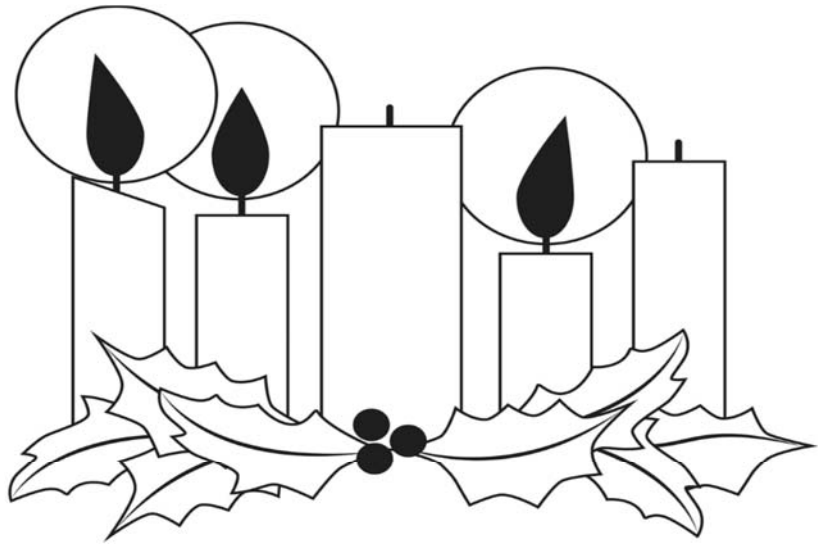


First Presbyterian Church

Wichita, Kansas



THIRD SUNDAY
OF
Advent

December 11, 2016
10:45 a.m.

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Prelude *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* Johannes Brahms
O Come, O Come Emmanuel Hal Hopson

Entering with the Candles of Presence Bailey Bowles and Meryt Ediger

Greetings

Introit Children's Choir

*Call to Worship

Leader: My soul magnifies the lord;

People: My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Leader: The Mighty One has done great things.

People: Holy is God's name!

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Lighting of the Advent Wreath Feagan Family

*Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* No. 9

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. And, like Mary, may our soul magnify the Lord over the coming salvation that is about to be born. In your Holy name, we pray, Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News!

The Herods of this world are put on notice. A new king is about to be born who has the power to set the captives free. John the Baptist will hear and receive this good news. You go tell John what you see and hear: "The blind receive sight. The deaf hear. The lame walk. The lepers are cleansed. The dead are raised. And the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the person who takes no offense at me," said Jesus to John's emissary and to us.

Friends, believe the Good News. In Jesus Christ, we are set free!

Thanks, be to God.

*Song of Thanksgiving *Gloria Patri* No. 579

*The Peace

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we are set free!

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

Responsive Reading

Luke 1:46-55 (Alternate verse)

Anthem

Mary's Magnificat

Andrew Carter

Softly a light is stealing, sweetly a maiden sings,

Ever wakeful, ever wistful,

Watching faithfully, thankfully, tenderly her King of kings.

My soul doth magnify the Lord:

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my savior.

Mary her song to Jesus softly, serenely sings: I will love you,

May my lullaby glorify, magnify my King of kings.

Reading from the Gospels

Matthew 11:2-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Imprisoned by Doubts and Fears"

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Hymn

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

No. 16

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

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Call to Stewardship

Offertory

Away in a Manger

arr. James Bastien

Youth Ringers, Gretchen Bixler, Director

*Doxology

No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

No. 48

***Charge and Benediction**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Choral Response**

Recessing with the Candles of Presence

***Postlude**

Savior of the Nations, Come

Paul Manz

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

PW Bake Sale TODAY December 11 helps feed hungry children

Stop in *The Well* after both worship services today. You will have the opportunity to purchase homemade items including cookies, sweet breads, candy and other goodies. This annual event by Presbyterian Women is a fundraiser for the Kansas Food Bank. The funds will help provide backpacks of food for children during the Christmas break when they do not have access to their school lunches. Last year your generous purchases raised over \$300.

Partners in Mission

Each week the Presbytery of Southern Kansas lifts some of its churches for Prayer Focus. For the week of December 11 remember the United Presbyterian Church, Jetmore, 303 West Best Street, Pastor Mark Durham, 75 members.

Updates

We have received 135 pledges so far for a total of \$430,590.00. The Elevate Your Giving campaign has received \$16,171.00.

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor

Liturgist

Director of Music

Organist

Children's Choir Director

Brent O. Johnston

Brian Howard

Steve Bixler

Mark Sweeney

Justin Petersen