

First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



January 8, 2017
10:45 a.m.

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Prelude *We Three Kings of Orient Are* Raymond Haan

Processional Samantha Gales & Katelyn Young

Greetings

Minute for Mission Doug Aldrich

*Call to Worship

Leader: In the beginning, at creation, the spirit hovered over
the waters of the deep.

People: In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind.

Leader: God caused the waters to part so that Israel could cross
from slavery to liberation.

People: God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.

Leader: Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples' feet in water.

**People: Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman, the
first person to recognize that he was the Christ.**

Leader: Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.

People: God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn in a large family.

Praise be to God!

*Prayer of the Day

God of life and new life, you are splendid and strong! Your voice thunders above
the sound of loud waters. You sit enthroned above the floods of life. As Jesus heard
you speak to him in his baptism, may we also hear you calling us your beloved,
through Jesus Christ, your son, our brother. **Amen.**

*Hymn

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

No. 69

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. 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.

(Preschool may come forward during the greeting.)

Time with the Preschool Children

First Reading

Isaiah 41:1-9

Anthem

A Sound of Singing Fills The Air

Malcom Archer

Second Reading

Matthew 3:15-17

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Hymn *When Jesus Came to Jordan* No. 72
Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer P.H. Pg. 16

Call to Stewardship
Offertory *Home By Another Way* James Taylor
Steve Bixler, Bass

*Doxology No. 592
*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized* No. 70

*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)

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor
Liturgist
Director of Music
Organist

Brent O. Johnston
Dick Wieland
Steve Bixler
Mark Sweeney