January 5, 2020  Epiphany Sunday  8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Prelude  "We Three Kings"  Alfred Fedak

**Processional  Torre Rekoske

Greetings

*Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come,
People: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Leader: Nations shall come to your light
People: And rulers to the brightness of your rising.

*Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, by a star you led magi to the worship of your Son. Guide the nations of the earth by your light, that the whole world may see your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  Amen

*Opening Hymn  "We Three Kings of Orient Are" (vs. 1, 2, 5)  No. 66

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of hope, you place a light into every darkness and a star in every sky, and yet we prefer to walk in the darkness of anxiety. We walk bent over with care and concern and miss the reach of the stars. We fear the worst and distrust the best. We forge ahead on our own, not noticing your outstretched hand. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, “God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.” In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Amen
Welcome, Visitors!
We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting First Presbyterian Church this morning. We are glad you are here! **Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from an usher. Transistor hearing aids are also available for your use.** Please ask any usher for one and feel free to sit wherever you wish in the Sanctuary while using one. All persons are encouraged to sign the Ritual of Friendship Pads as they are passed to you in the pews. Please include your address, email address, and telephone number. **Please remember to turn off your cell phone before worship this morning.**

**Children's Information**-Children are welcome in worship. We do not mind a little fidgeting and fussing in the pew. We offer children's worship bags with various quiet activities in cloth bags located just outside the Sanctuary doors. But if you feel that your child is having a difficult time sitting through church, you are welcome to worship in The Well. Remember, quiet play in The Well is appropriate so as not to disturb others who are trying to worship. Also, the McComb room is available as a Cry room. 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 or The Well without an adult escort. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**Flowers**-The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God and in the loving memory of Phyllis Booher by the Booher family.

**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.

**If you need a Stephen Minister**, or would like more information about the Stephen Ministry, please contact Dr. Brent Johnston at 263-0248 or Louise Farmer at lfarmer4164@gmail.com.
Please join me beginning January 8, 2020 on Wednesday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to discuss what those in academia and those in the pew are talking about, John Robinson’s book *Honest to God*. Bishop Robinson sensed that Christianity needed to be made relevant to the modern world. And he found inspiration in that task in two twentieth century theologians—Paul Tillich and Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

This book spawned in the academy the “Death of God” movement. It spawned in laity, a lay renewal, liturgical renewal, and what we now know as progressive Christianity.

This class promises to generate stimulating discussion as we seek to do in the words of Anselm, “faith seeking understanding.” The book may be bought at the Church Office for $20.00 dollars or on Amazon. I hope to see you in class in *The Well* January 8 at 6 p.m.

~ Pastor Brent

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**150th Anniversary Celebration Event**

For the first event of our 150th Anniversary Celebration, Gary Huffman, Archivist, will begin a four part series on the history of Wichita and First Presbyterian Church. The January 5 class is titled “Early Wichita, the Dugout, the Frame Church.” The January 12 session is The Red Brick Church and the Stone Church.” All are welcome. Please join us in the Parlor at 9:30 a.m.

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Doxology

Prayer of Dedication
Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration
Leader: The Lord be with you.
  People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
  People: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
  People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution
Communion of the People
Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.
  People: Thanks be to God.

Communion Music

"What is this Lovely Fragrance?" Dale Wood

Prayer after Communion

Hymn

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" No. 288

*Charge and Benediction
Leader: The Lord be with you.
  People: And also with you.

**Recessional

*Postlude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Hal Hopson

* signifies congregation standing (for those able)
** signifies 10:45 service only

Worship Leaders
Parish Associate Judy Michel
Liturgist Dave Fulton
Director of Music Steve Bixler
Organist Mark Sweeney

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**PLEDGE CAMPAIGN!**

Our “Grace and Gratitude” campaign continues. The Stewardship Committee thanks you and wants to remind you that if you are still planning to pledge it is not too late. You can find pledge cards on the table outside of the office. Thank you.

