First Presbyterian Church
Wichita, Kansas

December 29, 2018
10:45 a.m.
525 North Broadway
• Wichita, Kansas 67214 •
December 29, 2019  
First Sunday after Christmas  
10:45 a.m.

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Greetings

Leader: This is the day and the hour that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Call to Worship

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

Let us worship God.

*Morning Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

**Lessons and Carols**

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<th>First Lesson</th>
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*Charge and Benediction
   Leader: The Lord be with you.
   People: And also with you.

*Choral Response
Recessional
*Postlude
   In Dulci Jubilo
   Raymond Haan
   (Quartet: Angela Logan Bill, Justin Petersen, Gretchen and Steve Bixler)

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Worship Leaders
Pastor
Liturgist
Director of Music
Organist
Brent O. Johnston
Catherine Johnston
Steve Bixler
Mark Sweeney
Friendly reminder from the Finance Committee

Year-end gifts MUST be in the office before the end of the day on December 31, 2019. Office hours for the church are 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. This DOES include Tuesday, 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 2019, we would appreciate it if you would complete your pledge contribution before December 31. Thank you.
**CHRISTMAS JOY Offering:**

The Christmas JOY Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930's. The offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. While we can never match God's perfect gift to us in Jesus, through the JOY Offering we can testify to who we know God to be. Our perfect gift comes from above. Our gifts reflect our generous God and support leaders in our Church and world—past, present and future. The JOY offering will be received today.

We ran out of envelopes this year but the flyers are available outside the church office. Please consider putting a gift in the offering plate marked JOY Offering or leaving a check in the church office anytime between now and the end of the year.

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**Services for Advent and Christmas**

**December 29, 2019-First Sunday after Christmas**

- No 8:30 a.m. service
- 10:45 a.m. Sanctuary-Lessons and Carols

**January 5, 2020-Second Sunday after Christmas**

- 8:30 a.m. Chapel, Communion
- 10:45 a.m. Sanctuary, Communion
- 12:00 p.m. Epiphany Luncheon and Big Bang Bingo

Please contact Alice Price at 267-6853 if you plan to bring soup.

*Pastor Brent will be on vacation and continuing education leave from December 31 through January 6th.

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**Activities & Announcements**

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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.

**Upcoming Adult Education Classes**

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

**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.” Join us in the Parlor at 9:30 a.m.

**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.
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. 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.

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 and Stephanie Howard and family, Mary Johnson, Catherine, Emma and Andrew Johnson and Karla Schumacher.

Flowers—The beautiful poinsettias this morning are donated by the congregation in honor of or in memory of friends and relatives. Please feel free to take the poinsettia you donated on December 29, following the service.

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.

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**Calendar**

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<td>January 1, 2020</td>
<td><strong>Closed New Years Day</strong></td>
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<td>Friday, January 3</td>
<td><strong>Epiphany Bible Study (C109)</strong></td>
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<td>Saturday, January 4</td>
<td><strong>Community Breakfast (EDR, WDR, KIT)</strong></td>
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**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!