

First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



Communion
January 7, 2018
8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

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Epiphany

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Prelude

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Raymond Haan

**Processional

Torre Rekoske and Katelyn Young

Greetings

Minute for Mission

Evangelism & Hospitality

*Call to Worship

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

People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Leader: Come, worship the Lord of glory.

People: Proclaim God's praise among the nations.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Prayer of the Day

God, you placed a star in the sky to draw wise folk to the place of Christ's nativity.

There you revealed the mystery of your eternal purpose for all humanity:

God made flesh, born of Mary, opening to all the world the promise you made

to Abraham and Sarah. Empower your church to be as the light of the star,

that we may draw the world to the glory of Christ, our Lord, through whom we

pray.

Amen.

*Hymn

As With Gladness Men of Old

No. 63

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have

preferred to live in darkness. Your justice protects the weak and distressed,

yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your righteousness redeems

the poor and the needy, yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions.

Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless, yet we seek the

security of weapons and retribution. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true

repentance, that we may you in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Christ is the light of the world, who grants forgiveness and healing of our sins.

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 Christ be with you .

People: And also with you.

(The children may come forward during the greeting.)

Time with the Children

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Guided by the Light of Reason and Revelation”

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

P.H. Pg. 16

Call to Stewardship

Offertory Anthem

The One

Craig Courtney

On the swiftest wings of morning, from the highest King of Heaven,

Comes a holy invitation to a feast.

Interceding for His children, at the right hand of the Father,

He invites us all, the most unto the least.

Chorus: The One who knows your name has bid you, “come.”

The One who bore your shame, God’s only Son,

Has prepared a celebration as a gift from God above,

A sacrament of peace, a feast of love.

Gather now around God’s table, feel the splendor of the Savior,

As He serves the fragrant bread and pours the wine.

Then in grateful adoration of His blood and body given,

Praise the One who offers us the feast divine. Chorus.

*Doxology
*Prayer of Dedication

No. 592

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Words of Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy.....

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

***Eat the bread as you are served.*

***Please hold the cup. We will commune together.*

By Intinction

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn

We Come as Guests Invited

No. 517

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Choral Response

**Recessional

*Postlude

As With Gladness Men of Old

Raymond Haan

*Signifies congregation standing (for those able)

** Denotes 10:45 service

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor

Parish Associate

Director of Music

Organist

Brent O. Johnston

Judy Conners

Steve Bixler

Mark Sweeney