

First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



November 13, 2016
10:45 a.m.

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26th Sunday after Pentecost

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Prelude

My Country, 'Tis of Thee
America the Beautiful

David Lowe
Margrethe Hokanson

Entering with the Candles of Presence

Jared Keller & Aidan Schulte

Greetings

*Call to Worship

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the lord, all the earth!

People: Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Prayer of the Day

O God, our redeemer, all creation sings your praise! You are justice and mercy, judgment and grace. Following our Lord Jesus Christ, we seek to be faithful, ever sustained by your spirit, that we might stand blameless at the last with Christ, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

*Hymn

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

No. 561

Confession

Call to Confession:

Just as the prophet Isaiah assured God's people so many years ago, he assures us now that God is our salvation. It is because of that confidence, because of that promise, that we dare approach God with our confession.

Prayer of Confession

God of peace, we confess we are a people of fear. We have let anxiety rule our days and worry our nights. We have been distracted by nerves and focused on tension. We confess we have ignored your command to not be afraid. Forgive us, O God. Calm our hearts, settle our stomachs, and renew in us the ability to find our comfort in you. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

The prophet Isaiah assures us: God is building a new heaven and a new earth; the

former things will not be remembered or come to mind. Forgiven and freed, rejoice in what the Lord is creating in you, in me, in all creation.

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 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

Isaiah 65:17-25

Anthem

Salvation is Created

Pavel Tschesnokoff

Salvation is created in midst of the earth, O our God. Alleluia.

Second Reading

II Thessalonians 3:6-13

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Promise of the Peaceable Kingdom”

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Hymn

O Word of God Incarnate

No. 327

Intercessory Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

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God of new beginnings...

This day we come before you offering prayers for those who weep with grief: for those who mourn the death of loved ones; the loss of employment; the pain of transition.

[Silence]

This day we come before you offering prayers for those who cry out in distress: for the rumblings of hungry bellies; the lament of the addict; the pleas of the homeless.

[Silence]

This day we come before you offering prayers for those who labor in vain:
for those enslaved in fields, factories, and mines; for those whose work cripples
their bodies and their spirits; for those who toil without recognition, wage, or
honor.

[Silence]

You have promised us a season of blessing.

You have promised us a season of peace.

We pray for the coming of that holy time throughout your beloved creation, for the
sake of your beloved Son, and our Savior, Jesus Christ... who taught us to pray:

Our Father...

Call to Stewardship

Offertory

Irresistible

Hillsong

Sarah Gutierrez, Alto

Steve Bixler, Guitar

*Doxology

No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

No. 434

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Choral Response

Recessing with the Candles of Presence

*Postlude

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

David Johnson

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor

Brent O. Johnston

Parish Associate

Judy Conners

Liturgist

Patty Cole

Director of Music

Steve Bixler

Organist

Mark Sweeney