

First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



December 3, 2017
8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
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Communion

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Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Hal Hopson

**Processional

Griffin Barker & Sierra Coldwater

Greetings

*Call to Worship

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

People: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed;

People: the night is far gone, the day is near.

Leader: If a person can see the leaves fall to the ground and know that winter is nigh, then why can't that same person read the signs of the times and know that the return of the Son of Man is nigh?

People: **Let us repent for the kingdom of God is at hand.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Stephanie Bird-Hutchison & Douglas Hutchison

**Julia Feagan & Tim Cooper, Chjase, Ryan, & Aleya Skinner

*Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

No. 9

Call to Confession

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

*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

Isaiah 64:1-9

Second Reading

Mark 1:9-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“When the Heavens Were Ripped in Two”

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles Creed (Traditional)

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Call to Stewardship

Offertory Anthem

Among the Stars of Night

Robert Wetzler

Among the stars of night one shone with splendor bright,

And came to rest over the place where Jesus lay;

God's Son gave up his might – Came down from heaven's height –

And as the Lamb, now is asleep upon the hay. Hodie Christus natus est!

The wise on bended knee, with shepherds came to see the holy child,

As Mary hummed a sweet refrain.

The angels sang with joy to welcome the heavenly boy,

And o'er the years echoes their song of peace again. Hodie Christus natus est!

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy child, make thee a bed, soft, undefiled,

Within my heart, that it may be a quiet chamber kept for thee.

*Doxology

No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy...
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty...
dedicated to your service.
Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Gracious God...now and forever.

All: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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Words of Institution

Communion of the People

by Intinction

Leader: The bread of life broken for you.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Eat the bread as you are served.*

***Please hold the cup. We will commune together.*

Communion Music *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Gilbert Martin

Prayer after Communion

*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

**Recessional

*Postlude

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

Raymond Haan

*Signifies congregation standing (for those able)

**Denotes 10:45 a.m. service only