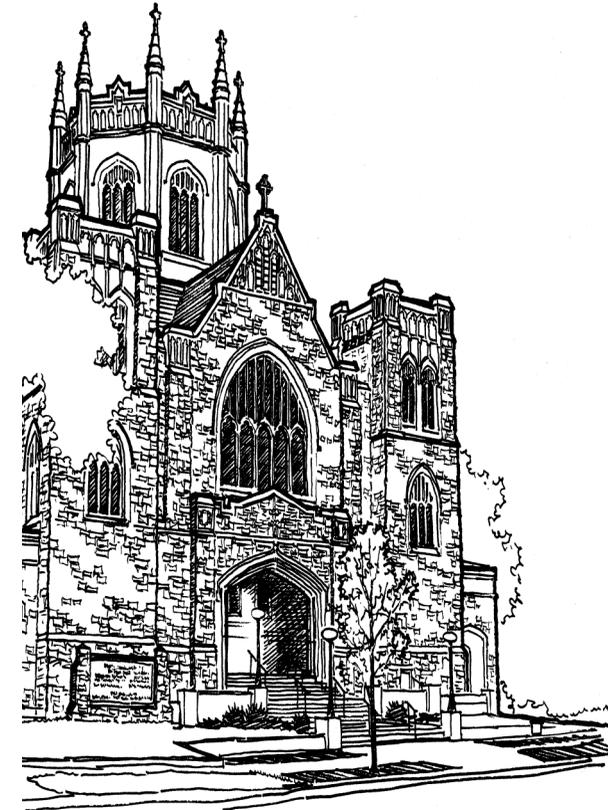


# First Presbyterian Church



**December 30, 2018  
10:45 a.m.**

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**December 30, 2018**

**1st Sunday after Christmas Day**

**10:45 a.m.**

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Prelude

*Interlude on the Coventry Carol*  
*What Child is This?*

W. S. Lloyd Webber  
R. Vaughan Williams

Greetings

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made,

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

\*Call to Worship

Leader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

**People: Full of grace and truth.**

Leader: The true light that enlightens everyone has come into the world.

**People: Glory to God who has blessed us in Christ. Glory to God forever.**

\*Prayer of the Day

God of glory, your Word made a home with us so that we might be at home in you. Gather your children from the farthest places in the world and lead us to that home, where the human race can become a human family; through Jesus Christ and in the Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

\*Hymn

*Good Christian Friends Rejoice*

No. 28

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of wonder, you surround us with signs of your glory and surprise us with your presence, yet we often miss the marvels you place before us. Forgive our dullness and make us alert to the ways you make yourself known, that we might be witnesses to your good news and proclaim your extravagant love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen**

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ God saved us, not because of any good works that we have done, but according to God's mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. People of God, rejoice! **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*Song of Thanksgiving

*Gloria Patri*

No. 579



First  
Presbyterian  
Church  
of Wichita, Kansas

## 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.

**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: Mary Johnson, Catherine, Emma & Andrew Johnston, Karla Schumacher.

**Flowers**—The beautiful poinsettias this morning are donated by the congregation in honor of or in memory of friends and relatives. A correction has been made to the poinsettia listing given by Jean Terrell in memory of sister Jo Anne Terrell. Please feel free to take the poinsettia you donated following the service today.

**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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## Activities & Announcements

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### Friendly reminder from the Finance Committee

Year-end gifts MUST be in the office before the end of the day on December 31, 2018. 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 Monday, 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 2018, we would appreciate it if you would complete your pledge contribution before December 31. Thank you.

### Journeys Class for January

#### **"THE END OF THE AGE: Apocalypse, Tribulation, Revelation, and Hope"**

How should we as Christians view the end of time? Is it a time for fear or hope? What does Jesus have to say? What about Biblical scholars and TV evangelists? We will look at the Book of Revelation, the Gospels, the Old Testament, and other sources as we consider the Last Days. So, if you want to know more about the Apocalypse, the Millennium, the Rapture, and other topics, join us beginning January 6 at 9:30 a.m. in the West Dining Room. Jeff Van Sickle will lead the group in a provocative journey through the end times. No reading required; come join us!

