

# The Order of Worship

## We Assemble in God's Name

*In quietness, prepare for worship.*

### Prelude

### Welcome/Announcements/Ritual of Friendship/

### Minutes for Mission/

**Rich Maxwell, Representative of Presbyterian Children's Services**  
(Please complete the friendship pads and pass them to your neighbor at this time.)

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Celebrate this time of worship and remembrance.  
Rejoice in the Spirit of God which dwells in you.

People: **When the snares of death bring distress and anguish,  
God keeps our feet from stumbling.**

Leader: Give thanks to God, who is gracious and righteous;  
Walk before God in the land of the living.

People: **We bring our doubts and fears, our work and worries,  
To this time of reflection and refreshment.**

### \*Hymn #108

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Awakening God, nearer to us than our very breaths, you breathe new life in the church through the gifts and voices of younger women, yet too often we dismiss them as incapable. You enhance the church's witness through the wisdom of older women, yet too often we dismiss them as irrelevant, you lead us young and old, to new opportunities, yet too often we cling to old habits and ancient anxieties. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to trust in your spirit, especially as it leads us to new life and exciting possibilities through the gifts of women of all ages. May the grace of your forgiveness take root in our hearts, transform our intentions and reshape our actions into works of justice, kindness and humility, to your glory and honor. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon

### \*Gloria Patria

### \*Statement of Faith

We believe in God, the Creator, who moved upon the face of the deep at the beginning of creation, who created all that is, and who spoke through the prophets of old. We believe in Jesus Christ, into whom God's Spirit was poured in fullness and in power, that the whole creation might be restored and unified; and who promised that the Spirit would come and fill the faithful with power to witness to the mighty love of God. We wait on that spirit today with

longing hearts, seeking to be empowered to witness to God's love in Christ, with fresh words and courageous actions of love and hope. Glory be to God, O Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit- now and always. Amen.

### \*The Peace

## We Give Thanks to God

### Joys and Concerns

### Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer** (Please use "Sins" and "Those that have sinned against us")

### Choral Response

### Offering

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

## We Proclaim God's Word

### Anthem

*Hymn of Promise*

**Women's Choir**

### Children's Sermon

**Berna Jean Norman**

(Children Kindergarten to 6th grade are now excused to attend Children's Church and the Musical practice.)

### Hymn #259

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

### Scripture Readings

**Ezekiel 37:1-14;  
Romans 8:6-11 (NRSV)**

### Sermon

**Rev. Sandra Stogsdill**

**Can These Bones Live?**

## We Respond and Go In God's Name

### \*Hymn #92

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

### \*Blessing and Benediction

### \*Postlude

Organist, Cathy Howell  
Choir Director, Sharon Pyburn  
Worship Leaders: Courtney Dumler & Barbara Nelson 8:30  
Dayna Bradley & Lucy Daily 11:00  
Acolytes: Breeana Bell 8:30 ; Brooke Howe 11:00

# Announcements

**WE WELCOME YOUR VISIT TO  
[www.firstchurchls.org](http://www.firstchurchls.org)**

The Outreach Team is pleased to report that the church web site has a new look. Credit for the new look goes to Keith Stidham and Tom Eagle who have donated countless hours to the look and content involved in this project. Dr. Tom Eagle developed the church's first web site over 5 years ago and has given many hours of his time as well as his own funds to keep the site going. Tom will continue to supply invaluable content in many ways including on demand video of services and events. His continued contribution will be vital to the success of the new site. New content and functionality will continue to be added to the site as it evolves. Your input is welcome and invited.

### **LAST SUNDAY TO SIGN UP FOR AN EASTER LILY!**

Would you like to honor someone this Easter season by purchasing an Easter Lily for decorating the Sanctuaries? The cost for each 8" plant is \$15.00. You will find envelopes for this purpose on the Information Table in the Narthex. Fill out the envelope in full and drop it in the basket provided. You will be able to take your plant home after the 11:00 Worship Service on Easter Sunday.

