Camels are on the RUN to get to the celebration of the Christ Child on January 5th at FPC. Join your church family for a fabulous afternoon of fellowship with soup & salad, playing Bingo for prizes, and making bids on Silent Auction baskets. BRING FRIENDS!!

All proceeds of the Silent Auction will go to support spiritual growth and renewal of our congregation as we approach FPC’s 150th Anniversary!! Contact Cynthia Rekoske at 992-9595 if you have any concerns or would love to assist! Call Alice Price at 267-6853 if you are planning on bringing soup.

Epiphany BINGO!
.....and the not so Silent Auction
Sunday, January 5th
12 Noon – 3 PM
FREE Soup Dinner with a Bingo Card
Small charge for a dauber and extra Bingo Cards
Donations are always appreciated!

Worship Leaders
Senior Pastor
Brent O. Johnston
Liturgist
Jeff Van Sickle
Acolyte
Katelyn Young
Director of Music
Steve Bixler
Organist
Mark Sweeney

First Presbyterian Church
Wichita, Kansas

Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 2019
December 24, 2019  Christmas Eve  7:00 p.m.

**Prelude**
Mark Sweeney, Organ
Sarah Gutierrez - Alto - *Sweet Little Jesus Boy*
Kyle Stanberry, Clarinet - *Still, Still, Still* - Wexford Carol
Chancel Choir - *Sing We Now of Christmas, How Far Is it to Bethlehem*

**Greetings of the Season**
You are encouraged to sign the Friendship pads as they are passed to you in the pews. Please remember to turn off your cell phone before worship this evening.

**Call to Worship**
Leader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.
**People:** We have beheld his glory. Alleluia!

**The Biblical Story — In Reading, Song & Pageant**
Narrator: Gary Huffman
Mary: Torre Rekoske
Joseph: Kadyn Franklin
Shepherds: Isaac & Iain Cline, Zachary, Andrew & Emily Howard
Kings: Asher Isaac, Terry McManis, Steve Bixler
Lights: John Doll

**Hymn of Reflection**
*What Child is This?*  No. 53

**Celebration of the Biblical Story**
*Processional Hymn*  *O Come, All Ye Faithful*  No. 41

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting  Rekoske Family
Tonight is Christmas Eve. Tonight we celebrate God in a manger and rejoice at the news delivered by the angelic host: “For unto us is born in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah and the Lord. This will be a sign for you: You will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth, lying in a manger.” With haste the shepherds made their way to Bethlehem to see for themselves and so must we. May we find our kneeling place beside the shepherds this night and may we rejoice with the angelic host that Christ has been born and so has hope for the world.

**First Reading**  Luke 2:1-7

**Anthem**  *Before the Marvel of This Night*  Carl Schalk

**Second Reading**  Luke 2:8-20

**Sermon:**  “Unwrapping the Gift of Christmas”  Rev. Dr. Brent Johnston

**Affirmation of Faith**  The Nicene Creed (Traditional)  Pg. 15

**Hymn of Response**  *Joy to the World!*  No. 40

**Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer**

**Call to Stewardship**
*Offertory*  *O Holy Night*  Adolphe Adams
*Gretchen Bixler, Soprano*

**Doxology**  *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  No. 592

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Living Out the Biblical Story**
*Sharing the Light Hymn*  *Silent Night, Holy Night*  No. 60
*(During this hymn the pastor will light a candle from the Christ Candle and the ushers will come forward to light their candles. Then the ushers will light the candles of the persons at the end of each pew.)*

**Benediction**
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
**People:** And also with you.

**Postlude**  Mark Sweeney, Organ

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)*