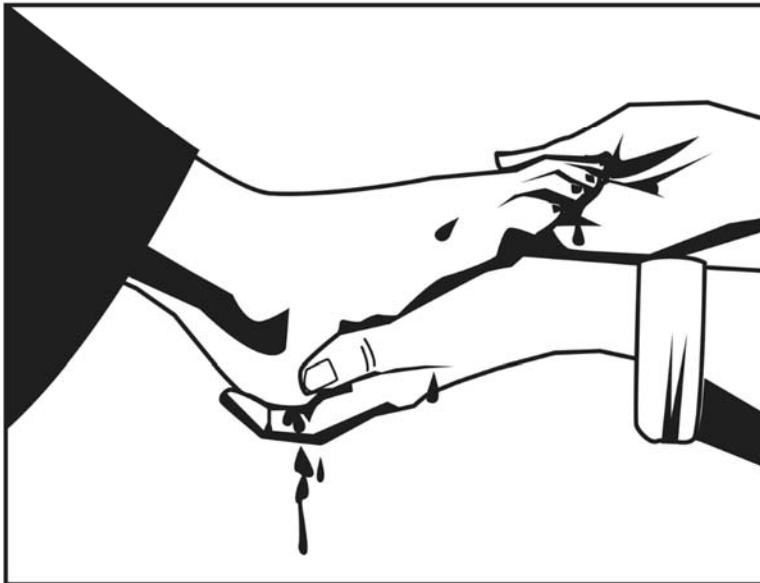


# First Presbyterian Church

Wichita, Kansas

S E C O N D

Sunday in Lent



March 12, 2017  
10:45 a.m.

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**March 12, 2017**

**2nd Sunday in Lent**

**10:45 a.m.**

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Prelude

*Have Mercy on Me, O Lord*

J.S. Bach

Processional

Bronwen Burch & Katelyn Young

Greetings

\*Call to Worship

Leader: From where will our help come?

**People: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: Who is our keeper?

**People: The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.**

Leader: How long will God protect us?

**People: God will keep our going out and our coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

\*Prayer of the Day

God our helper, our shade, our protector, you are able to give life to the dead, to call into being things that do not exist. We trust in your power to make all things new; to keep us in sunlight and moonlight, along rocky paths and pathways unknown; until all our going and coming brings us at last to your kingdom promised in Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

\*Hymn

*O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

No. 83

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. you call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. forgive us, we pray. help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Silence

Choral Response

## Assurance of Pardon

Friends, God is for us and not against us! For that very reason, God sent his son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe the good news:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

\*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.**

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4

Anthem

I Lift Mine Eyes Unto the Hills

Renee Clausen

*I lift mine eyes unto the hills; from where comes my help?*

*My help is in the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.*

*God will not let your foot be moved, and God watches over you.*

*Behold the Lord who keeps watch over Israel shall slumber not nor sleep.*

*The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand,*

*So that the sun shall not strike you; nor the moon by night.*

*The Lord shall preserve us from evil, it is he who shall keep you safe.*

*The Lord will watch over you, your going out and your coming in,*

*From this time forth, and forever more.*

*Alleluia, Amen.*

Second Reading

John 3:1-17

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Confusion about Being Born Again

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

\*Hymn

*The God of Abraham Praise*

No. 488

Call to Stewardship

Offertory

*Let There Be Peace On Earth*

Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

Marilyn Heffner, Alto

*(Please join on chorus:)*

*To take each moment and live each moment,*

*In peace eternally.*

*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

\*Doxology

No. 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn

*To God Be the Glory*

No. 485

\*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\*Choral Response

Recessional

\*Postlude

*Toccata in e minor*

Johann Pachelbel

\*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

**Worship Leaders**

Senior Pastor

Pastor Associate

Director of Music

Organist

Brent O. Johnston

Judy Conners

Steve Bixler

Mark Sweeney