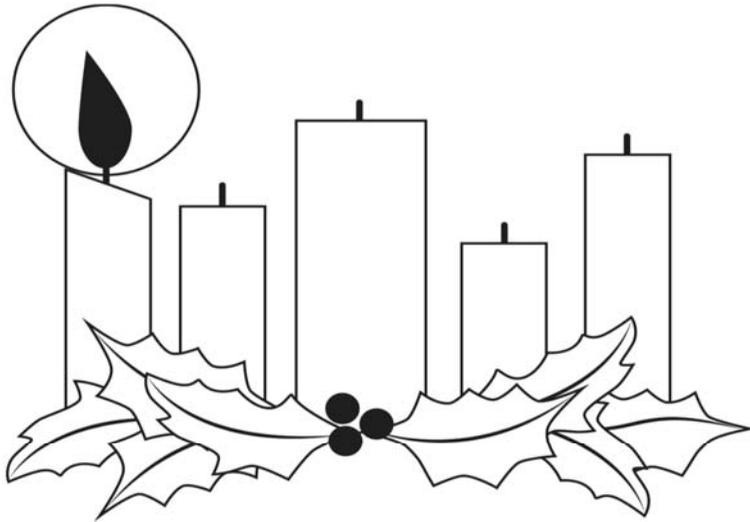


First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



FIRST SUNDAY
OF
Advent

November 27, 2016
10:45 a.m.

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Prelude	<i>Divinum Mysterium</i>	Fred Bock
Entering with the Candles of Presence		Chris & Samantha Gales
Greetings		
Minute for Mission	Operation Holiday	Mary Knecht
Choral Introit	<i>Choral Fanfare for Christmas</i>	Ron Nelson
	<i>The Earth is white a star shines in the east And angels celebrate the Christmas feast, Alleluia! With joy for Jesus' birth we sing, Alleluia!</i>	

*Call to Worship

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the lord!"

People: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

Leader: That we may learn God's ways and walk in God's paths.

People: Let us worship God.

*Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Garner Family

*Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

No. 2

Procession with the Nativity Figurines

Prayer of Confession

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Beloved, in your baptism you were bathed in light and clothed with grace.

Therefore, put on the lord Jesus Christ! Know that you are forgiven, and live in peace.

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

Romans 13:11-14

Anthem

Unexpected and Mysterious

arr. John Ferguson

Kyle Stanberry, Clarinet

*Unexpected and mysterious is the gentle word of grace.
Ever-loving and sustaining is the peace of God's embrace.
If we falter in our courage and we doubt what we have known,
God is faithful to console us as a mother tends her own.*

*In a momentary meeting of eternity and time,
Mary learned that she would carry both the mortal and divine.
Then she learned of God's compassion, Of Elizabeth's great joy,
And she ran to greet the woman who would recognize her boy.*

*We are called to ponder mystery and to wait the coming of Christ,
To embody God's compassion for each fragile human life.
God is with us in our longing to bring healing to the earth,
While we watch with joy and wonder for the promised Savior's birth .*

Second Reading

Matthew 24:36-44

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Lay Aside the Works of Darkness, Put on the Armor of Light"

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Hymn

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

No. 11

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

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Call to Stewardship

Offertory

Gesu Bambino

arr. Mark Hayes

Gretchen Bixler, Soprano; Kyle Stanberry, Clarinet

*Doxology

No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

Angels from the Realms of Glory

No. 22

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Choral Response

Recessing with the Candles of Presence

*Postlude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Hal Hopson

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Children's Information- Starting in January 8th, 2017 we will be having children's church again. Children will come down to the front for time with the young church and then leave with the teachers for their own time to learn and worship God. If you have children and attend a Sunday school class at 9:30 there will be someone here to do activities with your children. Children are still welcome in the service but we are encouraging them to attend the children's church that we can work with them on a level they understand and help them continue to grow in their faith. Children K-5th grade are welcome to attend and children younger will have alternative learning activities in the nursery. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Liz Garner at 316-214-4318 or by email childrendirector@firstchurchwichita.org

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor

Liturgist

Director of Music

Associate Organist

Brent O. Johnston

Gale Farmer

Steve Bixler

Gary Huffman