

# First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



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Prelude Festive Trumpet Tune David German

Entering with the Candles of Presence Samantha Gales & Torre Rekoske

Greetings

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Love the lord your God,

**People: with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind**

Leader: Love your neighbor as yourself,

**People: with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind**

Leader: Do this and you will live!

**People: Let us Worship God!**

\*Prayer of the Day

Holy God, you call us to live out your justice and righteousness. Help us to walk in your footsteps, so that we never lose our way. Enable us to live and love in the way that you have taught us, so that we can act in grace, even with those who we consider our enemies. In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

\*Hymn

Come, Sing, O Church, In Joy!

No. 430

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we are your sons and daughters, descendants of Abraham and Sarah by faith, yet, we do little to honor you and our actions often belittle the love you have for us.**

**Have mercy on us: Especially when we do not defend the weak or those without fathers or mothers; or when we do not uphold the poor or the oppressed; or when we do not commit to efforts to rescue the weak and the needy.**

**Rise up to judge us, O God, because we prefer your merciful justice than living with guilt and fear. Straighten our path, so that we can be guided as a mother or a father guides their beloved children. This is we pray**

**according to the mercy poured out upon us in Jesus Christ that enables us to call Jesus our brother and Jesus' God our Father. Amen.**

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

God's unconditional love does not seek appearances or conditions. And, yet, God's unconditional love for us refuses to leave us in our present condition.

**Thankfully, God loves in such a way, that we are restored to health and to wholeness.**

Friends, believe the Good News.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

\*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

Amos 7: 7-17

Anthem

Sit Down Servant

Patsy Ford Simms

*Terry McManis, Baritone*

Second Reading

Luke 10: 25-37

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Neighborly Love as Prophetic Critique"

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

\*Affirmation of Faith

Excerpt from *Brief Statement of Faith*

**In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

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Call to Stewardship

Offertory

Andante" from Sonata No. 3 in A Major

Felix Mendelssohn

\*Doxology

No. 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn

O Jesus, I Have Promised

No. 388

\*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Recessing with the Candles of Presence

\*Postlude

"Darwall"

Healey Willan

\*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

### **Worship Leaders**

Senior Pastor

Liturgist

Director of Music

Organist

Brent O. Johnston

Gale Farmer

Steve Bixler

Mark Sweeney