We also have a small visitor bag for you. If you’re not given one by an usher, please select a blue gift bag at any of the entrances into the sanctuary. We’re so glad you are here!

In Our Prayers

Joys: All-church breakfast hosted by the Fellowship Team, return of Chancel Choir, fun with grandparent matching game, Chris and Jeff Gustin on the birth of their grandson, Porter Taylor

Concerns: Scott McKenzie, Melba Banion, Mandi Adams (daughter of Mark and Deanna Heilmann), Jim Chattin (brother-in-law of Sara Keckeisen), Scott Gosney, Mike and Derenda Evenson (Marguerite Underhill's granddaughter's in-laws), Linda Mets, Jason Carmichael (son of Bob and Pam Carmichael), Kay Wischropp, those affected by natural disasters around the world

Sympathy: Prayers for the family of Sharon McKinney, who passed away on August 6, 2026.

Prayers for the family of Betty Lee Van Sickle, mother of Gregg Van Sickle. Betty passed away on September 6, 2026.

Cover Art

"God's Promise to Abram," by James Tissot (1836-1902), from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

Church Doors

We lock the south door and sanctuary doors at 10:45 on Sunday. If you need to re-enter the church, use the doors to Disciples Hall, which remain unlocked.

Doorstep 60 for 60 Challenge

First Presbyterian is participating in Doorstep's 60th Anniversary "60 for 60 Community Challenge." We are collecting 60 sets of gloves or mittens, stocking caps, and scarves to support families and individuals in our community. Bring your donations and drop them in the barrel during the upcoming weeks. Thanks for helping us celebrate 60 years of compassion in our community.

Hayrack Ride, Food, and Fishing - Saturday, October 10

Ken and Carol Sook will be hosting a hayrack ride and fishing event on Saturday, October 10, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. More details coming soon!

Prayer Partners

The Bible strongly supports the practice of praying with and for other believers. Scripture shows that sharing burdens and agreeing in prayer brings spiritual strength, encouragement, and power. Today, you will be given the opportunity to sign up to become a prayer partner with an individual in our congregation. Being a prayer partner is something all of us can do regardless of age, and we hope you will join us in this powerful adventure!

New Activities

Looking for something fun? Want to try something new? Want to be a part of a group? We have two new opportunities:

- 1) Our longstanding bicycling group is a great way to stay active and have some fun at the same time. Please contact Herman Jones or Allen Apel if you are interested (hjonesx383@yahoo.com, alana11@icloud.com).
- 2) Do you know how to play Mahjong? Do you want to try playing Mahjong? We are looking for people interested in playing. No experience is required. Please contact Marlene Geyser (mmgeyser@gmail.com).

Education Opportunities

Confirmation Class, for youth grades 7-12, begins today at 9:30 a.m. Please email Sandra Nichols at snichols@fpctopeka.org for more information. Parents, please plan to attend the first session with your youth today, in the Knox Room (temporary location).

A new **Sunday Morning Study** begins on Sunday, September 27. Our newest book is *Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America: A Guide to Reclaiming the Good News of God's Grace*, by Ted V. Foote Jr. and P. Alex Thornburg. Curtis Brown will facilitate, and the class will meet upstairs at 9:30 a.m. in the Kerygma Room (next to the elevator). Sign up in Disciples Hall; books are available at the front desk for \$10 dollars.

A new season of our monthly **Women's Bible Study** begins on Monday, October 5. This season's study is *Appreciate These Things*, by Jill Duffield. Fran Crouch will lead this discussion in the Kerygma Room at 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday of each month. Sign up in Disciples Hall and pick up a book at the front desk (\$10).