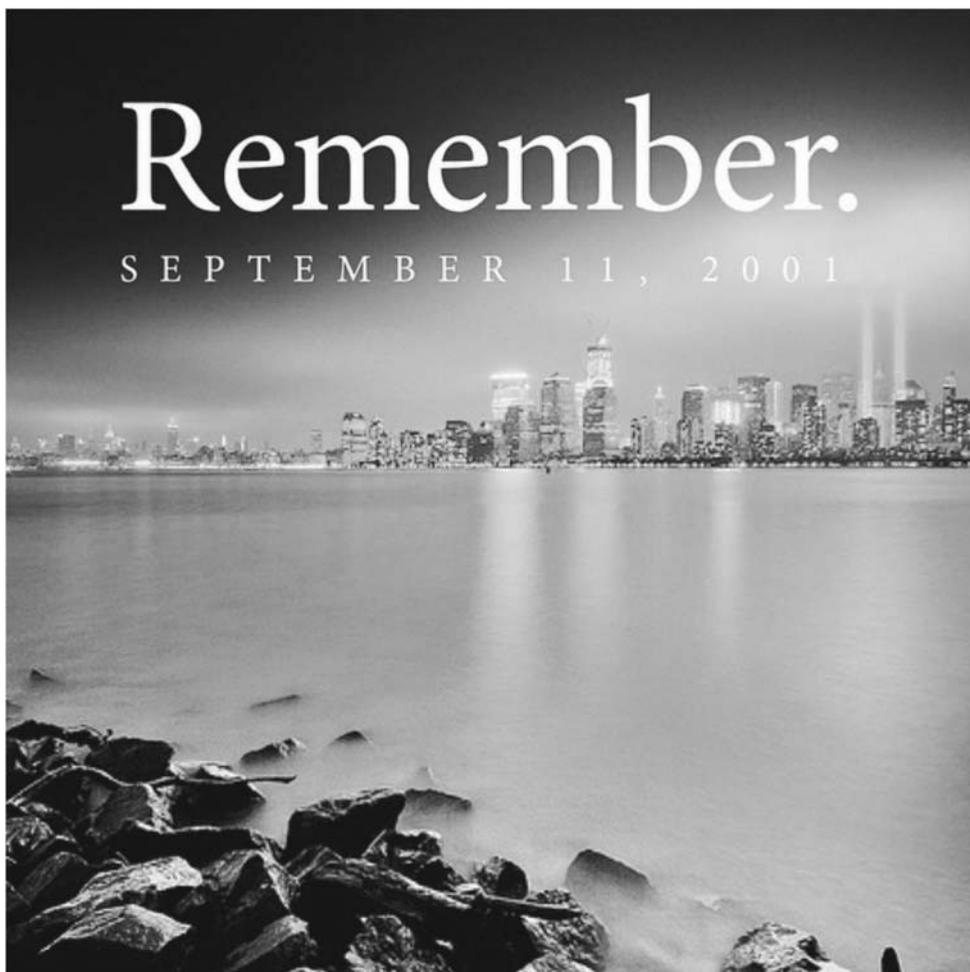


# First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



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Prelude *Adagio for Strings* Samuel Barber

Entering with the Candles of Presence Zach Blessant & Chris Gales

Greetings

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Let us bow before our Creator, whose Spirit moves over desert and sea,  
whose Word has the power to create, to judge, and to save.

**People: Come, let us worship God.**

\*Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, when our spirits lift at the beauty of the day, you are Lord;  
and when chaos threatens to overwhelm and we dread the next news cycle—  
still, you are Lord. Always you are creating, redeeming, sustaining.  
Speak then your mercy into this place until we discover the courage to  
open our eyes, unclench our hands, and move toward our neighbor in need,  
until all the world rises and moves with the rhythm of your grace; for we long to  
honor the name of Jesus, by whose breath we pray.

**Amen.**

\*Hymn *To God Be the Glory* No. 485

Special Music *Creation Hymn* Ludwig van Beethoven  
William Powers, Bass

Prayer of Confession

**Creator of the universe, we imagine that we are in familiar territory,  
that we know what to expect of this hour, that we will leave much the way  
that we came. Do not abandon us to our foolishness. In judgment, illumine  
our darkness. In mercy, bear us home—until we recognize your presence  
wherever evil is confronted, truth is spoken, and life is restored. Amen.**

Silence

Choral Response

## Assurance of Pardon

But this we call to mind, and therefore have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. In the name of the Lord, who is our portion and our hope, I declare that our sin is forgiven. May our mouths be filled with praise. **Amen.**

\*Song of Thanksgiving

*Gloria Patri*

No. 579

\*The Peace

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
Let 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 12:9-21

Anthem

*One Faith, One Hope, One Lord*

Craig Courtney

*One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died,  
One voice, on song we lift in praise to Him  
Who was and is and shall be evermore.*

*There is one body, one spirit, as you were classed to one hope.  
One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all,  
Who is in you all.*

*Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts, we are given to each other  
For the unity of faith, that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God,  
In the fullness of Christ.*

Second Reading

Luke 15:1-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Remembering and Reframing 9/11”  
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

\*Hymn

*Just as I Am, Without One Plea*

No. 370

Litany of Remembrance by David R. Henson

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Lighting a Candle of Hope

Call to Stewardship

Offertory

*Agnus Dei*  
William Powers, Bass

Georges Bizet

\*Doxology

No. 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

No. 263

\*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\*Choral Response

Recessing with the Candles of Presence

\*Postlude

*Postlude*

David Johnson

\*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

### **Worship Leaders**

Senior Pastor

Liturgist

Director of Music

Organist

Brent O. Johnston

Patty Cole

Steve Bixler

Mark Sweeney