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**Seasonal items needed for Yellow Bag Ministry**

With cold weather and flu season on us items in the Yellow Bag Ministry need to adjust accordingly. Products especially needed are facial and toilet tissue, lip balm, Mentholatum or Vicks vapor rub, cough drops, hand and body soap. Also, greatly appreciated by the refugee families is laundry detergent. These simple items help them stretch their limited income and use their cash to pay rent and utilities. Donations can be placed in the basket in the hall outside the office any time.

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**2020 Calendars Needed for Refugees**

The Mission Commission is collecting 2020 calendars for the members of the Wichita Refugee Congolese Church. As you start receiving complimentary calendars that you cannot use, please bring them to the church and place them in the basket outside the office marked "items for refugees.”

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Happy New Year!
### Calendar

#### Sunday, January 5
- 8:30 Worship (Chapel)
- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship (The Well)
- 9:30 Journeys Class (Parlor)
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Refugee Worship (C204)
- 12:00 Epiphany Luncheon & Big Bang Bingo (EDR)

#### Monday, January 6
- 11:00 Staff Mtg (Hobbs)
- 4:30 Camp Comm. Mtg (WDR)
- 5:00 Evangelism & Hospitality Mtg (The Well)
- 5:30 CE Commission Mtg (The Well)
- 5:30 Facilities Mtg (C109)
- 5:30 Stewardship Mtg (Parlor)

#### Tuesday, January 7
- 11:00 Staff Mtg (Hobbs)
- 4:30 Camp Comm. Mtg (WDR)
- 5:00 Evangelism & Hospitality Mtg (The Well)
- 5:30 CE Commission Mtg (The Well)
- 5:30 Facilities Mtg (C109)
- 5:30 Stewardship Mtg (Parlor)

#### Wednesday, January 8
- 9:00 Dorcas Circle (C105)
- 10:00 PW Study Circle (Parlor)
- 5:30 Wednesday Clubs
- 6:00 Adult Ed (The Well)
- 6:15 Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

#### Thursday, January 9
- 11:00 Economy Corner Board Luncheon (WDR)
- 5:00 Mission Commission Mtg (Hobbs)

#### Friday, January 10
- 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (C109)

#### Saturday, January 11
- 9:30 Transportation Mtg (C109)
- 11:00 Brent’s Bible Study w/WRCC (Hobbs)

#### Sunday, January 12
- 8:30 Worship (Chapel)
- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship (The Well)
- 9:30 Journeys Class (Parlor)
- 9:30 Stephen Ministry Supervision (C103)
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Refugee Worship (C204)
- 12:00 Melodrama Rehearsal (EDR/WDR)

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### *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.**

First Reading  

Isaiah 60:1-6

Anthem  

"Thou Must Leave Thy Lowly Dwelling"  
Hector Berlioz/Carlton

*Thou music leave thy lowly dwelling, the humble crib, the stable bare,*  
*Babe, all mortal babes excelling, content our earthly lot to share,*  
*Loving Father, loving Mother, shelter Thee with tender care!*

*Blest are ye beyond all measure, thou happy Father, Mother mild!*

*Guard ye well your Heavenly Treasure, the Prince of Peace, the Holy Child!*

*God go with you, God protect you, Guide you safely through the wild!*

Second Reading  

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon:  

"Three Wise Gifts"  
Judy Michel

Call to Stewardship

Offertory  

"Waiting for a Miracle"  
by David Wilcox

Steve Bixler, Bass

*A bright star in the winter sky led to Bethlehem that night*  
*But only three traveled there to see and the rest just wished they might*  
*Few will choose to follow out of all the star invites*

*Most will hide safe inside with the lantern turned up bright*  
*Waiting for a miracle*

*The journey was a long one so the story’s told these three guys,*  
*Walking side by side with their incense and gold people all along the highway*

*They just shook their heads they looked hard at that distant star and went back to bed*  
*Waiting for a miracle*

*The star was dim and distant to those who stayed at home*  
*But every heart that follows beheld a light was shown*

*Hark the herald angels sing the song is bright and clear*  
*It’s so quiet on this road tonight as the travelers’ star appears*

*But right outside my window quiet as can be*  
*All that time making up my mind the angels wait for me*  
*Waiting for a miracle*