### **THAT 70'S TALENT SHOW**

Please note: **"That 70's Talent Show"**--the first annual All-Church Talent Show, Dinner, and Silent Auction--has been moved from April 12<sup>th</sup> to **Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** You may sign up your act on the list on the bulletin board outside the Associate Pastor office, or simply e-mail [sandra.stogsdill@firstchurchls.org](mailto:sandra.stogsdill@firstchurchls.org) and give Sandra the scoop on your act. All "talent" needs to be signed up **no later** than Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Do you have an item to donate for the **Silent Auction** on the evening of the Talent Show? Desirable items include gift baskets, gift certificates, tickets to games or other events, and other high-quality items. Please contact Ryan Graham at [rmgry6@gmail.com](mailto:rmgry6@gmail.com). Remember, all proceeds from the auction and all the profits from our ticket sales go directly to fund the youth trip to LOGOS Camp in Estes Park this July.

### **LENTEN SEASON HOME COMMUNION**

Would you like to enjoy Communion at home with a family member or friend who is unable to attend regular church services? Just call the church office at 524-3933 and a Stephen Minister will contact you to arrange to come to you at your convenience.

### **HOMEBUILDERS ARE BACK!**

We are starting a new series entitled "Overcoming Stress in Your Marriage." Please join us starting Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Resource Center. We will meet every other Tuesday and have "date night" on the opposite Tuesdays through May. Child care will be provided every week. For more information on the series, please check out [www.familylife.com](http://www.familylife.com) or contact Heather Engelman at 816-309-0285.

### **TUESDAY NIGHT SCHOLARS**

Tuesday Night Scholars, formerly the 20-30 Somethings, meets in the Senior High Room at 7:00 p.m. for Bible Study, snacks and fellowship. We are delving into the Gospel of John this spring.

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## HEALTH CONCERNS

Dorothy Bowman—Member  
 Betty Benz—Member  
 Dale McKee—Father of Becky McKee  
 Steven Long Family—Friends of Dick & Lucy Daily  
 Jo Brownfield—Member  
 Judy Duncan—Member  
 Arthur Welch—Father of Pam Bennett  
 Nancy Talley—Member  
 Ethel Bricker—Member  
 Judy Gibson—Wife of Dr. Hugo Gibson  
 Carol Mills—Sister of Nancy Tapp  
 Bryce Draisey—Nephew of Beth & Blaine Draisey  
 Lisa Houston—Friend of Roiann Huber  
 Niece of Carol Rauscher  
 Rosemary Searcy—Friend of Eve Stone  
 William Dunn—Brother of Charlie Dunn  
 Jean Clevenger—Member & mother of Cindy Brittain  
 George Surprise - Father-In-Law of Carol Rauscher's brother  
 David Goldstein—Husband of Tammy Goldstein  
 Sherry Limpus—Member  
 Susan Billes—Mother of a friend of Adam Fauss  
 Shannan Cunniffe - Friend of Keith & Tina Stidham  
 Ryan Blankenship & Guro from Norway—Friends of Judy & Todd Rogers  
 Evan Epperson—Son of co-worker of Dayna Bradley  
 Chris Whitby—Friend of Dayna Bradley  
 Hillsdale Presbyterian Church, Hillsdale, KS  
 First Presbyterian Church, Paola, KS  
 Gashland Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO  
 Administrative Commission of Heartland Presbytery  
 Heartland Presbytery Staff  
 Kaw Prairie Community, Shawnee, KS  
 Brookdale Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, MO

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

To Beth & Carl Bennett and family on the death of JoAnn Harris, Beth's mother, on February 28th.

### MARCH AND APRIL SESSION MEETING DATES MOVED

Due to various conflicts for the third Tuesday of March and April, we are moving the meetings to the fourth Tuesday of just March and April. Therefore, the dates will be March 25th and April 22nd. We are also moving the location to the Fellowship Hall to accommodate the various groups meeting in the church on Tuesday nights. Please mark your calendars that the next Session Meeting is March 25th.

