

First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



Celebrate
WITH ALL THE BOUNTY
THAT THE LORD YOUR GOD
HAS GIVEN TO YOU.

DEUTERONOMY 26:11, NRSV

November 26, 2017
8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.

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Christ the King Sunday

8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Prelude

The Canterbury March

H. C. Perrin

**Processional

Brandon & Carter Bowles

Greetings

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord God is our shepherd.

People: We are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.

Leader: God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak.

People: But the proud and power-hungry will be fed justice.

*Prayer of the Day

God of Majesty, you love us with an everlasting love and show us the way to justice and peace. In Jesus Christ, you have reconciled the whole world to you and claimed us as your own, that we may live as his body on earth and, with all the saints, enter into your glory on the last day. **Amen.**

*Hymn

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

No. 150

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward the right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead.

You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others.

Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne.

Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

How ever long we wander, however far we stray, God's steadfast love endure forever. Sisters and brothers, be assured: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Amen. 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

Ephesians 1:15-23

Anthem

Crown Him with Many Crowns arr. by Mary McDonald
Gary Leopold, trumpet; Joe Clements, trombone
Text can be found in the Presbyterian Hymnal, #151

Second Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Exaltation Christologies”
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Affirmation of Faith

(Colossians 1:15-20)

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

Call to Stewardship

Offertory

Laudamus Te (from *Gloria*)
Liz Lang and Gretchen Bixler , Soprano

Antonio Vivaldi

*Doxology

No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

No. 155

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Choral Response

**Recessional

*Postlude

Darwall

Healey Willan

**Hanging of the Greens

*Signifies congregation standing (for those able)

** Denotes 10:45 a.m. service only

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor

Parish Associate

Director of Music

Organist

Brent O. Johnston

Tom Church

Steve Bixler

Mark Sweeney