

First Presbyterian Church
Wichita, Kansas



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!

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.

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor
Liturgist
Acolyte
Director of Music
Organist

Brent O. Johnston
Jeff Van Sickle
Katelyn Young
Steve Bixler
Mark Sweeney



Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 2019

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

NarratorGary Huffman
MaryTorre Rekoske
JosephKadyn Franklin
ShepherdsIsaac & Iain Cline, Zachary, Andrew & Emily Howard
KingsAsher 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)