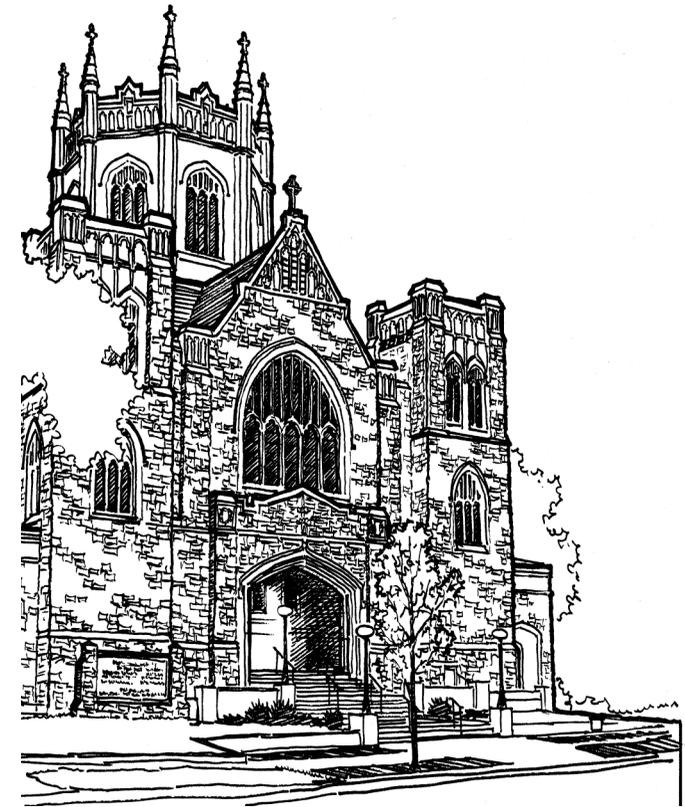


First Presbyterian



January 3, 2021

9:30 a.m. In-Person & Live Streaming

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Second Sunday of Christmas

9:30 a.m.

Prelude *How Brightly Beams the Morning Star* arr. Roger D. Wilson

Greetings

Call to Worship

Leader: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

People: Let us worship God.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Hymn *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (Vs. 1, 2) No. 44

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

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.

People: And also with you.

Kids Connection (pre-recorded)

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

God promises to bring Israel back to its land from the most remote parts of exile. In Zion, Israel will rejoice over God's gifts of food and livestock. Young women will express their joy in dancing; God will give gladness instead of sorrow.

Anthem

Child of Peace
Marilyn Heffner, Solo

Bob Farrell

Second Reading

John 1:[1-9] 10-18

John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

Sermon

"Creative Radiance: The Word Becoming Flesh "
Rev. Dave Fulton

Affirmation of Faith - Nicene Creed

Leader: Let us confess the faith.

People: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures, he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Call to Stewardship

Melinda Sears-KLC Video

Offertory

I Wonder as I Wander

Niles/arr. Bock

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (Vs. 1, 2, 3)

No. 28

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Choral Response

*Postlude

Fantasia on "Dix"

arr. Lani Smith

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Communion at Home (recorded service)

<https://firstchurchwichita.org/media/sermons/view/home-communion>

Worship Leaders

Guest Pastor

Dave Fulton

Liturgist

Brent O. Johnston

Director of Music

Steve Bixler

Organist

Gary Huffman

Production Crew

Dave Muehl, Sound; Sailor Sulier, Computer Graphics;
Bob Moler, Camera Operator; Michelle Edwards, Video Editor.

Upcoming Events & News

Journeys Class to begin January 3, 2021

CAN LISTENING TO VOICES OF OTHER RELIGIONS AND FAITH COMMUNITIES LEAD US TO A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING AND PRACTICE OF OUR FAITH TRADITION?

Over 5 Sundays we will study and discuss other faiths and our own with a new lens seeking to understand other traditions and deepening our own faith traditions. Facilitated by Pat Welker. For questions, please call Pat at (720) 273-2124.

ALL SESSIONS WILL BE ON ZOOM.

The week before Jan. 3 an invitation to the congregation will be sent by Pastor Brent with the code to enter the Zoom meeting. Class will begin at 10:45 a.m. and conclude at 11:45. (Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31). You may enter the meeting at 10:40 and all meetings will begin right on time. We are covering 7 weeks in 5 so time is critical.

An email attachment packet of information will accompany the invitation so you may have information about the class and a syllabus. Each week you will receive a reminder link to enter the class that week.

If you feel the church office does not have the correct email for you, please email or call the office and make the correction.

Please obtain a copy of Barbara Brown Taylor's book "HOLY ENVY." Available on Amazon (e-books for about \$10.00). Please read Introduction, Chapter 1 and 2 before our first meeting.

CHURCH SESSION MOTIONS APPROVED

There will only be one Worship service each week at 9:30 a.m. both in-person and live streaming through May 2021.

