

# First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



June 12, 2016  
9:30 a.m.

**A Time for Centering**

“We are aware . . . an act of confession is not lightly undertaken, but only if it is considered that the heart of the gospel is so threatened as to be at stake. . . .

Accordingly, we make this confession not as a contribution to a theological debate nor as a new summary of our beliefs, but as a cry from the heart, as something we are obligated to do for the sake of the gospel in view of the time in which we stand.”

Accompanying Letter to The Belhar Confession  
proposed for inclusion in the *Book of Confessions*

Prelude *Festive Prelude* James Pethel

Entering with the Candles of Presence Meryt Ediger & Samantha Gales

Greetings

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth.

**People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

**People: It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

**People: Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

Leader: For the Lord is good;

**People: His steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

\*Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ, now exalted as Lord of all, pours out his gifts on the church. Grant us that unity which your Spirit gives, keep us in the bond of peace, and bring all creation to worship before your throne; for you live and reign one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

\*Hymn *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me* No. 366

Call to Confession

Corporate Confession of Sins

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

\*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

Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Anthem

*Just As I Am, Lord*

Don Besig and Nancy Price

Scripture Reading

Mark 5:21-43

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Why Trouble the Teacher Any Further?”

Russ Davisson

\*Affirmation of Faith

(The Belhar Confession)

**We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one Name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope; together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the**

**love of Christ; together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ; that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.**

**Amen.**

Morning Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

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Call to Stewardship

Offertory

*Pie Jesu, from Requiem*  
Gretchen Bixler, Soprano  
*Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem.*  
*O Lord, grant them eternal rest.*

Gabriel Faure

*Sempiternam requiem.*  
*Everlasting rest.*

\*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

*Toccata*

Leon Boëllmann

\*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

### **Worship Leaders**

Guest Speaker

Russ Davisson

Liturgist

Ann Eastwood

Director of Music

Steve Bixler

Organist

Mark Sweeney