

First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



August 21, 2016
9:30 a.m.
Prayers of the People

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14th Sunday after Pentecost

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Prelude

Aria

Flor Peeters

Entering with the Candles of Presence

Bailey Bowles

Greetings

Minute for Stewardship

Our Fall Schedule

Stephanie Bird-Hutchison

*Call to Worship

Leader: God is our rock and our fortress,
our refuge and strength.

People: God is our hope and our trust.

Praise the Lord!

*Prayer of Adoration

O God, you are infinite, eternal and unchangeable, glorious in holiness,
full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth. Your works
everywhere praise you, and your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ our
Savior. Therefore, we praise you, blessed and holy Trinity, one God,
forever and ever. **Amen.**

*Hymn

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

No. 260

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, God of the burning bush, you come to us as a consuming fire,
and the one who has consecrated us before time. You promise us a
kingdom that cannot be shaken and call us to serve you with praise and
thanksgiving. But we forget, and yield to fear. We trust in the tangible
rewards of this world, and neglect your promises. We confess that we are a
divided people; we foster separations and widen rifts in our families, our
communities, and in the world. Open us to your healing. Free us from all
that distances us from your presence. Give us your grace and inspire us to
serve you with courage; through Jesus Christ who comes to save.**

Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

*Song of Thanksgiving

“Gloria Patri”

No. 579

*The Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

First Reading

Hebrews 12:18-29

Anthem

With a Voice of Singing
Choir

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands,

O sing praises to the honor of His name,

Make His praise to be glorious.

Second Reading

Luke 13:10-17

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Our God is a Consuming Fire ”

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Hymn

Jesus Loves Me!

No. 304

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

Pat Welker

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Call to Stewardship

Offertory

In His Presence

Tunney/Kingsmore

Eric Lawrence, Bass

In the quiet of this hour, as I kneel before you now, I believe your promise to be faithful.

I don't always understand what your perfect will demands,

but I've learned to trust you more in your presence.

In your presence there is comfort; In your presence there is peace.

*When we seek to know your heart, we will find such blessed assurance
in your holy presence, Lord.*

*Doxology

No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

Canto de Esperanza, Song of Hope

No. 432

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*Choral Response

Recessing with the Candles of Presence

*Postlude

Festival Voluntary

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor

Liturgist

Director of Music

Organist

Brent O. Johnston

Brian Howard

Steve Bixler

Mark Sweeney