### 2008 SUMMER HEARTLAND CAMP

The 2008 SUMMER HEARTLAND CAMP information has arrived! Summer camps at Heartland, a ministry of Heartland Center, is offering over 40 different camp events this summer for all ages and interests. You can pick up your camp brochures on the information table. Take advantage of the **Early Bird Rate** and register before March 15th, or the **Pre Summer Rate** and register before May 15th. If you have questions about the camping program please contact Berna Jean Norman at 816-763-5106 or call the Heartland summer camp office at 816-891-1078, or go online [www.heartlandcenter.org](http://www.heartlandcenter.org). **YOU CAN NOW REGISTER ON LINE!**

# This Week At

## First Church

**Sunday, Mar 9** Fifth Sunday in Lent

*Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday*

*Daylight Savings Time Begins*

8:30 am Casual Traditional Worship  
 9:40 am Church School  
 9:45 am Contemporary Worship  
 11:00 am Traditional Worship

**Monday, Mar 10** Sandra Day Off

9:15 am Spirit Bells Practice  
 10:30 am Musical Mondays (On The Farm)  
 12:00 pm MOCSA  
 12:00 pm Al-Anon (RC)  
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (all church)

**Tuesday, Mar 11** CNN Deadline

12:00 pm Mary Circle (Member's home)  
 6:30 pm Compulsive Eaters Anonymous (Lounge)  
 7:00 pm CODA (CR)  
 7:00 pm Tuesday Night Scholars (formerly 20-30 Something Group) (Sr. Hi Room)

**Wednesday, Mar 12**

9:00 am Sarah Circle (Places)  
 10:00 am Staff Meeting (RC)  
 10:30 am Widows Information Network (Lounge)  
 11:30 pm Dorcas Circle (Lakeside Restaurant)  
 4:25 pm Kids Bells

4:30 pm LOGOS (Alphabet Night)  
 5:20 pm Youth Bells  
 6:30 pm Vesper Bells  
 7:30 pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, Mar 13**

10:00 am Comfort Quilters (CR)  
 4:30 pm Special Olympics Basketball (Gym)  
 6:00 pm Girls Basketball (Gym)  
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry (CR)  
 7:30 pm Al-Anon (RC)  
 8:00 pm Praise Band Practice (FH)

**Friday, Mar 14** Ron Day Off

*Sandra Vacation*  
 9:00 am Elizabeth Bible Study (RC)  
 7:00 pm Social Action Group (Judy Williams Home)

**Saturday, Mar 15** Sandra Vacation

10:30 am CODA (CR)

**Sunday, Mar 16** Palm Sunday

*Sandra Vacation*  
**Session Action Team Reports Due**  
**LSSD Spring Break**  
 8:30 am Casual Traditional Worship  
 9:40 am Church School  
 9:45 am Contemporary Worship  
 11:00 am Traditional Worship  
 7:00 pm Dyersburg CPC Youth Choir Concert

### Team Volunteers

**Sunday, March 16**

**Team 6**

**Worship Leaders**

**Deanna Antle 8:30**

**Stanley Howell 11:00**

**Acolytes**

**Ryan Tindall 8:30**

**Elizabeth Gieringer 11:00**

If you are a visitor, we welcome you in the name of Christ, and hope to see you again soon.

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 am Traditional Worship  
 9:40 am Church School  
 9:45 am Contemporary Worship  
 11:00 am Traditional Worship

Nursery care available for infants & children through 4 years of age. Transportation is available only for Sunday 11 am Worship.

A note of thanks from Nancy Talley. I would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers, food, and love. You are all the best! Thanks again.

H.O.W. is a caring ministry at our church. We provide meals on a temporary basis to those who are needing assistance. If you would like to be on this team, please contact Sharon Pyburn at the church or e-mail at [jspyburn@aol.com](mailto:jspyburn@aol.com).



Hospitality on Wheels

### STAFF MEMBERS:

Ministers, All Members  
 Rev. Dr. Ron Galvin, Pastor, Head of Staff  
 Rev. Sandra Stogsdill, Associate Pastor  
 Rev. Kay Laine, Parish Associate  
 Noel Fulkerson, Music Director  
 Malinda Spencer, Interim Christian Educator  
 Sharon Pyburn, Asst. Director of Music and Church Sexton  
 Cathy Howell, Organist  
 Barbara Kotalik, Office Administrator  
 Heather Engelman, Nursery Director

First Presbyterian  
 Church of Lee's Summit  
*Come Share the Love and Hope*

## MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

March 9, 2008  
 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
 Fifth Sunday in Lent

## Celebrate the Gifts of Women



We are called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be a diverse, growing community of faith, experiencing, celebrating and teaching the love of Christ and sharing that love with others.

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A Stephen Ministries Congregation caring "One-to-One"

Please join us for coffee and refreshments between services and learn more about our church family!