### Brent's Bible Study & Books of Interest Adult Education Class

For 8 weeks beginning January 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor, we will look at Bart Ehrman's New York Times Best Selling Book, *How Jesus Became God: The Exaltation of a Jewish Preacher from Galilee*. Bart Erhman is the James A. Gray Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Quoting Erhman as to why he wrote this book, "As a historian I am no longer obsessed of how God became man, but with the historical question of how a man became God." Come to the class beginning January 9<sup>th</sup> to find out. Pastor Brent **Books can be purchased online for approximately \$15.00 dollars.**

### Wednesday Night Clubs

Wednesday night clubs will resume on January 9 at 5:30 p.m. We will once again have a sign up available in *The Well* on Sundays to help contribute to our weekly meal. Thank you to all who have been a part of our Wednesday nights. We are excited to see what 2019 will bring for our children and their growing faith.

*Hymn	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	No. 44
Affirmation of Faith	Apostles' Creed (Traditional)	P.H. 14
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer		
Call to Stewardship		
*Offertory	<i>In Dulci Jubilo</i>	J. S. Bach
*Doxology		No. 592
*Prayer of Dedication		
*Hymn	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>	No. 29
*Charge and Benediction		
Leader:	The Lord be with you.	
<b>People:</b>	<b>And also with you.</b>	
*Postlude	<i>Fantasia On "Dix"</i>	Lani Smith

\*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

### Worship Leaders

Guest Preacher  
Liturgist  
Director of Music  
Organist

Jim Anderson  
Tom Church  
Steve Bixler  
Gary Huffman

## December Mission Memos

### JOY Offering: The perfect gift comes from above—Jesus Christ!

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. 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.

To experience the real meaning of Christmas you can participate with hands on at Operation Holiday. Let's help make our neighbors' tummies full and their hearts happy by helping provide them with a generous Christmas Blessing!

### Today Is Yellow Bag Sunday

The last Sunday of the month is the designated day for our yellow bag sharing of hygiene and household products for our refugee families. With winter weather and cold and flu season underway, facial and bathroom tissues are much needed. The children need clean clothes for school. Laundry detergent is expensive when you have limited income. Cleaning supplies for hands, bodies, kitchens and bathrooms can help keep families stay healthy throughout the winter. You don't have to wait for the last Sunday to help. Bring items any time and place them in the basket outside the church office. Thank you.



## Calendar

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, December 30</b> <b>Yellow Bag Sunday</b></p> <p>9:15 Coffee Fellowship (<i>The Well</i>)            9:30 Luccock &amp; Journeys Class (WDR)            10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)            10:45 Refugee Worship (C201 &amp; C204)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, January 1</b> <i>Building Closed for New Years Day</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, January 2</b></p> <p>7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday, January 4</b></p> <p>12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (WDR)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday, January 5</b></p> <p>8:00 Community Breakfast (EDR &amp; WDR)            8:00 Guadalupe Clinic (EDR)            11:00 Brent's Bible Study w/WRCC (Hobbs)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, January 6</b></p> <p>8:30 Worship (Chapel)            9:15 Coffee Fellowship (The Well)            9:30 Youth Sunday School (YL)            9:30 Luccock &amp; Journeys Class (WDR)            10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)</p>	<p>10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)            10:45 Refugee Worship (C201 &amp; C204)            12:00 Epiphany Luncheon (EDR)            2:00 Melodrama Casting (EDR)</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dotted black;"/> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Volunteers are needed to for the upcoming Epiphany Lunch to be held on January 6th. Contact Alice Price at 267-6853 if you plan to bring soup. For details on how you can help with cupcakes or information on activities at this event, contact Liz Norris.</i></p>
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**\*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 45:18-22

Anthem

*Child of Peace*  
Marilyn Heffner (Alto)

Bob Farrell

On a night of promise long ago  
 when a star announced the light of hope  
 to a world that knew no peace before,  
 the holy Child of peace was born.

But He stirred their longings deep within  
 for His kingdom knew no end.  
 From a place eternal, high above;  
 the wond'rous Child of peace had come.

Child of comfort, Child of light,  
 Hope that drives away the night.  
 Touch our lives from heaven above.  
 Oh, Child of peace, we need Your love.

In a world where peace eludes us still,  
 where the heart exerts its will;  
 At a time when words are not enough,  
 Oh, Child of peace, we need Your love.  
 Oh Man of peace we need Your love.

God who only knows our need,  
 come to us, O Child of peace.

Second Reading

Luke 2:41-52

Leader:

The Word of the Lord.

**People:**

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Getting Started. . . Again"  
 Rev. James Anderson, Stated Clerk PSK