

# First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas

EPIC FAITH

*@ First Presbyterian*



*Downtown*

May 14, 2017  
10:45 a.m.

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Prelude

*Canzonet*

Raymond Haan

Processional

Owen & Griffin Barker

Greetings

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Let us offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God,  
through Jesus Christ our risen lord.

**People: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

Chime Introit

Revelations Choir

\*Hymn

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

No. 464

Energizer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, your word offers freedom from sin, but we confess that we have not obeyed your word. We have harbored malice toward our enemies; we have been deceitful in our relationships; we have been insincere in our commitments; through gossip we have slandered our friends. Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance. Help your children long for your pure, spiritual milk that we may grow into the joy of salvation through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Silence

Choral Response

Song of Joy

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*  
(3 times)

Insert

Assurance of Pardon

\*The Peace

Leader: Since Christ has forgiven us, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*(The children may come forward during the greeting.)*

Time with the Children

Katie Young & Sierra Coldwater

Anthem

*Deep and Wide*-Traditional  
Children's Choir, Sarah Gutierrez, Director

Slide Show

Scripture Reading

1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:2-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Called Out of Darkness"  
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

Honoring Our Graduates

Geri Doll

Prayers Among the People & the Lord's Prayer

The Rev. Dr. Brent Johnston

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Call to Stewardship

Offertory

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
Text found in Hymn #473

John Rutter

\*Doxology

No. 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn

*O Happy Day*

arr. Shaw

Traditional Spiritual

*O happy day, when Jesus washed my sins away.  
He taught me how to watch and pray, to fight and pray,  
And live rejoicing every day.  
Oh happy day, when Jesus washed my sins away.*

\*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\*Choral Response

Recessional

\*Postlude

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

David Cherwien

\*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

#### **Pentecost Offering to be Received June 4**

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, this year June 4, we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life with an offering intended to nurture the faith of those newest among us. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps encourage, develop, and support young people, including the Youth Triennium and Young Adult Volunteers in mission. It is also used to address the needs of at-risk children. Local congregations retain 40% of the offering to use to impact the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children and youth ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

This is one of the four churchwide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA). It plays a role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC(USA) to take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offering offers opportunities for partnership and witness and profoundly affects the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.

#### **Worship Leaders**

Senior Pastor  
Director of Music  
Organist

Brent O. Johnston  
Steve Bixler  
Mark Sweeney