

# First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas

SECOND SUNDAY IN  
LENT



*Second Sunday in Lent*  
February 21, 2016  
10:45 a.m.

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Prelude *Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth* (Elijah) Felix Mendelssohn

Entering with the Candles of Presence Bailey Bowles and Bronwen Burch

Greetings

Bell Introit *O Rest in the Lord* Felix Mendelssohn

Minute for Stewardship-Chancel Guild Alice Price

\*Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 27:4)

Leader: The psalmist sings, one thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after:

**People: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold  
the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in God's temple.**

Leader: Sisters and brothers, God is good, and in love and mercy greets us here.

\*Prayer of the Day

Loving God, you save all who seek refuge in you. Grant that we who know your salvation may walk always in your light, take courage in your faithfulness, and rejoice in your astounding goodness to us. Through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. **Amen.**

\*Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* No. 263

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,  
you have made us citizens of heaven,  
but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things.**

**We have let our desire for security restrain our  
commitment to serve the poor.** (Silence)

**We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation  
to love our enemies.** (Silence)

**We have let our love of things dull our generosity  
to the needy.** (Silence)

**We have let our love of things dull our generosity  
to the needy.** (Silence)

## Choral Response

### Assurance of Pardon

God, our light and our salvation, does not forsake us or leave us with our sin.  
In Christ we are forgiven and offered the gift of healing repentance.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*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

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Anthem

*As the Hart Longs*

Felix Mendelssohn

*As the hart longs after the water brooks,  
So longeth my soul for Thee, O God. (Psalm 42)*

Second Reading

Luke 13:31-35

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Standing Firm in the Face of Threat and Rejection”

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

\*Affirmation of Faith

Philippians 2:5-11

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

\*Hymn

*When Jesus Wept*

No. 312

Aimee Wallace

Call to Stewardship

Offertory

*Draw Near to Me, O Lord (from Elijah)*

Mendelssohn

Steve Bixler, Bass

*Draw near, all ye people, come to me!*

*Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel;*

*This day let it be known that Thou art God,*

*And I am Thy servant!*

*O shew to all this people that I have done these things according to Thy word!*

*O hear me Lord, and answer me!*

*O shew to all this people that Thou are Lord God;*

*And let their hearts again be turned!*

\*Doxology

No. 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

No. 438

\*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\*Choral Response

Recessing with the Candles of Presence

\*Postlude

Hans Uwe Hieschler

*Variations on Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

\*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

**Worship Leaders**

Senior Pastor

Brent O. Johnston

Liturgist

Tom Winters

Director of Music

Steve Bixler

Organist

Jonathan Murphy