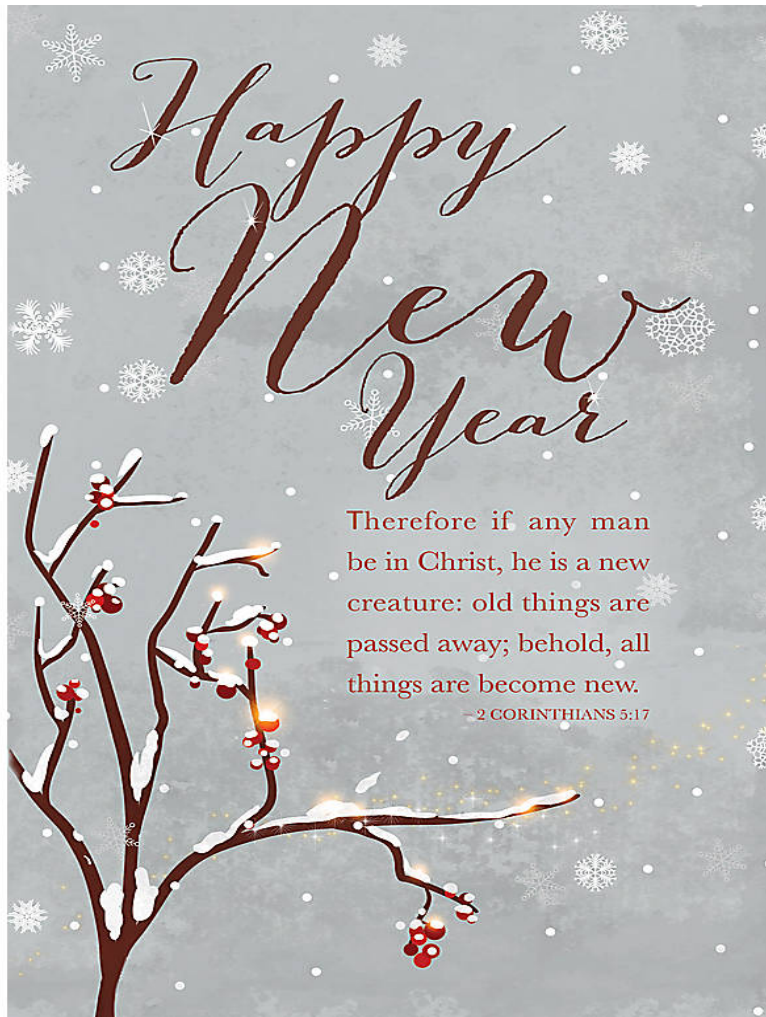


First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



January 1, 2017
10:45 a.m.
Communion

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Prelude

Coventry Carol
What Child is This

Lloyd Webber
Richard Purvis

Greetings

*Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come,

People: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Leader: Nations shall come to your light

People: And rulers to the brightness of your rising.

All: Praise be to God!

*Prayer of the Day

O God, we come before you as a people gathered to behold the Christ, a light dawned that cannot be extinguished. In this new year, we offer special thanks for this community of faith and your faithful presence. Help us to see more clearly your glorious light, that we will open our hearts to your reign on earth and dedicate our lives to your service. **Amen.**

*Hymn

What Child is This

No. 53

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of the heights and depths, at our own peril, we turn away from you. When our shortcomings are exposed to your light, we try to hide. We are afraid of your judgment; we forget your mercy. When we are angry, we plot little revenges and ignore your call to forgiveness and compassion. We look to you from the small darkness of our hiding places and hear your call to come into the light. Surround us, O God, with your forgiving light, that we might live as people of peace and truth. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

The God who loves us into life hears our prayers, forgives our shortcomings and urges us always to follow in the footsteps of his beloved Son, in whose image we are made. Amen.

Thanks be to God.

*Song of Thanksgiving

Gloria Patri

No. 579

*The Peace

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

(The children may come forward during the greeting.)

Time with the Children

First Reading

Luke 2: 25-32

Second Reading

Matthew 2: 1-12

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Aha!”

Pastor Judy Connors

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle’s Creed P.H. pg. 14
(traditional)

Call to Stewardship

Offertory Anthem

I Wonder as I Wander
Marilyn Heffner, alto

John Jacob Niles

*Doxology

No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy...
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty...
dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Gracious God...
now and forever.

People: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P.H. Pg. 16

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

No. 29

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Choral Response

*Postlude

Joy To the World

Wilbur Held

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Worship Leaders

Pastor

Judy Conners

Liturgist

Tom Church

Director of Music

Steve Bixler

Organist

Mark Sweeney