

Epiphany Lunch



Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Epiphany Lunch to be held on January 6th. Contact Alice Price at 267-6853 if you plan to bring soup. For details on how you can help with cupcakes or information on activities at this event, contact Liz Norris.



Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor
Parish Associate
Director of Music
Organist

Brent O. Johnston
Judy Connors
Steve Bixler
Mark Sweeney

First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



December 24, 2018

Prelude

Mark Sweeney, Organ
James Ringers, Bells- *A Christmas Tapestry*
Kyle Stanberry, Clarinet- *Noel Nouvelet*
Chancel Choir- *Still, Still, Still*

Greetings of the Season

*You are encouraged to sign the Friendship pads as they are passed to you in the pews.
Please remember to turn off your cell phone
before worship this evening.*

Call to Worship

Leader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth.

People: We have beheld his glory. Alleluia!

The Biblical Story — In Reading, Song & Pageant

Narrator.....Russ Davison
Mary.....Torre Rekoske
Joseph.....Iain Cline
Shepherds.....Isaac Cline, Carter Bowles, Logan Garner, Keaton Pedrino
Kings.....Asher Isaac, Matt Schloneger, Steve Bixler
Lights.....John Doll

Hymn of Reflection *What Child is This?* No. 53

Celebration of the Biblical Story

*Processional Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful* No. 41

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting Fox Family

Tonight is Christmas Eve. Tonight we celebrate God in a manger and rejoice at the news delivered by the angelic host: "For unto us is born in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah and the Lord. This will be a sign for you: You will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth, lying in a manger." With haste the shepherds made their way to Bethlehem to see for themselves and so must we. May we find our kneeling place beside the shepherds this night and may we rejoice with the angelic host that Christ has been born and so has hope for the world.

First Reading Luke 2:1-20

Anthem *O Holy Night* arr. Adams
Gretchen Bixler, Soprano

Second Reading Matthew 2:1-12

Homily "The Wise still Seek Him and the Powerful to Dethrone Him"
Rev. Dr. Brent Johnston

Hymn of Response *Joy to the World!* No. 40

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Call to Stewardship

Offertory *Sweet Little Jesus Boy* arr. MacGimsey
Sarah Gutierrez, Alto; Steve Bixler, Guitar

*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

Living Out the Biblical Story

*Sharing the Light Hymn *Silent Night, Holy Night* No. 60

(During this hymn the pastor will light a candle from the Christ Candle and the ushers will come forward to light their candles. Then the ushers will light the candles of the persons at the end of each pew.)

*Benediction
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

*Postlude Mark Sweeney, Organ

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)