

First Presbyterian Church

Lessons & Carols

A decorative graphic featuring a golden musical staff with several notes, positioned behind the word 'Carols' in the 'Lessons & Carols' title.

**December 27, 2020
9:30 a.m. In-Person & Live Streaming**

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December 27, 2020	First Sunday of Christmas	9:30 a.m.
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Prelude	<i>In Dulci Jubilo</i>	J. S. Bach
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Greetings

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

People: We have received in faith that which you, O Lord, have promised.

Leader: Emmanuel: God with us, God in us, revealed to us.

People: Our souls rejoice in the salvation of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord will be our everlasting light and glory.

All: Praise and glory be to you, now and forevermore.

*Hymn	<i>Joy to the World (Vs. 1, 2, 4)</i>	No. 40
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*Morning Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Lessons and Carols

First Lesson		Isaiah 7:10-16
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*Hymn	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Vs. 1, 2)</i>	No. 9
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Second Lesson		Micah 5:2-5a
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*Anthem	<i>Of The Father's Love Begotten</i>	Arr. Paul Wohlgenuth
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Third Lesson		Luke 1:26-38
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*Hymn	<i>O Harken Ye</i>	Wihla Hutson/Alfred Burt
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Fourth Lesson		Luke 2:1-20
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*Hymn	<i>The First Nowell (vs. 1, 2, 4)</i>	No. 56
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Fifth Lesson		Matthew 2:1-12
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*Anthem	<i>The Star Carol</i>	Wihla Hutson/Alfred Burt
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Sixth Lesson
*Offertory Anthem *Out of the Orient Crystal Sky* John 1:1-4, 14
Richard Zgodava

Homily *"The Other Side of the Tray"* Judy Michel

*Hymn *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* (Vs. 1-3) No. 29

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

*Choral Response

*Postlude Postlude on "*Gloria*" arr. Fred Bock

*(Quartet—Gretchen Bixler, Soprano; Sarah Gutierrez, Alto;
Jesse Warkentin, Tenor; Steve Bixler, Bass)*

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Worship Leaders

Guest Pastor	Judy Michel
Liturgist	Phil Michel
Director of Music	Steve Bixler
Organist	Gary Huffman

Production Crew

Dave Muehl, Sound; Sailor Sulier, Computer Graphics;
Bob Moler, Camera Operator.

Poinsettias Given in Loving Memory Of or In Honor Of for 2020

<u>Given By</u>	<u>In Memory or In Honor Of</u>
Mary Lou Dunn-Rankin	Betty Lou Anderson, Carl Swain Anderson, Catherine Anderson-Crittenden
Doug & Joan Aldrich	Arthur & Marian Aldrich and James & Emma Jean Bischoff
Doug & Joan Aldrich	Jane Crouch
Robert Bell, III	My aunt, Barbara Little and my father, Judge Bob Bell
Greg Brown	Patricia Brown
Mary Burgett	Martha & Leon Morlan
Carolyn Croft	John & Martha Croft, Rev. & Mrs. Norman Croft, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Draper
Russell & Linda Davisson	R. F. & Clarice McKinney, Margaret & Willis Davisson
The DeVore Family	The Ashley and DeVore families
Marilyn Heffner	Lois & Willard Hamilton
Sara Hutchison	Don Hutchison, Paul & Katherine Hutchison, Ralph & Mary Lou Howard
Brent & Catherine Johnston	"For all the saints, who from their labors rest."
The Marc Jones Family	Dovie and Ernest C. Jones
Chris Kubik	J. Fred Kubik
Stan & Evelyn Koehn	Daughter, Cynthia and Son, Tom
Teresa & Liz Lang	Joe Lang
Marilyn & Jennifer Lewis	Philip Lillard Lewis and Evelyn Ellis Sutton
Doris Little & Family	Phillip Little
Judy & Phil Michel	Our Parents
Kip, Phil & Judy Michel	Carina Michel
Diane Nyberg	Dan Nyberg
Alice Price	Hugh & Dorothy Price
Dot Schneider	Bob Schneider
David Wade	My Parents, Helen & Dick Wade
Alexandra Washburn	John Welles Washburn
Tom & Gerry Winters	Glen & Elaine Winters, Elliot & Mary Jane Rieckenberg



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: Brian & Stephanie Howard and family, Margarethe Van Zandt, Jaynean Wood, Brad & Michelle Cline and family, and Judy Davis.

Upcoming Classes & Events

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.

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.



Calendar

Sunday, December 27

- 9:30 Worship (Sanctuary) In-Person,
Live Streaming, & Facebook Live
10:00 Refugee Worship (Rm 204)

Monday, December 28

- 6:30 Ks Leadership Center Transfor-
mation Team (Zoom)

Thursday, December 31

Economy Corner Closed

Friday, January 1

*New Years Day
Church Office & Economy Corner Closed*

Saturday, January 2

- 8:00 Community Breakfast (EDR,
WDR, KIT)

Sunday, January 3

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



Poinsettias

Anyone who would like a poinsettia may take one home after the in-person Sunday worship today.



Upcoming Events & News

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 concur with the Worship and Music Commission's decision to NOT have an in-person Christmas Eve service. The service will be pre-recorded and available for all to view from their homes.
- 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.
- The Session has discussed the issues created by COVID19 at every meeting since March 2020. They will continue to evaluate the situation and act accordingly each month. They wish they could provide a 100% reopening date for all church activities, but that is just not possible.
- 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.

Friendly reminder from the Finance Committee

All year-end gifts MUST be in the office before the end of the day on December 31, 2020. Office hours for the church are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday. This DOES include Thursday, December 31.

We are behind on our goal for next year's pledges, so if you have not turned in your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. Likewise, if you still owe money on your pledge for 2020, we would appreciate it if you would complete your pledge contribution before December 31. Thank you.