

# First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



January 28, 2018  
10:45 a.m.

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**4th Sunday after Epiphany**

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Prelude

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Diane Bish

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

David Lowe

Processional

Griffin Barker & Iain Cline

Greetings

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: Jesus went throughout Galilee,

**People: teaching, proclaiming the good news,  
and healing every sickness among the people.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

\*Prayer of the Day

\*Hymn

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

No. 478

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, make us new. Remove our desire to heed false prophets, and show us your way; in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.**

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ,  
you are forgiven. **Amen.**

\*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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Anthem

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

arr. Mack Wilberg

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! Join the great throng, psaltery, organ and song, Sounding in glad adoration!*

*Praise to the Lord! Over all things He gloriously reigneth, Borne as on eagle wings, safely His saints He sustaineth. Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been Granted in what He ordaineth?*

*Praise to the Lord! Who doth prosper thy way and defend thee. Surely His goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee. Ponder a new what the Almighty can do, Who with His love doth befriend thee.*

*Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath breath, join with Abraham's seed to adore Him! Let the "amen" sum all our praises again, Now as we worship before him.*

Second Reading

Mark 1:21-28

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"A New Kind of Teaching"

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(from Brief Statement of Faith)*

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equal in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator, Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

**... With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

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Call to Stewardship

Offertory

*Simple Song (from Mass)*

Leonard Bernstein

Justin Petersen, Tenor

*I will sing the Lord a new song To praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord.*

*I will sing His praises while I live All of my days.*

*Blessed is the man who loves the Lord,*

*Blessed is the man who praises Him. Lauda, Lauda, Laudē*

*And walks in His ways.*

*I will lift up my eyes To the hills from whence comes my help*

*I will lift up my voice to the Lord*

\*Doxology

No. 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

No. 276

\*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\*Choral Response

Recessional

\*Postlude

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Raymond Haan

\*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

### **Worship Leaders**

Senior Pastor

Brent O. Johnston

Parish Associate

Judy Conners

Director of Music

Steve Bixler

Organist

Mark Sweeney