

# First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



October 15, 2017  
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**EPIC Worship/Durfee Lecture Series**

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Prelude *Festive Processional* David Lasky  
Processional Bronwen Burch & Khyah Van Es  
Greetings  
Bell Introit *Bell Jubilee* Barbara Kinyon  
James Ringers

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

**People: Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the LORD is God.  
It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

**All:** *For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.*

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires, known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn** *A Mighty Fortress* No. 260

**Call to Confession**

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and humility, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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 Joy

*I've Got Peace Like a River*

No. 368

\*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.**

Children's Praise

*All You Need is Love*

The Duct Tape Confession

Youth Group

Anthem

*Sing Unto the Lord, Alleluia*  
*Chorus: Sing unto the Lord and praise His name.*  
*Make His praise to be glorious. Alleluia!*

Paul Van Dyke

Scripture Reading

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Razing Hell and Raising Roofs"  
The Rev. Dr. Leonard Sweet

Hymn

*I Danced in the Morning*

No. 302

\*Affirmation of Faith

(from Heidelberg Catechism)

Q. 1. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

**A. That I belong--body and soul, in life and in death--not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Prayers Among the People & the Lord's Prayer

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Call to Stewardship

Offertory

*Amazing Grace/Peaceful Easy Feeling*

Steve Bixler, Guitar

\*Doxology

No. 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

No. 343

\*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\*Choral Response

Recessional

\*Postlude

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

John Leavitt

\*signifies congregation standing (for those able)