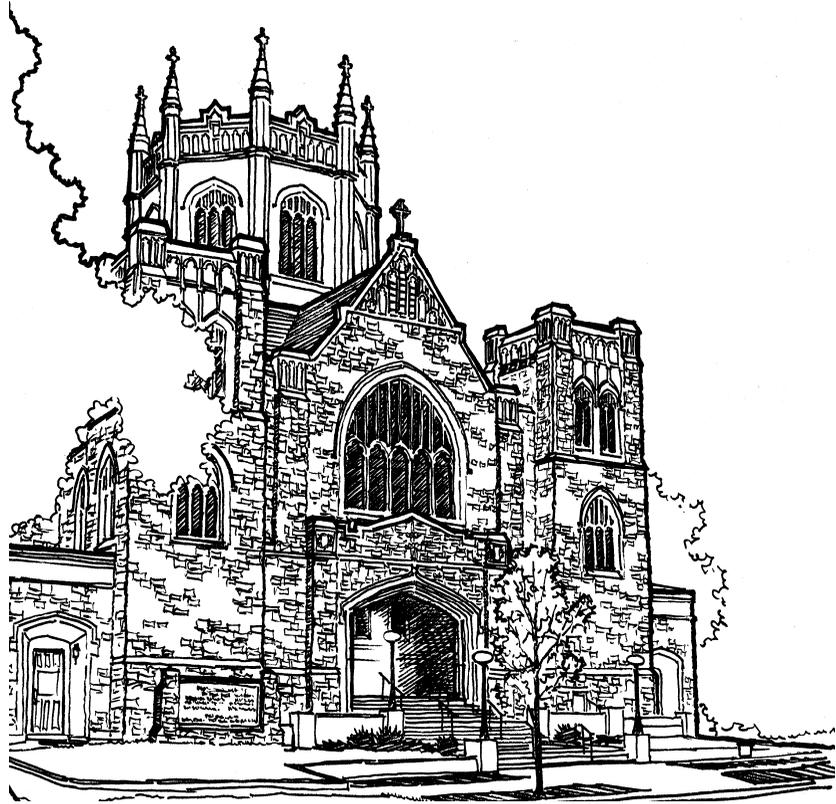


# First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



August 20, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

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**11th Sunday after Pentecost**

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Prelude

*Festal Flourish*

Gordon Jacob

Processional

Bronwen Burch & Torre Rekoske

Greetings

\*Call to Worship

(taken from Psalm 133)

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**People: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.**

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

**People: Praise be to God.**

\*Prayers of the Day

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

\*Hymn

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

No. 489

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

This forgiveness proclaimed today is not on the basis of what we have done or what we believe but on what God has done in Jesus Christ. We are saved by grace or not at all. This is the Good News we dare to proclaim and seek to embody.

**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.**

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

Time with the Children

First Reading

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Anthem

*Behold Now, Praise the Lord*

Everett Titcomb

*Behold now, praise the Lord; All ye servants of the Lord.*

*Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord,*

*Even in the courts of the house of our God.*

*Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and praise the Lord.*

*Behold now, praise the Lord.*

Second Reading

Matthew 15:10-28

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“A Timely Teaching on Religious and Racial Purity?”

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

\*Affirmation of Faith

(excerpt from Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for**

