

First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



October 16, 2016
10:45 a.m.

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Durfee Lecture Series

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Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Paul Manz

Entering with the Candles of Presence

Bronwen Burch & Griffin Barker

Greetings

Bell Introit

Rondo

Carol Wiltse

*Call to Worship

Leader: No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart:

People: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

Leader: No matter how many obstacles we face in life, in the church,
we do not lose heart:

People: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

Leader: No matter how hard it is to continually pray and work for justice, we
do not lose heart:

**People: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will forgive
and restore my people; when I will equip them for every good
work; and when I will grant justice,
for I hear their cries day and night.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Prayer of the Day

O God who writes on our hearts, you have never abandoned us. In amazing and persistent grace, you have kept covenant with us. We thank you for loving us even when we have not loved you. We long to behold the day of your appearing, even as we stand now in view of your kingdom, promised and made present in Christ Jesus, in whose name we wait and pray. **Amen.**

*Hymn

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

No.403

Prayer of Confession

The new covenant God has made with Israel, and with us, begins in forgiveness. Though we continually break covenant with God, God remains faithful. We confess our sins to God, trusting that God will forgive us and remember our sins no more.

Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world. Tune our ears to the sound of your justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace. Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, God promises to forgive us, to put our sins out of God's own mind and heart. In this way, God gives us not just a second chance but a new beginning. Believe the good news of the gospel: our salvation is through faith in Christ Jesus. **Thanks be to God! 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

Colossians 3:12-13

Anthem

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Text: #356 in the Presbyterian Hymnal

Second Reading

Matthew 6:7-15

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Getting Past the Elections to Forgive and Reconcile"
The Rev. Dr. Gary Eller

*Hymn *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* No. 347

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer P.H. Pg. 16
Julia Feagan

Minute for Stewardship Sowing Bountifully to Reap Bountifully Alice Price

Offertory *Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace* Eric H. Thiman
Marilyn Heffner, Alto

*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,
whose mind is stayed on Thee,
because he trusteth in Thee.*

*Trust ye in the Lord for ever,
for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.*

*Doxology No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn *Seek Ye First* No. 333

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Choral Response

Recessing with the Candles of Presence

*Postlude *Andante Marziale* Everett Titcomb

Worship Leaders

Guest Pastor
Liturgist
Director of Music
Organist

The Rev. Dr. Gary Eller
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston
Steve Bixler
Mark Sweeney