

First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



December 31, 2017
10:45 a.m.

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1st Sunday after Christmas Day

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Prelude

Angels We Have Heard on High

French carol/arr. Bock

Processional

Brandon & Carter Bowles

Greetings

*Call to Worship

Leader: "Great is thy faithfulness, O God our Father, there is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.

People: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies we see; All we have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto us."

*Prayer of the Day

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; today and throughout the New Year, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

No. 28

Litany of Confession

Almighty God: you alone are good and holy. Purify our lives and make us brave disciples so we may serve Jesus Christ, who was tempted in every way as we are, and remained faithful to you.

Amen.

From lack of reverence for truth and beauty; for a calculating or sentimental mind; from going along with mean and ugly things;

O God, deliver us.

From cowardice that dares not face truth; laziness content with half-truths; or arrogance that thinks we know it all;

O God, deliver us.

From artificial life and worship; from all that is hollow or insincere;

O God, deliver us.

From trite ideals and cheap pleasures; from mistaking hard vulgarity for humor;

O God, deliver us.

From being dull, pompous, or rude; from putting down our neighbors;
O God, deliver us.

From cynicism about others; from intolerance or cruel indifference;
O God, deliver us.

From being satisfied with things as they are, in the church or in the world; from failing to share your indignation about injustice;
O God, deliver us.

From selfishness, self-indulgence, or self pity;
O God, deliver us.

From token concern for the poor, for lonely or loveless people; from confusing faith with good feeling or love with wanting to be loved;
O God, deliver us.

For everything in us that may hide your light;
O God, deliver us.

“Dear Lord, Creator, good and kind, forgive our foolish ways; Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives Thy service find, in deeper reverence praise.”

*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 Tammi Schulte

First Reading **Isaiah 61: 10-62:3**

Anthem *Some Children See Him* Alfred Burt

Gretchen Bixler, Soprano; Steve Bixler, Guitar

Second Reading Luke 2:22-40

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“As We Journey into the New Year ”

The Rev. Thomas M. Church

*Affirmation of Faith

(From “A Declaration of Faith” PCUS-1977)

The people of God have often misused God’s promises as excuses for doing nothing about present evils. But in Christ the new world has already broken in and the old can no longer be tolerated. We know our efforts cannot bring in God’s kingdom. But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives. Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and new humanity that are surely coming. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

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Call to Stewardship

Offertory

In the Bleak Mid-Winter

arr. John Innes

*Doxology

No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

Go Tell it On the Mountain

No. 29

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Recessional

*Postlude

Fantasia on “Dix”

Lani Smith

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor

Brent O. Johnston

Guest Preacher

Tom Church

Liturgist

Dick Wieland

Children’s Time

Tammi Schulte

Director of Music

Steve Bixler

Organist

Gary Huffman