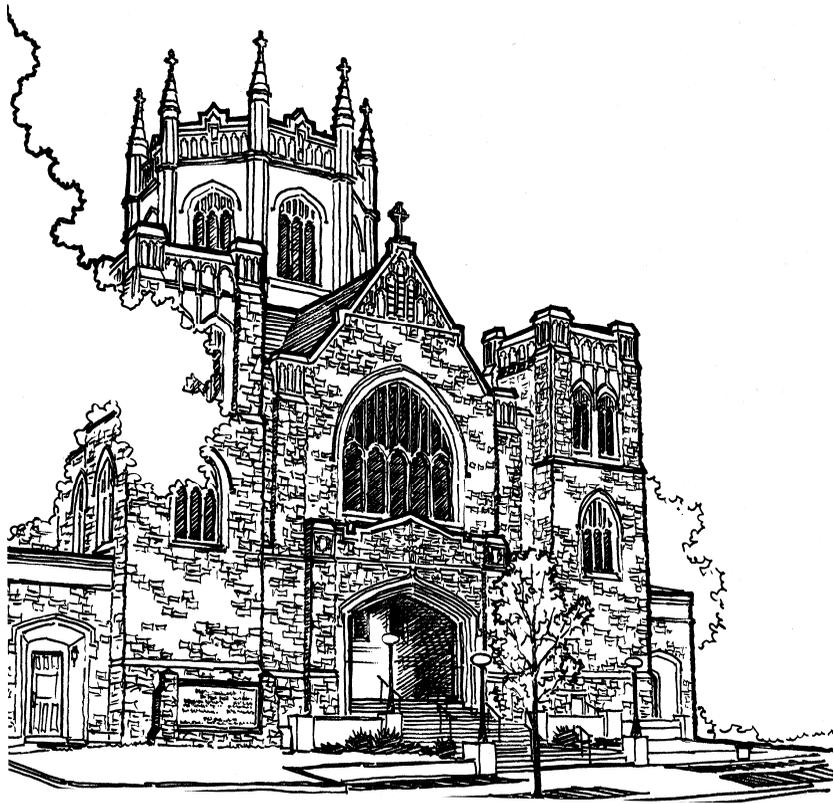


# First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



July 17, 2016

9:30 a.m.

*Prayers of the People*

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**9th Sunday after Pentecost**

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Prelude

*The God of Abraham Praise*

Hal Hopson

Entering with the Candles of Presence

Bronwen Burch and Katelyn Young

Greetings

\*Call to Worship

God is good and loving to the faithful. Give thanks and praise for all that God has done for us.

**God is good! Praise the Lord!**

\*Prayer of the Day

Grant us this day, O God, not to be overtaken by anxious thoughts that can make us feel that you are not near. Give us the chance, to sit at your feet, to enjoy every word and every musical note that we may feel your real presence and in turn live out that presence within our families, our communities, our jobs, and our schools. Prepare us as we journey as your people, to worship and to obedience. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, the image of the invisible God, and the firstborn over all creation. **Amen.**

\*Hymn

*The God of Abraham Praise*

No. 488

Prayer of Confession

Reader 1: Sometimes, O God, we behave like Martha.

We get distracted in our routines, so busy with our daily chores that we forget to take the time to stop and breathe, to look up and to notice the creation you have given and the way it speaks about your love and passion for your people. We do not take time to listen for your words, while reading the Bible, while listening to music, while talking to friends, and we become worried and upset about many things.

Reader 2: Sometimes, O God, we behave like Mary.

We devote our time to looking up, thinking that everything we are commanded to do is to love God, and we forget to serve our neighbor, and to commit our time to the concrete work of the church, forgetting to get our hands dirty.

Congregation: **God of Martha and Mary, help us: forgive us when we do not know when to be workers and when to be hearers. In your mercy, heal our worries and our judgments, so that we can, indeed, keep the best part. In the name of our loving Master. Amen.**

Silence

## Assurance of Pardon

Before, because of your sinful thoughts and actions, you were strangers and enemies of God. Now, you have been reconciled to God by the death and resurrection of Christ. Now, you can live in peace, restored by the blood shed on the cross. Live thankfully!

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 8:1-12

Anthem

*Be Thou My Vision*  
Spencer Stelljes, Tenor

Arr. Childs

Second Reading

Luke 10:38-42

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“A Famine Predicted ”  
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(Excerpt from Confession of 1967)*

**South Side: The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the word of God written. The Scriptures are not a witness among others, but the witness without parallel. The church has received the books of the Old and New Testaments as prophetic and apostolic testimony in which it hears the word of God and by which its faith and obedience are nourished and regulated.**

**Middle Rows: The New Testament is the recorded testimony of apostles to the coming of the Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth, and the sending of the Holy Spirit to the Church. The Old Testament bears witness to God's faithfulness in his covenant with Israel and points the way to the fulfillment of his purpose in Christ. The Old Testament is indispensable to understanding**

**the New, and is not itself fully understood without the New.**

**North Side: The Bible is to be interpreted in the light of its witness to God's work of reconciliation in Christ. The Scriptures, given under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, are nevertheless the words of men, conditioned by the language, thought forms, and literary fashions of the places and times at which they were written. They reflect views of life, history, and the cosmos which were then current. The church, therefore, has an obligation to approach the Scriptures with literary and historical understanding. As God has spoken his word in diverse cultural situations, the church is confident that he will continue to speak through the Scriptures in a changing world and in every form of human culture.**

**ALL: God's word is spoken to his church today where the Scriptures are faithfully preached and attentively read in dependence on the illumination of the Holy Spirit and with readiness to receive their truth and direction. Amen.**

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer P.H. Pg. 16  
Marsha Veasart, Deacon

Call to Stewardship  
Offertory *Adagio* Roger Nyquist  
\*Doxology No. 592  
\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* No. 262

\*Charge and Benediction  
Leader: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

Recessing with the Candles of Presence

\*Postlude *Doxology Postlude* Peter Pindar Stearns

\*signifies congregation standing (for those able)