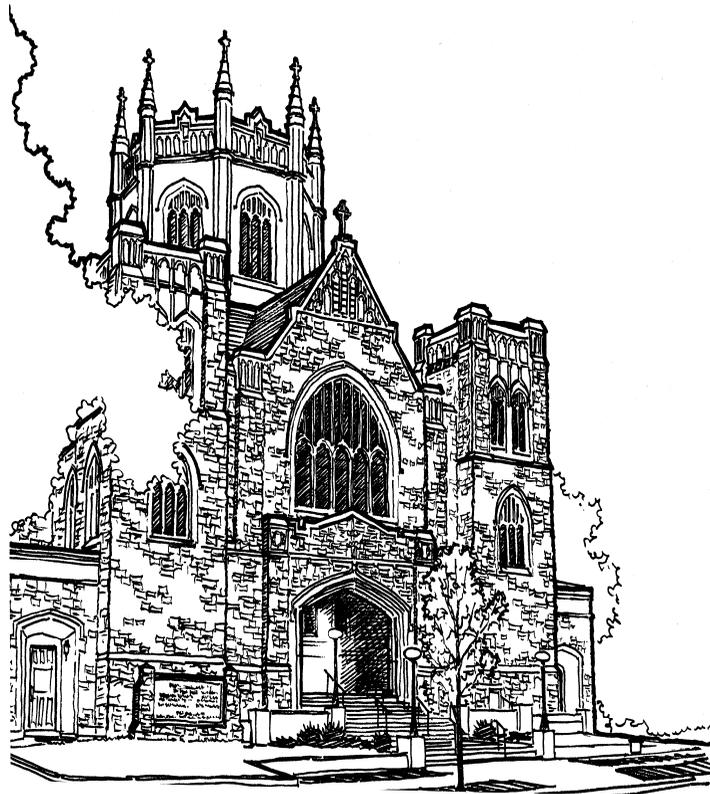


First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



May 22, 2016
10:45 a.m.

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Trinity Sunday

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Prelude

We All Believe in One God

Marcel Dupré

Entering with the Candles of Presence

Jacob Ediger & Chris Gales

Greetings

*Call to Worship (adapted from *The Trinity: God's Love Overflowing*)

Leader: We are called to worship by the triune God whose gracious love invites our grateful response. It is God who calls us to worship, not we ourselves, and so we are beckoned by words of scripture that voice the fullness of Promise, Salvation, and Peace.

People: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of God's glory. I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Prayer of the Day

O blessed Trinity, in whom we know the Maker of all things seen and unseen, the Savior of all both near and far: By your Spirit enable us so to worship your divine majesty, that with all the company of heaven we may magnify your glorious name, saying: Holy, holy, holy. Glory to you, O Lord most high. **Amen.**

*Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

No. 138

Prayer of Confession

(Adapted from *The Trinity: God's Love Overflowing*)

In the presence of the Trinity, who is overflowing love, grace, and communion, we are confronted by our own loveless, ungracious, and self-absorbed ways. This overflowing triune love also has the power to overcome our sins of self-devaluation and our feelings of worthlessness. The God who forgives is at once powerful, wise, and tender [as seen in the following prayer from Catherine of Siena]:

Power of the eternal Father, help me! Wisdom of the Son, enlighten the eye of my understanding! Tender clemency of the Holy Spirit, enflame my heart and unite it to yourself!

With this understanding of the Triune God who stands ready to forgive, let us pray:

God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **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

1st Corinthians 2:9-10; 13:12-13

Anthem

Holy God We Praise Thy Name

John Ferguson

(Text may be found in the Presbyterian Hymnal, #460)

Second Reading

John 16:12-15

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“A Mystery Revealed”

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Affirmation of Faith

(adapted from *The Trinity: Overflowing with Love*)

Let all of God’s people say:

The love of the triune God made known to us in Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit is plentiful beyond measure. It is given freely and extravagantly,

utterly unmerited and unexpected. It is always greater than we can imagine or conceive. Like a gushing fountain, God's love overflows toward us. (Rom. 5:20, Jer. 2:13; Jn. 4:14).

It freely pours forth in an inexhaustible stream, never diminished in the giving, never drying up. It is constant and trustworthy. It is more powerful than all the forces of sin and evil that deny and resist the gift and call of the love of God given to us in Jesus Christ and shared with us by the Holy Spirit. It cannot be quenched, even by death itself. (Song 8:6-7).

[Truly]

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord, Amen. (Rom 8:38-39).

*Hymn *Come, Thou Almighty King* No. 139
Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer P.H. Pg. 16

Call to Stewardship
Offertory *The Prayer* David Foster
Justin Petersen, Tenor
Tiffany Hesser, Soprano

*Doxology No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn *Come, Great God of All the Ages* No. 132

Commissioning of Youth to El Salvador

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Choral Response

Recessing with the Candles of Presence

*Postlude *Toccata on Nicaea* arr. Page Long

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)