

# First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



August 27, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

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**August 27, 2015**

**12th Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:30 a.m.**

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Prelude

*O Lord Most Holy*

Franz Act

Entering with the Candles of Presence

Griffin Barker & Iain Cline

Greetings

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Why are we here today?

**People: God is calling us.**

Leader: Why is God calling us?

**People: To be the church, people united by God in faith.**

Leader: For what purpose would God do such a thing?

**People: God has given each member a gift to share, so that if we all come together and lean on one another, we can become all that God has called us to be. Let us worship the God who brings us together and praise Him for his many gifts!**

\*Prayer of the Day

\*Hymn

*All Creatures of our God and King*  
(versus 1,4,6)

No. 455

Litany of Confession

Leader: Who do we say that Jesus is? In our finest moments, we declare God's truth.

**People: Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus is Lord of our whole lives.**

Leader: Who do we say that Jesus is? In our weakest moments, we utter deceptions:

**People: Jesus is a magician who makes our problems disappear. Or he is a nice man....who lived once upon a time—a Sunday morning diversion who asks nothing of us.**

Leader: Who do we say that Jesus is?

**ALL: Jesus is our redeemer. He lives. He forgives us our false affirmations and empowers us for the tasks of discipleship. He is the Christ, The Son of the Living God. Amen**

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Who do we say Jesus is? He is the judge of all -- but also the one who was judged. He knew no sin, yet he took on the powers of sin for our sake. Let us thank God that through his loving sacrifice we are redeemed and our sins are forgiven. Amen.

\*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 Psalm 124

Anthem Earnest Alexander  
Youth Horizons

Second Reading Matthew 16: 13-20

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Guess Who"  
Judy Conners, Pastor

\*Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer P.H. Pg. 16

Call to Stewardship

Offertory Earnest Alexander  
Youth Horizons

\*Doxology No. 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn *Arise, Our Light Has Come!*  
No. 411

\*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\*Choral Response

Recessing with the Candles of Presence

\*Postlude

*Sortie in D*

Th. Salome'

\*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

**A Half-Day Workshop Featuring:**

**Session 1:** Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief

**Session 2:** An Introduction to Stephen Ministry

**Session 3:** How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way

**When:** Saturday, September 23-9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. (Check-in and on-site registration begins at 8:00 a.m.)

**Where:** First Presbyterian Church

**Cost:** \$15 per person

**To Register:** Visit [www.stephenministry.org](http://www.stephenministry.org) or call Stephen Ministries at (314)428-2600  
(No cost to our members)

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