

# First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



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Prelude *Adagio from Sonata in C Minor* Alexandre Guilmant

Entering with the Candles of Presence Bronwen Burch

Greetings

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Choose this day whom you will serve.

**People: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.**

Leader: Cry aloud, and call upon God's name.

**People: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.**

Leader: Declare God's glory among the nations.

**People: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.**

Leader: Sing to the lord, and bless God's name.

**People: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.**

\*Prayer of the Day

Lord God of the nations, you have revealed your will to all people and promised your saving help. May we hear and do what you command, that the darkness may be overcome by the power of your light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

\*Hymn

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

No. 420

Prayer of Confession (adapted from Exodus 20:1-3 and 1st Kings 18:26-29)

Hear now the first commandment: "You shall have no other gods before me," says the lord. But we do have other gods that claim our adoration, our time, our energy, our resources, our hearts. Let us confess our idolatry, trusting in God's mercy to save:

When we limp around altars we have made with anxious expectation of idols we adore,

**Lord, have mercy.**

When we whip ourselves with condemnation, sacrificing our very selves for that which cannot satisfy,

**Lord, bring healing.**

When we beg our idols to meet our deepest need— and there is no voice, no answer, no response,

**Lord, save us! Amen.**

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon (adapted from Galatians 1:4,5:1)

The Lord Jesus Christ poured out his very self to set us free from the idols that enslave us! It is for freedom that Christ has set us free! Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Friends, 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.**

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

Time with the Children

First Reading

1<sup>st</sup> Kings 18:20-39

Anthem

*The Lord is a Mighty God*

arr. Olaf Christiansen

*The Lord is a mighty God and a mighty ruler over all false idols.*

Second Reading

Galatians 1:1-12

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Belief in the Message and Messenger”

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

\*Hymn

*O Christ, the Healer*

No. 380

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

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Call to Stewardship

Offertory      *Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place*      arr. Tom Keen  
Eric Lawrence , Bass

*Chorus: Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace;  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place!*

*In the midst of His children the Lord said He would be;  
It doesn't take very many, it can be just two or three;  
And I feel that same sweet spirit, that I've felt oft-times before  
Surely I can say I've been with the Lord. Chorus.*

*There's a holy hush around us as God's glory fills this place;  
I've touched the hem of His garment; I can almost see His face;  
And my heart is overflowing with the fullness of His joy;  
I know without a doubt that I've been with the Lord. Chorus.*

\*Doxology      No. 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn      *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*      No. 357

\*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\*Choral Response

Recessing with the Candles of Presence

\*Postlude      *Chant Heroique*      Gordon Young

\*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

**Worship Leaders**

Senior Pastor

Brent O. Johnston

Liturgist

Brian Howard

Director of Music

Steve Bixler

Organist

Gary Huffman