

# First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



February 26, 2017  
10:45 a.m.

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Transfiguration of the Lord

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Prelude

*In Paradisium*

Gabriel. Fauré/arr. Marcel Dupré

Greetings

Processional

Sierra Coldwater & Torre Rekoske

\*Call to Worship

(excerpt from *Playing Hopscotch in Heaven*)

Leader: On glory's mountaintops of wonder and delight,  
we wait:

**People: for God's amazing grace to transform our shadowed lives.**

Leader: In the valleys of everyday life, where noise overwhelms us,  
we wait:

**People: willing to waste time simply being in God's presence.**

Leader: In the devouring fires of fear, in the midst of misguiding living,  
we wait:

**People: for the One who comes in majesty,  
to lead us down paths of humility.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

\*The Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Children attending Children's Church will come forward with parents to be signed out  
and the children will be picked up at the end of service in room C217.)

\*Hymn

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

No. 142

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(excerpt from *Playing Hopscotch in Heaven*)

**God of the mountaintops, the din of the world can harden hearts to your  
Word. We watch news, reality TV, silly sitcoms, yet have trouble bearing  
witness to your presence in our lives. Our faith is placed in those who fail  
us, our trust is given to those who misplace it.**

**Forgive us, Revealer of Mystery. You offer mercy to us, that we might hear your call to discipleship. You whisper our names, that we might know how loved we are. Caught by surprise of your never ending love for us, how can we not follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, onto mountaintops of worship and into the valleys of sacrifice and service! In your holy name we pray, Amen.**

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon (excerpt from *Playing Hopscotch in Heaven*)

On mountaintops and in valleys, in our homes and in our hearts, God knows us better than we know ourselves, and forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves.

**By God's mercy, we are forgiven.**

**By God's mercy we are made whole.**

**By God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*Song of Thanksgiving

*Gloria Patri*

No. 579

First Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

Anthem

*Introit and Kyrie (from Requiem )*

Gabriel Faure

*Rest eternal grant them, Lord, our God we pray to thee:*

*And light perpetual forever shine on them.*

*Thou, O God, art worshipped in Holy Sion:*

*Unto Thee the vow shall be performed in Jerusalem.*

*Hear us, Lord, hear our prayer. Christ hear our prayer.*

*Lord, unto Thee all flesh shall come. Lord, Have mercy; Christ have mercy.*

Second Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Topography as Setting for Transformation ”

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

\*Hymn

*“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”*

No. 73

Receiving Jacob Ediger as Newest Member

Elder-Pat Welker  
Elder-Joanna Ediger

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

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Call to Stewardship

Offertory

*Offertory (from Requiem)* Gabriel Faure

*Eric Lawrence, Bass*

*Lord Jesus Christ, thou that rulest in majesty,*

*O free the souls of Thy faithful departed from torment eternal,*

*And from the fathomless waters: O save them from utter darkness.*

*Grant them, Lord, grant them deliverance from death unto life,*

*We pray thee, as of old thou hast promised to our fathers, Abraham and his seed.*

*Amen.*

\*Doxology

No. 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn

*O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair*

No.75

\*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\*Choral Response

Recessional

\*Postlude

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Hal Hopson

\*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

Caroline Anderson, Hailey Treas

Viola

Seth Girton, Lindsey Hellwig

Cello