

First Presbyterian Church



**December 8, 2019
8:30 & 10:45 a.m.**

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2nd Sunday of Advent

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Prelude

Gabriel's Oboe

Ennio Morricone

**Processional

Isaac Cline

Greetings

*Call to Worship

Leader: Then Mary said: Here am I, the servant of the Lord;

People: let it be with me according to your word.

Leader: Let us Worship God

*Hymn

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came

No. 16

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Today is the second Sunday of Advent.... (Light the second purple candle)

Let us pray: **O God of Advent, we praise you for your election and exaltation of Mary to be the bearer and bringer of Good News for the poor and humble of the world. May we follow the example of Mary in being the bearer and bringer of Good News. Help us to remember the poor this time of year so we may use our riches to enrich their lives. In this way may rich and poor have a merry Christmas because Christ has been born and born again in our hearts. Amen.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving

Gloria Patri

No. 579

*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

Luke 1:26-38

Anthem

Mary's Magnificat
Gretchen Bixler, Soloist

Andrew Carter

*Softly a light is stealing, sweetly a maiden sings,
Ever wakeful, ever wistful, watching faithfully, thankfully, tenderly her King of kings.
My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
Mary her song to Jesus softly, serenely sings:
I will love you, I will serve you,
May my lullaby glorify, magnify my King of kings' lullaby.*

Second Reading

Luke 1:39-56

Sermon: *"What did Mary Know? The Many Faces of Mary Then and Now"*
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Affirmation of Faith-Excerpt from *Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.... Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Call to Stewardship

Offertory

Mary, Did You Know?
Emily Chancellor, Alto; Asael Gonzalez, Piano

Buddy Green

*Doxology No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

Hymn *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers* No. 15

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

**Recessional

*Postlude *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding* Raymond Haan

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

**signifies 10:45 service only

Archives Open House

The Annual Christmas Open House in the Archives will be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2019, from 10:00 until noon. The congregation is invited to drop by for refreshments and a time to browse through the exhibits in the Archives. Feel free to bring a friend as well.

Worship Leaders

Pastor
Liturgist
Director of Music
Organist

Brent Johnston
Taylor Gill/Ann Eastwood
Steve Bixler
Mark Sweeney

News & Information

Alternative Gift Market a Success!

The 25th Annual Alternative Gift Market which we hosted on Saturday; November 9 was another success. At the close of the Market over \$29,000 had been raised to help support the 36 local, national, and international projects that relieve poverty and suffering. The final total will be announced after the first of the year when the figures from the many Mini Markets held in churches during December are tallied in. The two Mini Markets that we hosted raised \$1,567 which includes \$189 for the Donkey Mobile Library (books for Ethiopia) sponsored by our PW and \$335 for our Community Breakfast. The breakfast was one of the five local projects and additional funds will be coming after the final tally. Thanks to all who worked at the main Market and/or supported our Mini Markets. FPC helped organize the first Wichita Market and has participated all 25 years. We will host the Market again in 2020.

DRIVERS NEEDED!!

As you know, one of FPC's missions is our Transportation Service. We provide transportation for those who are no longer able to drive. Members of our service are so grateful as there is no other service like ours.

At this time, we are in desperate need of regular drivers as well as substitute drivers. You will not be sorry, and you will meet many interesting people in our community! Please consider joining this mission. Contact Bruce Cole for more information. Call, email or text at 316-250-4577 or bpvcole@gmail.com.

2020 Calendars Needed for Refugees

The Mission Commission is collecting 2020 calendars for the members of the Wichita Refugee Congolese Church. As you start receiving complimentary calendars that you cannot use, please bring them to the church and place them in the basket outside the office marked "items for refugees."

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.

News & Upcoming Activities

Services for Advent and Christmas

December 15, 2019-Third Sunday of Advent

No 8:30 a.m. service

10:45 a.m. Sanctuary, Lighting of Advent Candles, Adult Choirs performing Christmas music

December 22, 2019-Fourth Sunday of Advent

No 8:30 a.m. service

10:45 a.m. Sanctuary, Lighting of Advent Candles, Special Guest Visitor

December 24, 2019-Christmas Eve

6:30 p.m. extended Prelude

7:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant and Candlelight service

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



The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem

The season of Advent is here. This is traditionally a time of preparation, anticipation, and hope as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. In order to better understand the amazing historical events of the original Advent season, an excellent video series *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem* will be shown. Two opportunities will be offered to experience this video:

- **Journeys Class, on Sundays, December 8, and 15, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor**
- **Wednesday nights, on December 11 and 18 at 6:00 p.m. in The Well.**

This is a series created by noted pastor and author Adam Hamilton, Senior Pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas.

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.



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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.

Flowers-The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Harry, our son Brian, and sisters Jinny Olson and Rita Jones, by Mary Ellen Williford and her family.

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: Dylan Warner, Laci Haas & family, Alexandra & Steve Washburn, Tom & Gerry Winters and Harriet Lewis.

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.

Calendar

Sunday, December 8

- 8:30 Worship (Chapel)
- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship (*The Well*)
- 9:30 Deacons Mtg (C109)
- 9:30 Journeys Class (Parlor)
- 9:30 Stephen Ministry Supervision (C103)
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Refugee Worship (C204)
- 11:45 Worship & Music Comm. Mtg (McComb)

Monday, December 9

- 4:30 Personnel Mtg. (Hobbs)

Tuesday, December 10

- 10:00 Pastoral Staff Mtg (Hobbs)
- 11:00 Staff Mtg (Hobbs)
- 5:30 Finance Mtg (Hobbs)

Wednesday, December 11

- 9:00 Dorcas Circle (C105)
- 10:00 PW Study Circle (Parlor)
- 5:30 Wednesday Clubs
- 6:00 Christian Ed- Adam Hamilton's-"The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem" (*The Well*)
- 6:15 Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, December 12

- 9:00 Economy Corner Bd Mtg (EC)
- 5:00 Mission Comm. Mtg (Hobbs)

Friday, December 13

- 12:00 Lectionary Bible Study (C109)

Saturday, December 14

- 9:30 Transportation Mtg (C109)
- 9:30 Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 Brent's Bible Study w/WRCC (Hobbs)
- 11:30 Choir Luncheon (EDR)

Sunday, December 15

Prayers of the People

- 9:30 Journeys Class (Parlor)
- 10:00 Coffee Fellowship (*The Well*)
- 10:00 Blood Pressure Check (*The Well*)
- 10:15 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 Refugee Worship (C204)
- 12:00 Children's Parent Mtg (*The Well*)



Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettia trees will once again adorn the Sanctuary for the Advent season. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of a loved one, the suggested donation is \$12. Please place your order by December 12. The envelopes are located in the church office and on the table outside the church office.