

“Paul urged Timothy to offer ‘supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings ... for everyone’ (1 Timothy 2:1), and so we shall do today as part of our worship together. Welcome!”

-Welcome Visitors! We are so glad you have chosen to join us today as we worship the Lord together and have fellowship! We hope that you feel right at home. We invite you to stay after worship for coffee. We would like to meet you and show you around the church we love!

-Fellowship Pads—please take a moment to date and fill in the Fellowship Pad, then pass it down and greet your neighbors.

-Wireless Hearing Devices are available for those who would like help to hear better. Please check with an usher if you would like to use one.

-Activity Bags for children to use during worship are below the literature racks in the Narthex.

-Loose Offerings this Sunday goes to Parent Child Center.

SERVING TODAY

Ushers: Dan & Tempie Roberts

Greeters: Allan & LaDonna McClure

Offering Counters: Allan McClure & a member of Properties Team

CALENDAR — October 17-23

Sunday (17)	9:00 a.m.—Sunday School (all ages) 9:00 a.m.— Coffee/Fellowship Hour 10:00 a.m.— Worship in Sanctuary or via YouTube 11:30 a.m.—New Members Class 7:00 p.m.— <i>Seamless</i> Bible Study
Monday (18)	7:00 p.m.—Properties 7:00 p.m.—Mid Platte Valley Taekwondo
Tuesday (19)	11:00 a.m.—Knitting 7:00 p.m.—Mid Platte Valley Taekwondo
Wednesday (20)	6:45 p.m.—Joy Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.—Personnel 8:00 p.m.—Chancel Choir
Thursday (21)	2:00 p.m.—Martha Circle 7:00 p.m.—Congregational Care

-PRAYER CONCERNS: Vicki Davis, Barb Poehler, Sarah Mariel, Tom & Rhea Musil, Harlow Rickertsen, Ann Smets, Bill Smets, Rev. Will & Bonnie Ratcliff;

PRESBYTERY PRAYER LIST: First Presbyterian Church, Cozad & Emily McCreery serving First Presbyterian Church, North Platte

-KITCHEN HELP: We are requesting assistance in the kitchen during and after coffee hour. There is an orange sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex, if you are interested in helping!

-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are looking for volunteers to help out with the Sundays Children Sermons. All material will be provided. If interested, please let Sally Heusinkvelt or Holly Rickertsen know.

-LOGOS: We are in need of some volunteers to provide dessert for the LOGOS meals. There is a sign-up sheet for desserts on the bulletin board in the narthex. Thank you!

-50 YEAR MEMBERS: On Sunday, October 24th, we will be recognizing our 50 Year Members. Letters will be sent to those who will be recognized, inviting them to join us in worship that day. If you do not receive a letter but believe 2021 is your 50th anniversary of church membership, please contact Kimmy in the church office so that we can add you to the group. We don't want to miss anyone!

-ALL SAINTS DAY is Sunday, October 31st. That morning in worship, we will be remembering members and loved ones of our congregation that have entered into life eternal in the past year. Families are invited to light a candle for their loved one during that portion of the service. The family can also choose to have a member of Faith Team light the candle for them. If you have a loved one that you would like to remember in worship, please contact Kimmy in the church office.

-PARENT-CHILD CENTER is looking for volunteers! The Parent-Child Center is a private, non-profit agency that provides crisis intervention and support services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse in Dawson and Gosper counties. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact the Parent-Child Center at (308) 324-2336 or (308) 324-2337.

-OFFICE NOTICES: Office will be opening at noon on Monday, October 18th. Then Kimmy will be out of office on Friday, October 22nd. Otherwise, office is open 8:30-11:30 a.m. & 12:00-3:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. And you can always contact the office by phone (324-5507) or by email (firstchurchlex@gmail.com). Thanks!



A Blessing or a Curse?

Holocaust survivor and devout Christian Corrie ten Boom recounts how her sister Betsie thanked God for the fleas infesting their packed barracks. When Corrie resisted the idea, Betsie pointed out that 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says to “give thanks in all circumstances.”

Still, Corrie wasn’t convinced — until the sisters realized the infestation kept the guards away, giving prisoners in those quarters freedom to worship and pray. The biting pests, which seemed like added misery, became a blessing.

Anger and bitterness sometimes cloud our vision, causing us to forget to thank God *in* all situations, though not necessarily *for* them. Other times we don’t wait long enough for blessings to be revealed. But faith is like waiting through a storm, knowing a rainbow is coming eventually. Meanwhile, the Lord holds an umbrella for us, and the closer with him we walk, the less wet we’ll get.

—Julie Lee