

# First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



September 18, 2016  
10:45 a.m.

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**18th Sunday After Pentecost**

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Prelude

*Aberystwyth*

Healey Willan

Entering with the Candles of Presence

Bailey Bowles and Bronwen Burch

Greetings

Bell Introit

*A Quiet Alleluia*

Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Our help is in the name of the lord, who made heaven and earth.

**People: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;  
deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

\*Prayer of the Day

God of the burning bush, you hear the cries of your people for justice and mercy; you answer our prayers with the gift of your son, who bears our burdens and sets us free. Speak your truth to us; purge and refine us; that we may love and serve you alone. **Amen.**

\*Hymn

*O God of Every Nation*

No. 289

Prayer of Confession

**Creator of the universe, breath of life, a refiner's fire of judgment, we come trembling before you for we have hoarded and bartered what has never been ours in the hope of securing our future. We have yearned for wealth more than we have yearned for you. We have squandered your trust and grieved your heart with our betrayal. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, redeem us and refine us, that we might be conformed into the image of your Son, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Beloved of God, the mercy of the lord is from everlasting to everlasting. It cannot be contained, but must be poured out. Nothing you have done, nothing you will ever do is enough to separate you from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ. I declare in the name of the risen Christ that our sin is forgiven and our lives are made new.

**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

1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:1-7

Anthem

*Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love*

Everett Titcomb

*Jesus! Name of wondrous love! Name all other names above!  
Unto which must every knee bow in deep humility.*

*Jesus! Name decreed of old to the maiden mother told,  
Kneeling in her lowly cell, by the angel Gabriel.*

*Jesus! Name of priceless worth to the fallen sons of earth,  
For the promise that it gave, "Jesus shall His people save."*

Second Reading

Luke 16:1-13

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"When the Text Raises More Questions than Answers"  
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

\*Hymn

*Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice*

No. 409

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

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Bill DeVore

Call to Stewardship

Offertory

*Lost in the Wilderness, from Children of Eden*

Stephen Schwartz

Justin Petersen, Tenor

\*Doxology

No. 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

No. 369

\*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\*Choral Response

Recessing with the Candles of Presence

\*Postlude

*Postlude*

Harald Rohlig

\*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

### **Worship Leaders**

Senior Pastor  
Liturgist  
Director of Music  
Organist

Brent O. Johnston  
Russ Davisson  
Steve Bixler  
Mark Sweeney