(In order to maintain social distancing during worship, please do not sit in the pews that are roped off.)

- The Session voted to suspend all meetings and on-site activities, except for Sunday Worship and the Community Breakfast (as limited below).
 - The volunteers who make the Community Breakfast possible will be allowed to operate inside the building. The Community Breakfast guests will continue to be served outside of the building.
- Member key cards will be active only during office hours from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday. If you need access at some other time, please call or text our Facilities Manager, Roy Yarbrough at 516-4772.
- Sunday worship services continue to require the following protocols be adhered to: face masks are required, maintain social distancing, the west entrance is the only open entrance to the building, temperatures of all participants will be taken, the collection plates will NOT be passed but instead will be placed at the doors, and there will be no congregational singing during services.
- The Session has discussed the issues created by COVID19 at every meeting since March. They will continue to evaluate the situation and act accordingly each month.

Upcoming Classes

REGISTERING FOR KLC'S YOUR LEADERSHIP EDGE

2021 Virtual Session Dates

(Registration closes two weeks prior to each program.)

February 3-4, March 3-4, April 14-15, May 5-6, June 2-3, July 7-8, August 4-5, September 1-2, October 6-7, November 3-4

1. Go to the Kansas Leadership Center Website (www.kansasleadershipcenter.org). You can also go directly to the information page for the Your Leadership Edge course by pointing your browser to (www.kansasleadershipcenter.org/yourleadershipedge)
2. You will be required to create an account so that you can receive the training agenda and other course materials. Look for a blue box that says, "Create Account Here to Register" and click on that box to start your registration, then select the option to create your account.
3. The first part of creating your account will be to enter your name, email address and to create and confirm a password.
4. Once your account has been created, you can proceed with the course registration. (NOTE: There is a section that says Headshot/Bio that appears to be mandatory. Although KLC would like to have a photo of you, this is not necessary.)
 - a. If you do opt to upload a photo, note that this is a two-step process. The participants will have to "choose file" and select a picture and then "upload" the picture onto the registration as well. It you have trouble it may be because you clicked the "choose file" and haven't also clicked the "upload" button to make the picture stick. The other possible issue is that the picture file you are may be too large.
 - b. You will need to enter some information in the bio section, but this does not have to be an extensive personal resume. Something as simple as "I am participating as a member of First Presbyterian Church" will suffice.
5. Toward the end of the registration, there will be an option to enter a promo code. Be sure to enter FirstPrez2020 which should remove the registration fee in its entirety.
6. If you successfully complete your registration, you should receive an email confirmation shortly thereafter. If you do not, be sure to check your SPAM folder. If you do not believe you have it after about 24 hours, let me know and I will have the KLC staff check the class list to see if they can find and resend your confirmation.



Welcome, Visitors!

We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting First Presbyterian Church this morning. We are glad you are here! If you recently had a change in address, e-mail, or phone number, please feel free to contact the office on Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. so that we may update your information. **Please remember to turn off your cell phone before worship this morning.**

All persons must sign in upon entry of the building at this time.

Children's Information-Children are welcome in worship. We do not mind a little fidgeting and fussing in the pew. And, finally, we encourage you to consider the Nursery, which is located in the south end of the Case Building, where we have trained Staff to look after and engage your child from birth to Kindergarten. If we need to contact you during worship, just give us your cell number and we will text you. You and your child's (spiritual, emotional, and social) needs are important to us. (Liz Norris-Director of Children's Ministry)

A quick reminder: Under the Child Protection Policy children are not allowed to leave the Sanctuary without an adult escort. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sunday Kids Connection-Kids Connection is prerecorded as part of the live stream worship service at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you have questions on how to join or find the group, please call Liz at (316) 214-4318.

Praying for the Church Family-As a congregation we weekly focus our personal and corporate prayers upon a selection of church members and friends. Let us remember in prayer this week the following: Liz Norris and family, David Wade, Marc Turman, Jane McHugh, and Rebecca Blanford.

Calendar

Sunday, January 3

Communion

- 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Streaming, & Facebook Live
- 10:00 Refugee Worship (Rm 204)
- 10:45 Journey's Class (Zoom)

Tuesday, January 5

- 4:00 Camp Comm Mtg (Zoom)
- 5:30 CE Comm Mtg (Zoom)
- 6:30 Evangelism & Hospitality Mtg (Zoom)

Sunday, January 10

- 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In-Person, Live Streaming, & Facebook Live
- 10:00 Refugee Worship (Rm 204)
- 10:45 Journey's Class (Zoom)
- 10:45 Worship & Music Comm Mtg (Zoom)



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2021 Calendars Needed for Refugees

The Mission Commission is collecting 2021 calendars for the members of the Wichita Redeemer Congregation Church. As you receive complementary calendars that you cannot use, please bring them to the church during church office hours, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or and place them in the basket outside the office marked "Items for Refugees" during Sunday worship service.