Prelude  
*When Morning Gilds the Sky*  
John Innes

**Processional**  
Iain Cline

Greetings

*Call to Worship*  
Leader: You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

**People: Let us worship God.**

*Prayer of the Day*  
Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses, to be light that shines in the world. Let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone your love, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*Hymn*  
*When Morning Gilds the Skies*  
No. 487

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession  
Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Joy*  
*There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*  
No. 398
*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.

Kids Connection

First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12

Anthem

*If Ye Love Me*

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
And I will pray the father, and he shall give you another comforter,
That he may bide with you forever, even the spirit of truth.

Second Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon:

"True and False Piety"

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Affirmation of Faith-excerpt from* Shorter Catechism of Westminster Confession of Faith

Q. 1. What is the chief end of humanity?
A. Humanity's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy God forever.

Q. 2. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?
A. The Word of God which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Q. 3. What do the Scriptures principally teach?
A. The Scriptures principally teach what a person is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of the person.

Q. 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?
A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Call to Stewardship

Offertory

*Be Unto Your Name*

Robin Mark

Asael Gonzalez, Tenor
*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn  
*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*  
No. 310

*Charge and Benediction

  Leader: The Lord be with you.

  **People: And also with you.**

*Recessional

*Postlude  
*Postlude*  
David Johnson

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

**signifies 10:45 service only

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**Worship Leaders**

Pastor  
Brent Johnston

Liturgist  
Jeff Van Sickle

Director of Music  
Steve Bixler

Organist  
Mark Sweeney
LENTEN STUDIES TO BEGIN!

How do we walk with Christ—daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him? Adam Hamilton, noted author and senior pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, has just produced a new series entitled The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life. These essential spiritual practices are rooted in Jesus’ own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament.

During this Lenten season, deepen your walk with Christ as small groups explore the practices of worship, study, serving, giving, and sharing our faith.

These group dates and times are as follows:

Sundays  Mar. 1-29  9:30-10:30 a.m.  Church Parlor  Jeff Van Sickle

Wednesdays  Mar. 4-25  6:30-8:00 a.m.  Church-The Well  Brent Johnston

Thursdays  Feb. 27, Mar. 5, 19, 26, Apr. 2  9:30-10:30 a.m.  Judy Weber’s home

Thursdays  Feb. 27, Mar. 5-26  6:30-7:30 p.m.  Dick Wieland’s home

Thursdays  Feb. 27, Mar. 5-26  6:30-7:30 p.m.  Alice Price’s home

Books are available in the church office for $11. Sign up at the booth in The Well, call the church office, or contact Jeff Van Sickle at jtvansickle@hotmail.com.

Please join us!

Upcoming Events

Journeys Class Update

Come join us each Sunday morning as we explore the many facets of our faith journey. We meet in the Parlor at 9:30 a.m. for interesting presentations and lively discussions. In February, Brian Howard will lead a class From Christ to Constantine, based upon the PBS series. The class will embark upon an exciting and visually stunning journey to the beautiful and important historical places where Christianity was born and grew from a small movement called “The Way” to its place as the official religion of the Roman Empire.

You are invited to join us on Sunday mornings through February 23 at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. All are welcome!

ASH WEDNESDAY PANCAKE DINNER & SERVICE

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Lenten season. February 26 is the date for the Ash Wednesday Observation with a pancake dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the East Dining Room, followed by a Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary that will include the imposition of ashes, special music by the Chancel Choir, and participation with the Children’s Ministry. You don’t want to miss this meaningful service.

Sunday Kids Connection Program

Kids Connection is a time during the 10:45 a.m. worship service to connect with our children ages Pre-K through 5th grade. Each week we will present a topic following the Passing of the Peace. We will then exit the Sanctuary and go to the library for a hands-on Bible lesson.

We are very excited to launch this program. We hope you and your children will enjoy this very special time of learning and growing in their faith.
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. 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 Phillip Little by Doris Little and the 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: Robin & Alan Gales, Mary Burgett, Kenedy Gales, and Linda Boyle.

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.