

# First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



December 10, 2017  
10:45 a.m.

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**EPIC/2nd Sunday in Advent**

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Prelude

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Gilbert Martin

Entering with the Candles of Presence

Iain Cline & Sailor Sulier

Greetings

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Sing praises to God on high, for glorious are God's works.

**People: Sing praises to the ends of the earth.**

Leader: Shout and sing for joy, O people of God,

**People: For great is the Holy One in our midst,  
blessed is the One who comes to dwell among us.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Barrett, Eli, Julie, Marcel, Katie, & Zach

\*Hymn

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

No. 5

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, forgive us. In this season of anticipation, the voices of advertisers and culture compete for our attention, drowning out your voice. We busy ourselves with tasks we *think* we're supposed to do and neglect those things we ought to do. Those things you call us to do, we do grudgingly and without joy. We lack the generous spirit of Mary, who heard your call and assented without question. Instead of feeling put upon, she lifted her voice in a song of honor and wonder. Renew our spirits. Fill our hearts with joy and song so others see in us the grace and mercy you have given us through your Son. Open our eyes and ears, and prepare our hearts to receive the most precious gift of all. Amen.**

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Once we were enslaved to the power of sin. There was no escape. But, the good news is that Jesus liberated us from all that tarnishes or diminishes the image of Christ within us. Friends, enter God's Advent joy. We have been set free! Your sins are forgiven. Hallelujah! 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.**

Children's Puppet Show

A Woodland Christmas

First Reading

Porter Hellwig

Isaiah 40: 1-11

Anthem

*Happy Christmas (God Is Love)*  
Revelation's Choir & Children's Choir

John Lennon

Second Reading

2 Peter 3: 8-15a

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Thank You for Waiting"  
Pastor Judy Connors

\*Hymn

*Away In a Manger*

No. 24

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

P.H. Pg. 16

Call to Stewardship  
Offertory

*What Child is This*  
SheauKang Hew, Violin

\*Doxology

No. 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

No. 37

\*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\*Choral Response

Recessional

\*Postlude

*Savior of the Nations Come*

Paul Manz

\*Signifies congregation standing (for those able)

### **Worship Leaders**

Senior Pastor

Brent O. Johnston

Parish Associate

Judy Conners

Director of Music

Steve Bixler

Organist

Mark Sweeney

Band

Steve Bixler, Guitar; Chris Fox, Bass; SheauKang Hew, Violin