

# First Presbyterian Church

Wichita, Kansas

## FOURTH



## SUNDAY in LENT

March 6, 2016  
10:45 a.m.

---

**March 6, 2016**

**10:45 a.m.**

Prelude Partita on Nettleton (*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*) J. Blerch

Entering with the Candles of Presence Meryt Ediger and Samantha Gales

Greetings

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Return to the Lord your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

**People: Let us worship God.**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

God of compassion, you are slow to anger, and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts. Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you. Seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

No. 356

Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.**

**Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

\*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

II Corinthians 5:16-21

Second Reading

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Reconciled! And yet...”

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

Call to Stewardship

Offertory Anthem

*The Holy Lamb of God*

K. Lee Scott

No. 592

\*Doxology

\*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...  
...that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.  
Great is the mystery of faith:  
**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**  
Leader: Gracious God...now and forever. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

P.H. Pg. 16

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Eat the bread as you are served.*

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

Communion Music

*Allegretto*

Ludwig van Beethoven

(from Symphony No. 7 in A Major)

Prayer after Communion

\*Hymn

*Now To Your Table Spread*

No. 515

\*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\*Choral Response

Recessing with the Candles of Presence

\*Postlude *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing: Variations on Nettleton* A.L. Travis

\*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

### Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor

Brent O. Johnston

Liturgist

Dick Wieland

Director of Music

Steve Bixler

Organist

Jonathan Murphy