

First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



December 17, 2017
10:45 a.m.

December 17, 2017

10:45 a.m.

Prelude *In the Bleak Mid-Winter* Raymond Haan

Processional Bronwen Burch & Khyah Van Es

Greetings

Bell Introit *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* arr. C. Dobrinski
James Ringers

*Call to Worship

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Salvation is closer now

People: than when we first believed.

Leader: Repent!

People: For the reign of God is at hand.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Kristen, Steve, & Annabelle Ivy

*Hymn *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* No. 8

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you love justice; why, then, do we persist in wrong doing and every form of evil? You have given us the gift of your Spirit; why, then, do we quench the Spirit among us? You have given us the words of the prophets and the Word himself; why, then, do we despise and ignore what we have heard from you? You have sent the light into the world; why, then, have we loved darkness rather than light? Forgive us. Restore us. Till and tend us as your garden until righteousness and praise spring up, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

*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

1st Thessalonians 5:16-24

Anthem

Sinfonia Sacra (Christmas Cantata)

Daniel Pinkham

Movement I

*Quem vidistis, pastore? Dicite.
Annuntiate nobis interis quis apparuit.
Natum vidimus et choras angelorum
Colaudantes Doinum.
Alleluia !*

*Whom did you see, Shepherds? Tell us.
Meanwhile, tell us what was right.
We saw the birth and an angel chorus
Praising the Lord.*

Second Reading

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Heeding the Words of John the Baptist “

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles Creed (traditional)

P.H. Pg. 14

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

P.H. Pg. 16

Mary Burgett

Call to Stewardship

Offertory

Sinfonia Sacra

Daniel Pinkahm

Movement II

(movements will be sung in succession)

*O mangnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum,
Ut animalia viderent Dominum natum.
Jacentem in praesepio.
Beata virgo cujus viscera meruerunt
Portare Dominum Christum.*

*O great mystery And admirable sacrament
That animals should see the newborn
Lying in a manger.
Blessed is the virgin whose womb was worthy
To bear Christ the Lord.*

Movement III

Chorus : *Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.*

Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace good will to all.

*Jubilate Deo omnis terra,
servite Dominum in laetitia.*

*Sing, shout to god all the earth,
Serve the Lord with gladness!*

Introite in conspectu ejus, in exultatione.

Sing, come before his exultation!

*Scitote quoniam Dominus ipse est Deus :
Ipse fecit nos, et non ipsi nos.*

*Know ye that the Lord is God!
He that hath made us and not we ourselves.*

Alleluia!

- | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| *Doxology | | No. 592 |
| *Prayer of Dedication | | |
| *Hymn | <i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i> | No. 23 |
| *Charge and Benediction | | |
| Leader: | The Lord be with you. | |
| People: | And also with you. | |
| *Choral Response | | |
| Recessional | | |
| *Postlude | <i>In Dulci Jubilo</i> | Raymond Haan |

*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
Trumpet	Gary Leopold & Dana Hamant
Trombone	Joe Clements & E.J. Lada