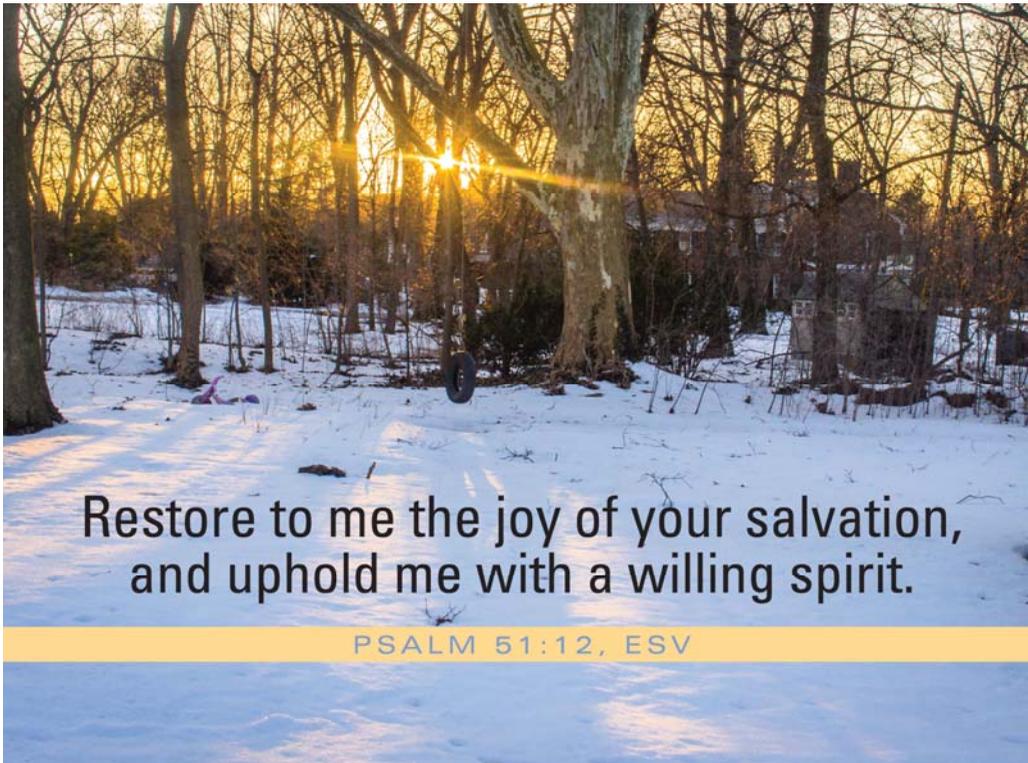


First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



January 22, 2017
10:45 a.m.

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3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in e minor

J. S. Bach

Processional

Griffin Barker and Carter Bowles

Greetings

Minute for Mission

Annual Meeting

Mary Knecht

*Call to Worship

(adapted from Psalm 27)

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?

Leader: The Lord will protect us and guide us.

**People: Let us gladly offer ourselves before our God with shouts of joy;
let us sing praises to the Lord, our God.**

*The Peace

Leader: the peace of our Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

(Children attending Children's Church will come forward with parents to be signed out and the children will be picked up at end of service in room C217.)

*Hymn

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

No. 456

Call to Confession

No matter where we have been, where we are or where we are going, God is there. No matter what we have done, God loves us. In the certainty of God's love, let us honestly confront our shortcomings as we pray together.

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 shun your desire for reconciliation and compassion. Your ways are not our ways, for your ways are filled with love. We look to you from the petty 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

By the mercies of God, I declare to you that our sins are forgiven. We are beloved, redeemed brothers and sisters of Christ. Amen.

Thanks be to God.

*Song of Thanksgiving

Gloria Patri

No. 579

First Reading

Isaiah 9: 1-4

Anthem

Good News Celebration

by Dale Wood

Ringers: Alyssa Watkins, Melinda Sears,

Taylor Gill, David Reitz, Jane McHugh

Share the Good News Celebration! Sing His praises joyfully.

Share with every tribe and nation, Christ has come and sets us free.

Chorus: Sing and praise Him! Worthy of our praise is He.

Alleluia! Sing and praise Him joyfully!

Witness now with expectation, share the gospel far and near;

Tell of Christ and His salvation, spread the news that all may hear. (Chorus.)

Share the Good News Celebration! Share the news of God's design;

Let us sing with jubilation, We are branches, He's the vine. (Chorus)

Second Reading

I Corinthians 1: 10-18

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Soft Jesus”

Pastor Judy Conners

*Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

No. 404

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

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Tom Warner

Call to Stewardship

Offertory

Christ Is Born

based on *Nessun Dorma* by Puccini, arr. Cliff Duren

Men's Quartet and Choir

Lord, most Holy. We worship and adore you, O Holy Child of Heaven.

O God incarnate, one with the Holy Spirit, and with the Father.

We lift our songs of praise to Thee! Redeeming love has set us free!

For Christ has been victorious over sin, and He will reign eternally.

The Son of God, our Hope, our Great Redeemer, the Prince of Glory.

We long for Heaven, and for His return. And we will praise Him eternally.

Christ is born!

*Doxology

No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

No. 438

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Choral Response

Recessional

*Postlude

Agincourt Hymn

David Johnson

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Bumper Stickers



Bumper stickers that accompany the banner on the front fence are available in the church office. A new committee is being formed that will plan hospitality for our Congolese friends and other refugees in our community. If you feel called to participate in this ministry please contact Mary Knecht, Moderator of the Mission Committee, knechtmary@hotmail.com or 942-8068.

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor
Parish Associate
Liturgist
Director of Music
Organist

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Judy Conners
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