

# First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



November 12, 2017  
10:45 a.m.

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**EPIC SUNDAY**

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Prelude

*Aria*

Flor Peeters

\*\*Entering with the Candles of Presence

Iain Cline & Katelyn Young

Greetings

\*Call to Worship adapted from Psalm 124:8 and Joshua 24:14-25

Leader: Our Help is in the name of the Lord,

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

Leader: People of God, listen,

**People: the Lord has done marvelous things**

Leader: giving you land that you did not plow and houses you did not build.

**People: Indeed, it was a land flowing with milk and honey.**

Leader: So, choose this day whom you will give thanks and serve.

**People: This day we will give thanks and serve the Lord.**

**All: Therefore, let us worship god.**

\*Hymn

*Morning Has Broken*

No. 469

Prayer of Confession

**Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet, we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with your grace, for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news!

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**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 Dramatized

Youth  
Leper No 10.

Luke 17: 11-19

Anthem

*All Good Gifts (from "Godspell")*  
Joshua Holcomb, *Tenor*; Kyle Stanberry, *Clarinet*  
*We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,  
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.  
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
The breezes and the sunshine and soft refreshing rain.*

arr. John Leavitt

*Chorus: All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,  
So thank the Lord for all his love.*

*We thank Thee then, oh Father, for all things bright and good,  
The seed time and the harvest, or life, our health, our food.  
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts,  
But that which Thou desirest our humble, thankful hearts.*

Second Reading

Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Reasons for Thankfulness...Calls for Response"  
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

Response to the Word Proclaimed "Sign of the Times"

Children & Youth

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

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Call to Stewardship

Testimony

Offertory

*It is Well with My Soul*  
Justin Petersen, Tenor

arr. Chris Rice

*Doxology		No. 592
*Prayer of Dedication		
*Hymn	<i>Every Time I Feel the Spirit</i>	No. 315
*Charge and Benediction		
Leader:	The Lord be with you.	
<b>People:</b>	<b>And also with you.</b>	
*Choral Response		
Recessing with the Candles of Presence		
*Postlude	<i>America</i>	Margrethe Hokanson

\*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

**Special Recognition of Veterans in the Tilford Memorial Garden Today  
After 10:45 Worship Service**

**Special Dates**

**66th Anniversary of the Vietnam War  
75th Anniversary of the Women's Army Corps & WWII  
78th Anniversary of the Korean War  
100th Anniversary of the 1st Infantry Division  
(The Big Red One) Ft. Riley, Ks**

**Worship Leaders**

Senior Pastor	Brent O. Johnston
Parish Associate	Judy Conners
Director of Music	Steve Bixler
Organist	Mark Sweeney
Piano	Sheaukang Fox
Bass	Chris Fox
Drums	Troy Mahan